

Possible Process for the Elaboration of the Draft Action Plan

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Mandate by Euro-Med Ministers (Dec 2008) to prepare the SWM and its Action Plan

**III Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water
(Dead Sea, December 2008):**

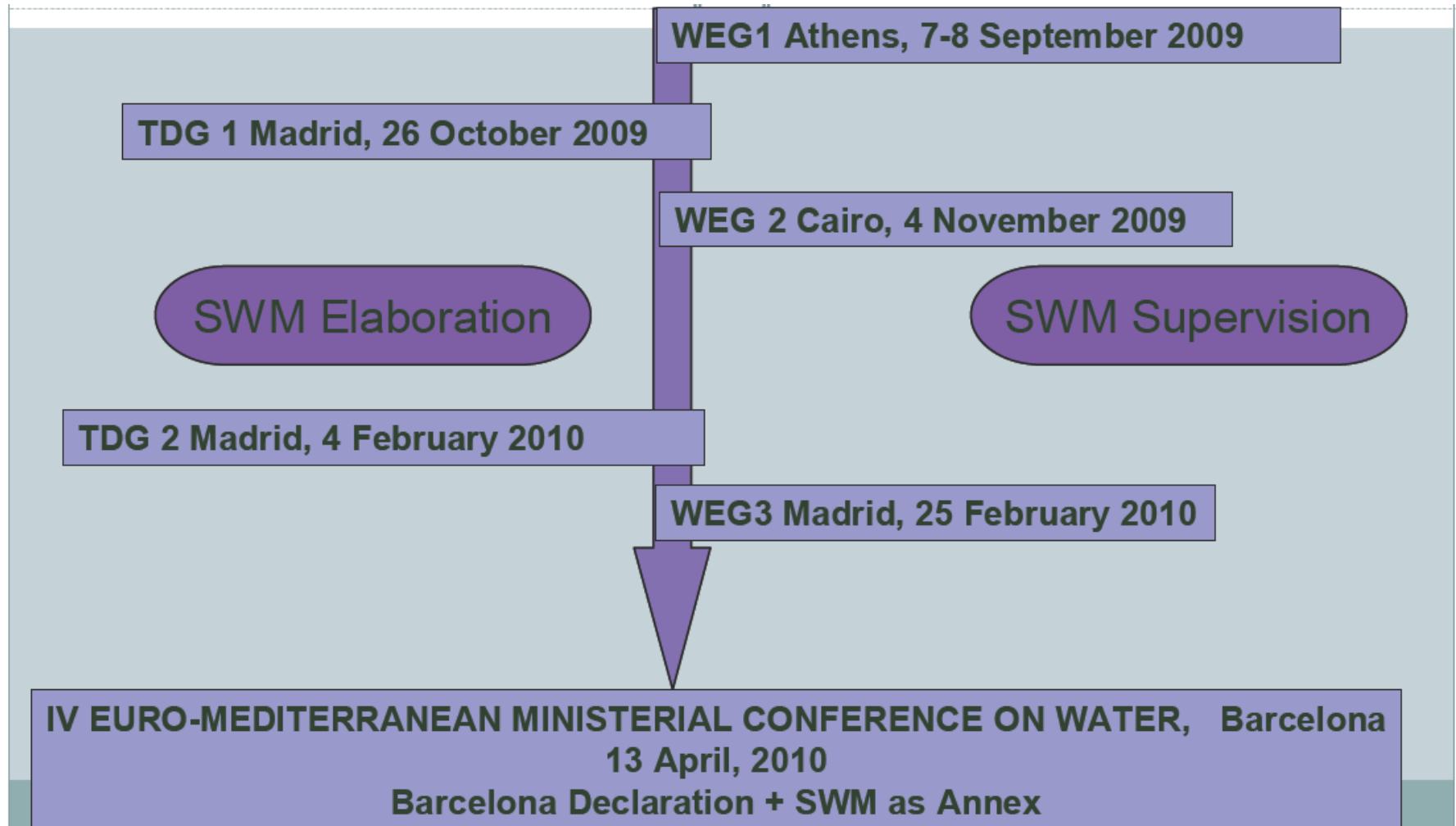
Water Expert Group (WEG) was mandated to elaborate :

- A long term **Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean (SWM)**
- A Draft **Action Plan**

UfM and WEG members: 43 states of the UfM (EU countries, Balkan countries, North Africa countries and countries of Near East) + European Commission + League of Arab States + Libya as observer



The process of SWM elaboration



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WEG1 Athens, 7-8 September 2009

❑ WEG1 meeting :

- Agreement on the “Term of Reference” Document (ToR):

✓ Overall Work Plan

✓ Creation of the Technical Drafting Group (TDG) 14 Members

TDG Members:

