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MEDITERRANEAN KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM ON WATER

(Med Water Knowledge)

OBJECTIVES

This project aims to provide a common basis for the development of National Water Information Systems (NWIS) in four pilot countries from the Southern Mediterranean region. Furthermore, the project will deliver an assessment of water resources management and use (drafting of a White Paper) by collecting and exploiting data in the pilot countries and two additional European countries.

The project will define which data, information and expertise are needed to plan integrated water resources management (IWRM). It will also reinforce water regulation, ensuring data availability and ownership at local and national levels. The information provided by the project will allow for an evaluation of best practices, joint management of transboundary resources and follow-up on regional and sub-regional projects/policies in the Mediterranean region, on a voluntary basis.

BENEFICIARIES

National and local water authorities and public and private actors involved in the water sector will be among the main beneficiaries, as well as the ministries and respective agencies in charge of environment, agriculture, health and statistics. Data management will be strengthened through a win-win approach for all institutions involved to guarantee success and appropriate ownership.

LOCATION

- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Monaco
- Morocco
- Spain
- Tunisia

DURATION

2013 – 2016 (Phase 1)

TOTAL COST

€9.525 million (Phase 1)

PROJECTS FOR PROGRESS



ACTIONS

- Creation of National Water Information Systems (NWIS) through a regional approach: regional guidelines, tools, training on data management, and definition of needs for international data reporting.

The first steps of implementation will include data sharing among many data producers in each of the 4 pilot Southern Mediterranean countries and setting up initial operational governance agreements and IT tools of the NWIS.

- Drafting of a Mediterranean White Paper on Water after providing technical assistance, with the aim to compile data and present a regional picture of water resources and uses (maps & graphs) in the partner countries.



RESULTS

- Implementation of an initial phase of National Water Information Systems (NWIS) in Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan and Lebanon, based on harmonised regional guidelines and international standards;
- Provision of training courses for the development and management of shared water information systems;
- Launching of a regional platform to exchange experiences and best practices on the process of developing national information systems and white papers on water;
- Preparation of automated data flows for international reporting agreed in the Mediterranean region.

PROMOTER

International Office for Water.

Mediterranean Water Institute.

PARTNERS

- **Jordan:** Ministry of Water and Irrigation.
- **Lebanon:** Ministry of Energy and Water.
- **Monaco:** Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.
- **Morocco:** Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment.
- **Spain:** Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment.
- **Tunisia:** Ministry of Agriculture (General Directorate of Water Resources).
- Euro-Mediterranean Information System on Know-How in the Water Sector (EMWIS).
- League of Arab States Center of Water Studies and Arab Water Security (COFWS).
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