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Welcome to the 4th Water Expert Group Meeting

Country Representatives in attendance: 22

Total attendance: 60+

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Mediterranean

Division of Environment & Water

Barcelona, 18 May 2011

UfM is an Opportunity Especially Now!!

- North and South people long-standing instinctive wish is to **cooperate and coordinate** their future together;
- We have to **reject the doom and gloom scenarios leading to clash of civilizations!**
- UfM can be a **win-win situation.**

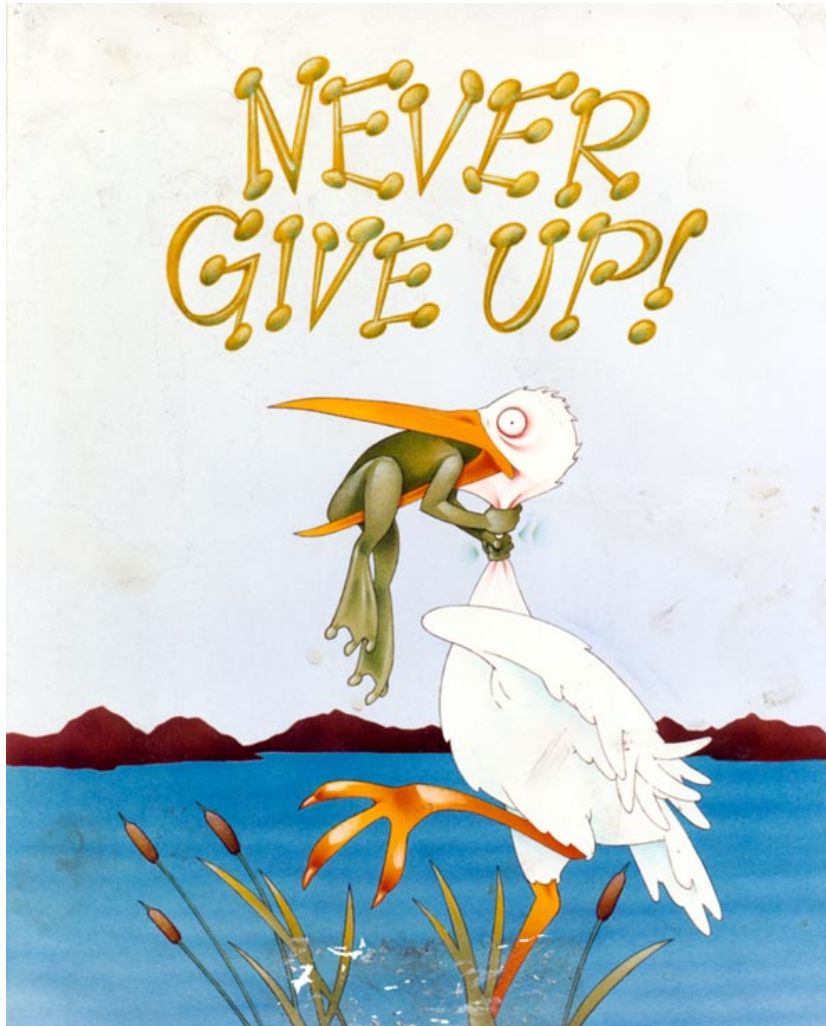
UfM Secretariat

- **Statutes** adopted by Senior Officials in March 2010.
 - Secretariat became the “**technical arm**” of the UfM, supervised by the “**political arm**” (SOM)
- **Structure: SG +6 DSGs** in place Sep/Oct 2010.
 - Project Funding Coordination & Business Development SMEs (Italy)
 - Social and Civil Affairs (Malta)
 - Energy (Greece)
 - Transport & Urban Development (Turkey)
 - Higher Education & Research (Israel)
 - Environment & Water (Palestine)
- Workplan approved by SOM in December 2010.
- Project Guidelines approved in April 2011.



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Our Motto in the UfM Secretariat!