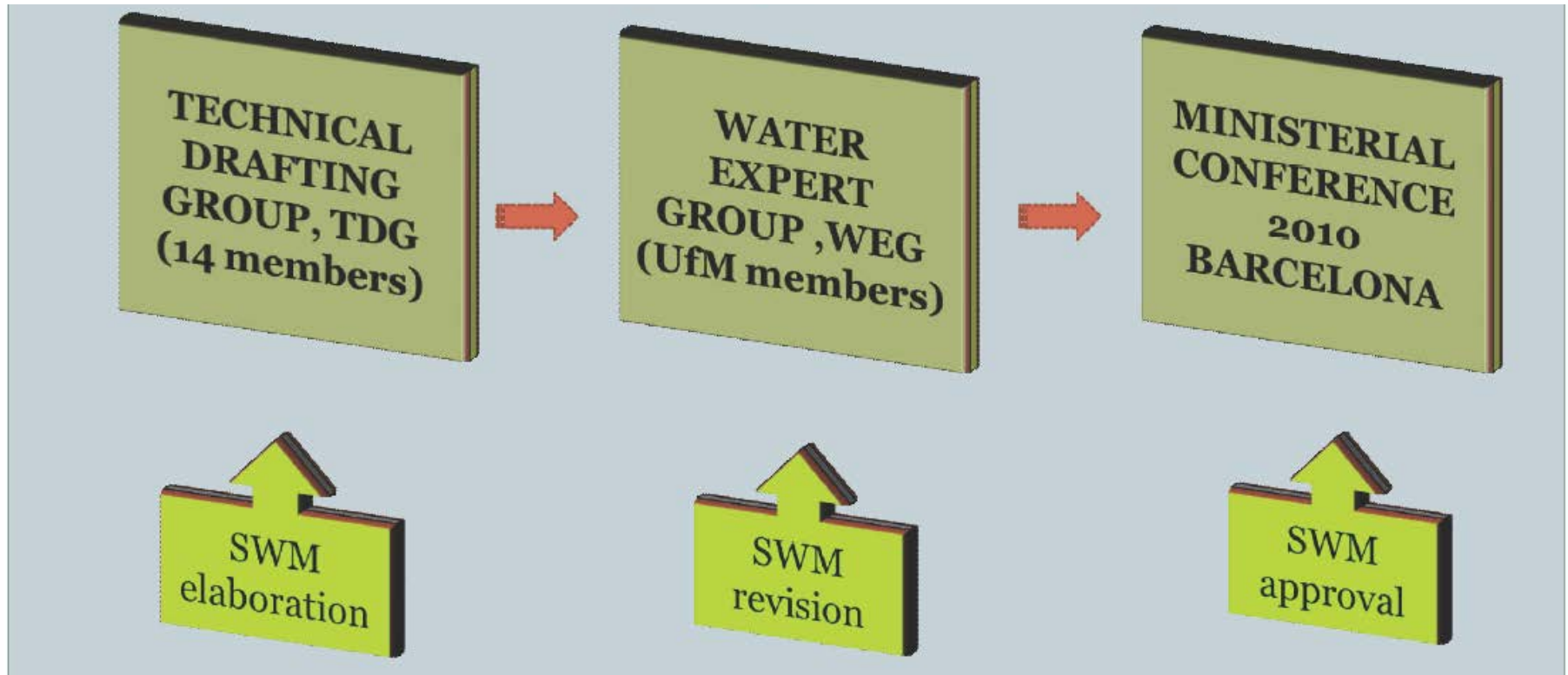
DE, EG, EL, ES, FR, HR, IL, IT, LB, MA, PS, SY, EC, LAS

Spain chairs the TDG

- MED EUWI provides technical and administrative assistance

SWM Supervision

The process of SWM elaboration



During the IV Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water held in Barcelona on 13 April 2010, it was not possible to formally adopt the SWM due to outstanding political considerations. **Adoption is pending.**

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At the Ministerial:

