



# **Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative**



**Lead Country: Greece**

**NOSTRUM-DSS & INECO Joint Event  
IWRM through co-ordination, dissemination and exploitation of  
research outcomes**

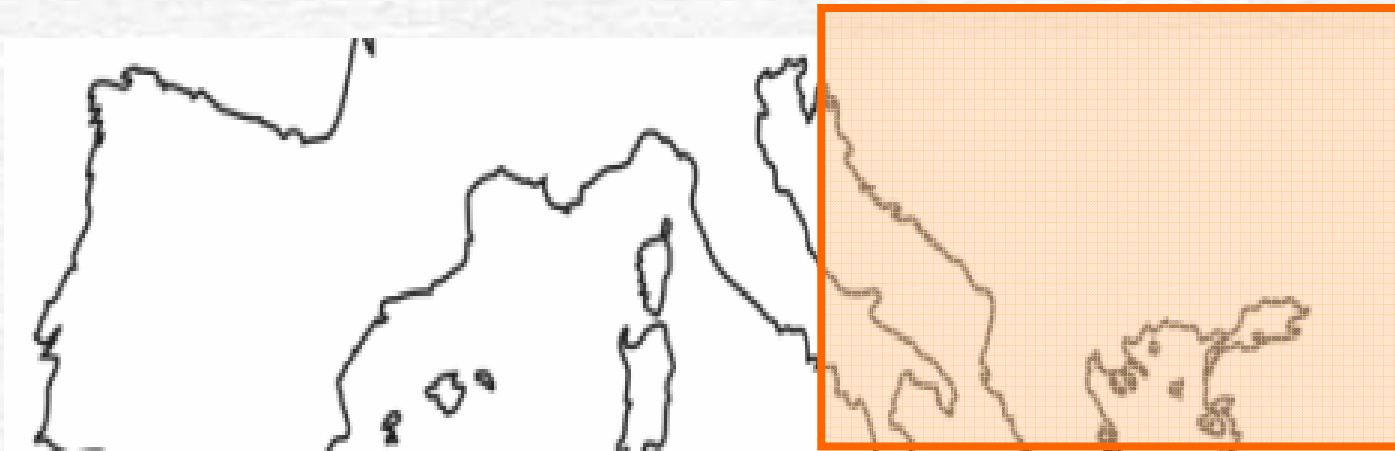
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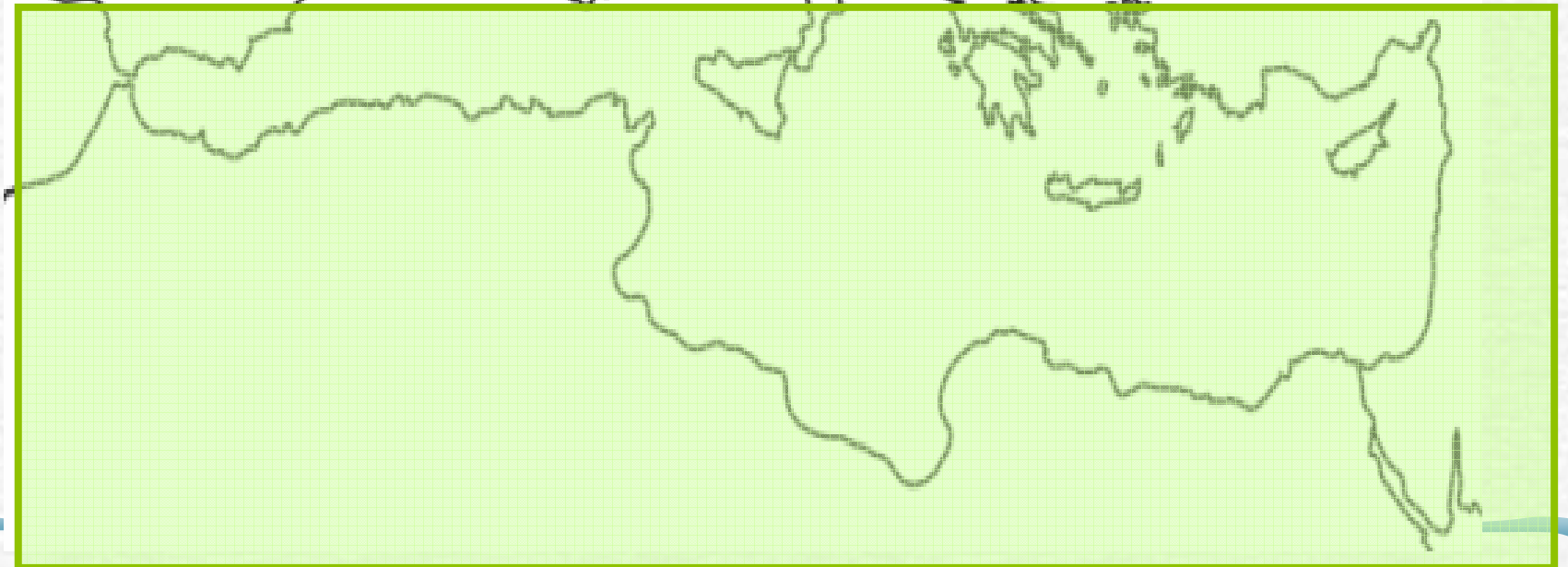
# Mediterranean Component of the EUWI (MED EUWI)