UfM Secretariat Tasks

according to Work Programme 2011 (1)

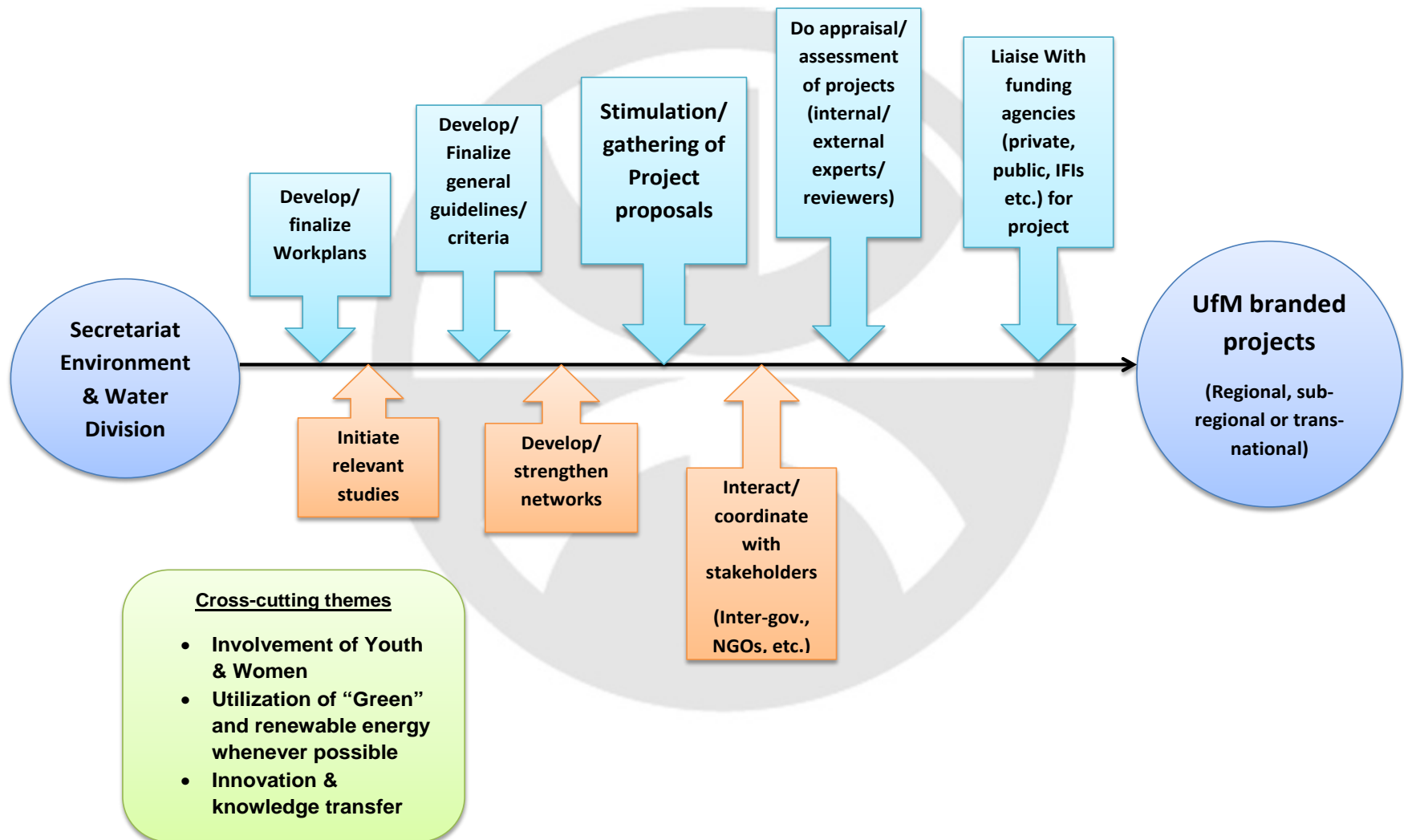
- **General:** Primary task is promotion and coordination of projects in the water and environmental spheres.
- **Environment:**
 - Foster and promote concrete projects which contribute directly to the implementation of Horizon 2020 Initiative to De-Pollute the Mediterranean (H2020).
 - Promote dynamic implementation of the Environment/H2020 agenda;
 - Promote tangible projects at national and regional levels and ensuring advance planning of subsequent activities;
 - Promote further environmental considerations and cross-sectorial coordination (including climate change);

UfM Secretariat Tasks

according to Work Programme 2011 (2)

- **Water:**
- Ensure completion of strategic action planning for the Water sector and promote substantive collaborations for development of projects;
- Promote the UfM Water agenda. “Following decisions of the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water (Dead Sea, 2008), the Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean was elaborated by a Water Expert Group. Once approved, this Strategy shall be complemented by an Action Plan, which will match the agreed priorities for action with capacities and financial resources in the region.”

