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innovations in Irrigation
Mediterranean Management*

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Project Mission Statement

Overcoming current contradictions associated with local water management in Mediterranean catchment areas through innovative institutional solutions, based on common understanding of six key axes :



1. Social



4. Agricultural



2. Institutional



5. Territorial



3. Historical



6. Hydrological/
Hydraulic

11 case studies; 6 countries: France, Spain, Italy, Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon

Implementation



Dissemination of results

- Appropriate communication strategy (target group, objective, appropriate mechanisms, principles (credibility, consistency...))
- 5 languages:
 - Interpreters, translations not always available – limited certain stakeholders' participation in some cases
 - main documents published in English - limited impact at grass-root level
- Underuse of ISIIMM intranet facilities and lack of information and results exchange between partners (limited to meetings and seminars)

Exploitation of results

- Not enough backup for exhaustive balance and evaluation of impact of project results
- Start up of activities (Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco): twinning, proposals under way
- Main challenges: social commitment, autonomous financial and management capacities for long-term sustainability of activities put in place

Exchange with other projects

- During project implementation:
 - 1 cross-cutting seminar on institutional aspects of IWRM with other MEDA Water projects dedicated to irrigation water management
 - little other combination of activities or exploitation of synergies
- After termination of project:
 - First MEDA Water partners conference
 - Second MEDA Water regional event on local water management

General suggestions (exchange)

- Horizontal cross learning through joint conferences
- One online resource centre (for projects information, for specific thematic issues e.g. IWRM and stakeholders involvement in med countries)
 - facilitate access to existing information
 - allow the sharing of information
- A lot of innovation introduced by projects need follow up. Challenge is to make permanent links and funding arrangements
- Creation of regional exchange networks to continue know-how transfer

General suggestions (dissemination)

- Produce appropriate dissemination product in order to aid diffusion and replicability
- Consider the linguistic barriers:
 - More products in local languages (for grass-root level users)
 - Press releases in local languages (for the general public)
- Platforms for presenting outputs (e.g. national and local radio and TV channels)

General suggestions (exploitation)

- Sustainability and replicability facilitated by activities and project implementation carried out by local actors: concentrate on mainstreaming of project activities within the partner governments and disseminate best practices
- Mainstreaming for institutional capacity and policy development (e.g. policy papers)
- Implement developed methodologies in practical work

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