SE Europe



Middle East

North Africa



## Objectives – Aims

- Assist the **design** of better, demand-driven and result-oriented programmes,
- Facilitate better **coordination** of water programmes and projects, targeting to a more effective **use of existing funds** and **mobilizing new** financial resources,
- Foster **cooperation** for projects' proper implementation, based on enhancing synergies and strategic assessment.

## Focus Themes of MED EUWI

- **Integrated water resources management (IWRM)**,  
with emphasis on planning of national & transboundary bodies;
- **Water supply & sanitation**,  
with emphasis on the poorest part of the societies;
- **Water, food, environment interaction**,  
with emphasis on fragile ecosystems;
- **Non-conventional water resources**;

and horizontal focus themes:

- **Transfer of technology, know-how, training & capacity building**;
- **Education (MEDIES)**

# Synergies

The region has a tradition in cooperation and networking

Strong synergies & linkages between related, regional Initiatives and Programmes: **important elements to ensure effectiveness and avoid overlaps:**

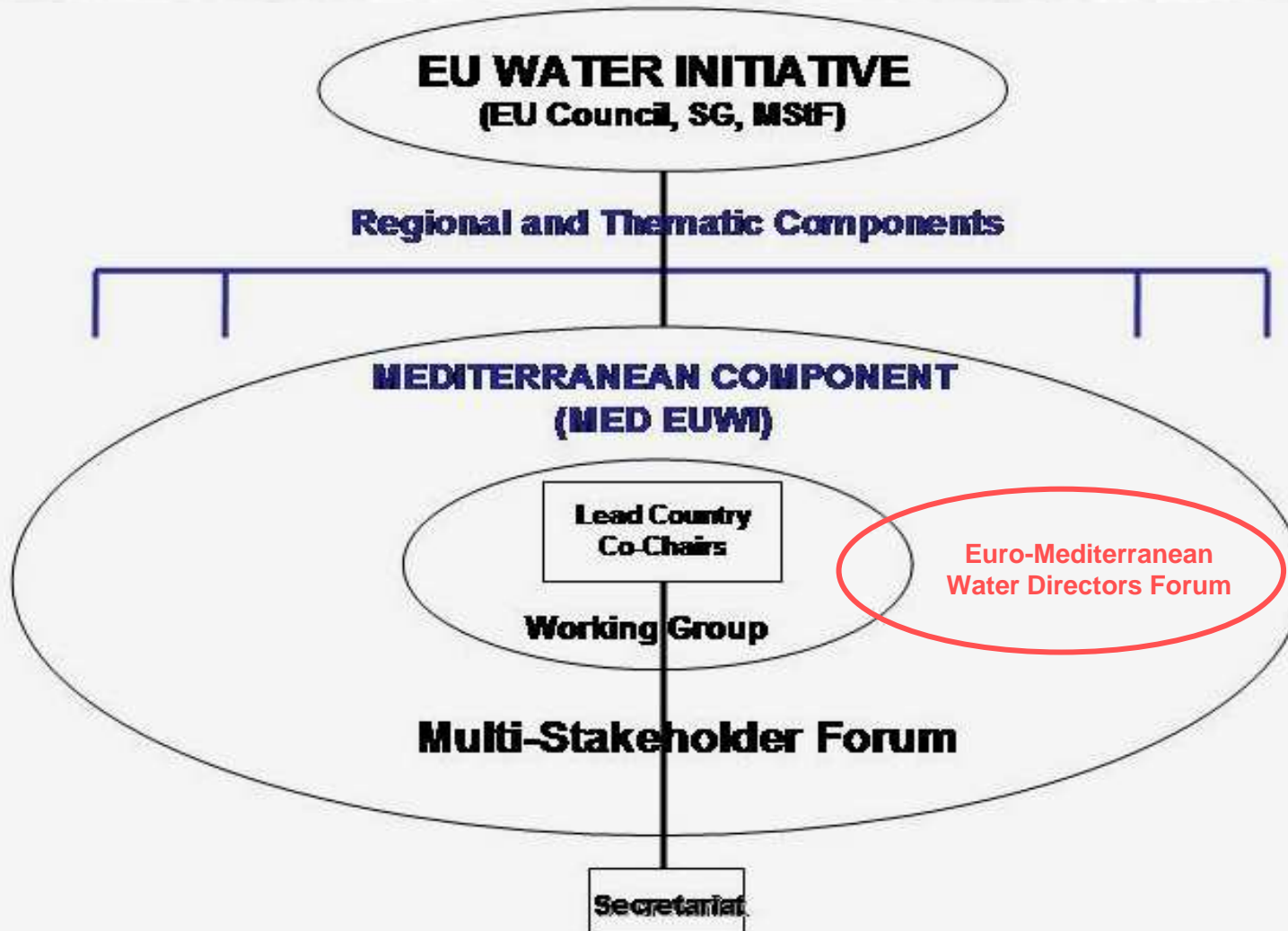
- Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (**Horizon 2020**)
- Barcelona Convention (**MSSD, MCSD**)
- EU financial Instruments (**ENPI 2007-2013**)
- Bilateral and Multilateral donors, IFIs, Int'l Orgs, GEF, etc
- EU acquis on water (**EU WFD**)