Environment & Water Workplan 2011





Role and Composition of Water Expert Group (WEG)

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WEG 4th Meeting
Barcelona, 18 May 2011

UfM aims to achieve Cooperation and Development through Positive Dialogue, Constructive Discourse and Common Projects





Water Expert Group Composition

- Government designated representatives of national authorities;
- European Commission;
- League of Arab States; and
- Representatives from International and regional organizations, local authorities, civil society (incl. Private sector and other stakeholders), funding institutions, donors invited as observers.

Role of the Water Expert Group

(as defined by the Water Ministerial Declaration, Jordan 2008)

- WEG is entrusted to (Annex 1):
 - i. Tasks defined by Ministerial Declaration on Water, including provision of technical inputs for ministerial meetings;
 - ii. Provide technical inputs to water related initiatives and processes in the region, including recommendations to enhance effectiveness, coordination and complementarity of all key activities;
 - iii. Develop draft annual work-plan along the lines of the calendar and tasks defined by the Ministerial Declaration.

Tasks defined by the Jordan Water Ministerial Declaration (2008)

- Strategy and Action Plan (points 3-8, 16).
- Strengthening of effective cooperation in the fields of Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Supply and Sanitation (point 9).
- Strengthening the coordination of existing initiatives and networks on information and expertise, policy planning and monitoring as well as capacity building (points 10, 11).
- Exchange of good practices (points 12, 14).
- Encouragement of swift implementation of partnerships in order to implement concrete projects in line with the guidelines of the future Strategy (point 15).

Previous WEG Meetings

First Meeting (Athens, September 2009)

- Attended by 25 country representatives, EC, LAS and others.
- Set up a Technical Drafting Group composed of Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Spain (Chair), Syria, Croatia, the EC and LAS.

Previous WEG Meetings

Second Meeting (Cairo, November 2009)

- Attended by 21 country representatives, EC, LAS and others.
- Briefed on and validated results of Technical Drafting Group meeting (October 2009 in Spain).
- Further discussed the drafting process and content of the Water Strategy.

Previous WEG Meetings

Third Meeting (Madrid, February 2010)

- Attended by 19 country representatives, EC, LAS and others.
- Briefed on results of 2nd Technical Drafting Group meeting (February 2010 in Spain).
- Validated the draft SWM (with some additional comments from WEG members) to be submitted to the Ministerial Meeting in April 2010 in Barcelona.
- Draft SWM not adopted yet.

Agenda

9:30-10:30	Session 1: UfM project guidelines Presentation by the UfM Secretariat. Discussion
10:30-11:45	Session 1 (cont.): Process of Identification of projects under the UfM Water Sector (update from 2008 to 2011) Presentation by UfM Secretariat. Discussion
11:45-12:15	Coffee Break
12:15-13:15	Session 2: Information provided by WEG members on their projects Presentations by WEG members and UfM Secretariat and discussion
13:15-14:15	Lunch (hosted by Greece/ MED EUWI)
14:15-15:15	Session 3: Presentation of EU funded regional projects in the field of Water in the Mediterranean region (under ENPI). Discussion
15:15-16:30	Session 4: Future considerations for technical collaborative work on Water Issues in the Union for the Mediterranean. Presentation by MED EUWI as WEG Secretariat (based on the directives of the UfM Ministerial Declaration of December 2008 and its follow up through the WEG meetings.) Discussion
16:30-17:00	Coffee break
17:00-18:30	Session 4 (cont.): Further Discussion and Conclusions
18:30-19:00	Wrap up & meeting conclusions