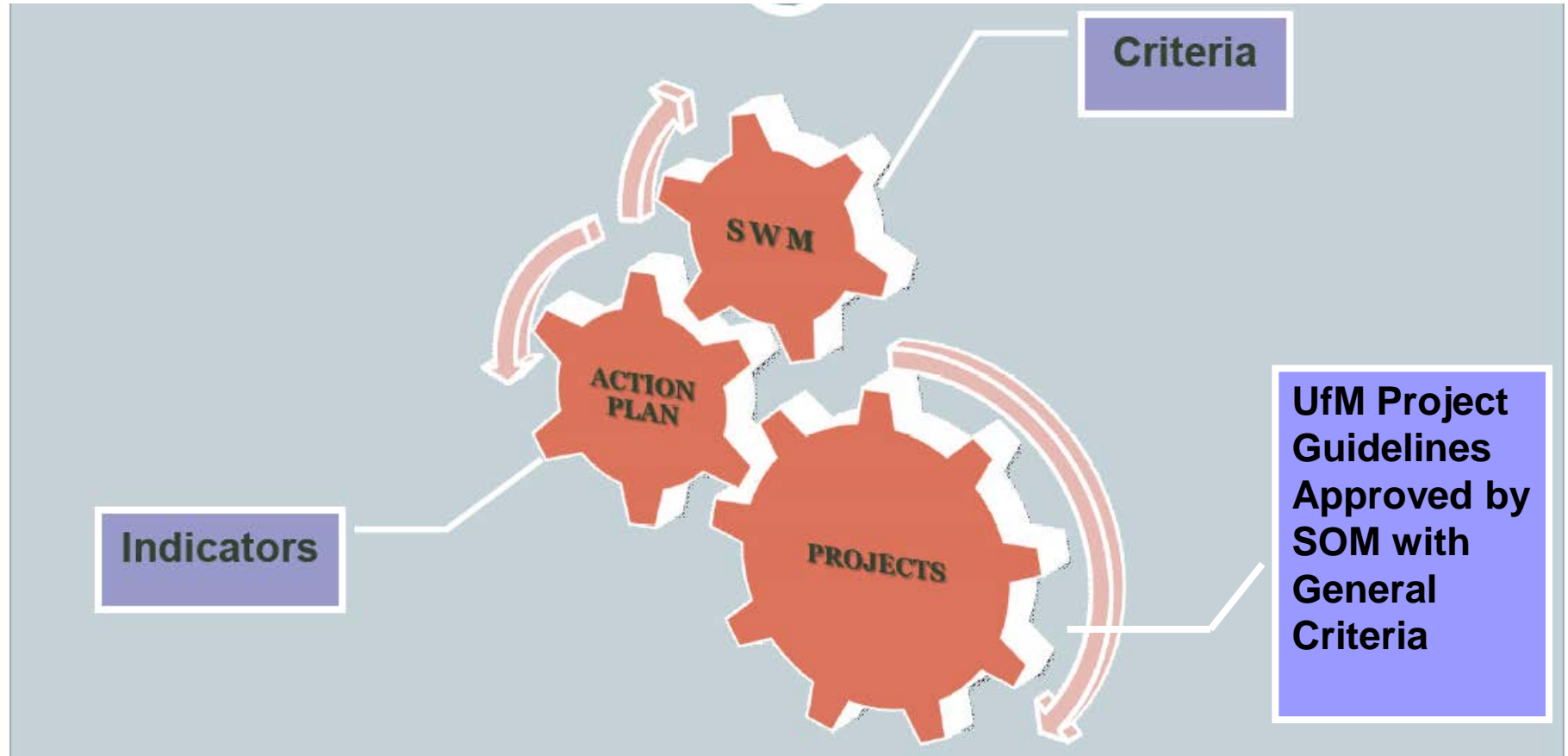
agreement of 99% in the Draft Strategy (being the outstanding political Considerations of two references in the text).



Major outcomes of the SWM process:

- A close collaboration among all UfM partners, which has enriched the work for developing the different tasks
- A high participative approach was followed, counting on the expertise of water stakeholders including the civil society
- The widespread acknowledgement of the joint technical work

Towards an operation system for action within the UfM



Possible Process for the Preparation of the Action Plan

Suggested overall process for preparation of the Draft Action Plan:

- A recommendation by WEG 4 Meeting (18 May 2011)
- Approval by the UfM Senior Officials (May/June 2011)
- Technical preparatory work from June 2011 to June 2012
- Approval by Ministerial Conference in November (*indicative*) 2012

Suggested technical mechanism to prepare the draft Action Plan, based on existing structures and work modes:

- The **Water Expert Group (WEG)** is the key technical body responsible for discussing and agreeing on drafts. Two WEG meetings are foreseen.
- A **Technical Drafting Group (TDG)**, among other activities, engages in the technical preparation of Draft. Three TDG meetings are foreseen.
- **Preparation of Draft Action Plan's chapters** is lead by TDG countries and possible technical assistance by regional partners (e.g. EIB on water financing). Donors are expected to have a considerable input.
- **Informal technical input is welcome** by regional stakeholder organisations
- **The process is technically coordinated** by the UfM Secretariat with continuing technical assistance from MED EUWI Secretariat

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Suggested timeframe:

In 2011 (tentative)

- May: **WEG 4** mandates TDG
- May/June: Mandate from the UfM Senior Officials
- June: Preparation of draft **ToR for the Action Plan**
- July: Organisation of **TDG AP 1** to discuss draft ToR and distribution of tasks
- July: **Approval of ToR by WEG** (through e-mail process)
- September to December: Technical **drafting** of the Action Plan's chapters
- Early December: Organisation of **TDG AP 2** to consolidate a **Draft 0** based on material prepared
- *Informal stakeholder meetings and conferences may be organised to provide input to the process*

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Suggested timeframe:

In 2012 (tentative)

- January: Preparation of **Draft 1** of the Action Plan
 - Beginning February: Organisation of **WEG 5** to review progress & discuss Draft 1
 - February to April: Advance **Draft 2** of the Action Plan
 - End April: Organisation of **TDG AP 3** to consolidate Draft 2 (Final)
 - May: Preparation of Final Draft
 - Mid June: Organisation of **WEG 6** to discuss and agree Final Draft
 - End June: Disseminate **final Draft for comments and approval** in related bodies
 - July to October: **Comments and approval** by related bodies
 - November (*indicative*): Organisation of **Ministerial Conference to approve Action Plan**
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Thank you



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