Reinforcement of Political Commitment (Agreements, MoUs, Processes)

- NAMCOW
- EMWIS
- MEDA-Water RMSU
- Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration
- UNEP/GEF LME
- GEF IW: LEARN
- OECD (for the Policy Dialogue in Egypt)
- European Neighbourhood Policy
- Horizon 2020

Process

# MED EUWI Structure



## MED EUWI Work Programme 2007

- Continue implementation of **Country Dialogues** in Egypt & Lebanon (focusing on the link between the reconstruction process and the national water strategy); work on the launching of other National Dialogues
- Continue activities that promote national **IWRM institutional settings in North Africa** within the Rabat Declaration framework; IWRM Workshop in Libya, 11-12 Apr. 2007, and follow up steps in cooperation with the Libyan General Water Authority for the establishment of a National Water Council and the implementation of institutional reforms in the water sector advocated by the AfDB/AWF
- Organisation of the annual **Conference of the Water Directors of the Euro-Mediterranean and South-Eastern European Countries** (10-11 Dec. 2007, Slovenia), serving as a stepping stone for the preparation of the **“Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water”** scheduled for late 2008
- Initiate & realise MED EUWI activities in other countries: Conference on Sustainable Water Resources Management in **Palestine**, held in Jordan on 27-29 Aug. 2007; targeted training workshop on IWRM in **Syria** co-organised with GTZ-Syria on 10-13 Sep. 2007

## MED EUWI Work Programme 2007 (continued)

- Capacity building workshops and assessments on **transboundary water resources management**, with emphasis on groundwater, in **SE Europe**; organisation of a related **side event at the 6th EfE Ministerial Conference** (Oct. 2007, Belgrade); organisation of a Ministerial Session in the International Roundtable on Integrated Management of Shared Groundwater in SE Europe (Slovenia, 14-16 Nov. 2007)
- Continue support of the 6 Working Groups of the **Joint Process MED EUWI / WFD**
- Intensify collaboration and linkages with **Horizon 2020** and the **ENPI**; Conference on Involving Private Investors in the Horizon 2020 Initiative (Athens, 22-23 Oct. 2007)
- Intensify collaboration with **GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems**, UNDP, UNEP MAP, UN ESCWA, NAMCOW, etc
- Continuation of educational activities on water through **MEDIES**



## MED EUWI Work Programme 2007 – National

### Country Policy Dialogues launched in Lebanon (2005) & Egypt (2006)

#### Example: The Country Policy Dialogue in Egypt

- Launched in November 2006, Cairo
- Demand-driven process (MoWRI)
- Increased ownership & active involvement of national stakeholders (MoH, MoEnv, HCWW, EWP, RAED, others)
- Institutional background: Bilateral Protocol Greece-Egypt (June '06), EU-Egypt Agreement on Budget Support for the Water Sector (80m euros)

- It is expected to complement the 'National Water Resources Plan 2017', the 'National Master Plan for Water and Wastewater', the 'Rural Sanitation Strategy' and other strategic frameworks of Egypt,
- It is also expected to facilitate coordination of donors in close cooperation with the EC Delegation in Cairo
- It is implemented in close collaboration with OECD/EAP Task Force that will carry out the financial assessments and strategies based on existing methodologies and e-tools (e.g. the FEASIBLE model),
- Dialogue's ToRs are prepared and emphasis is data collection within 2007 so as to present baseline scenarios in early 2008.

# Linking Research with MED EUWI Activities

## STEP 1

### Identify existing gaps in the collaboration between DG Research and MED EUWI

- List with research programmes (all disciplines) thematically and geographically covering the Mediterranean region
- Identification of research gaps and priorities in the Mediterranean
- Enhance synergies and create better links among existing regional networks
- Identify one or two projects (in the area of DSS) as pilot case studies for implementation
- Continue support for data collection and resource assessment research and link it with existing EU databases

# Linking Research with MED EUWI Activities II

## STEP 2

### Incorporate envisaged links into Planning/ Programming

Directly related to  
MED EUWI's objectives

Indirectly related to  
MED EUWI's objectives

- Other research that addresses climate change considerations and non-conventional water resources
- Climate change impacts
- Regional socio-economic trends



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