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GOVERNANCE & FINANCING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WATER SECTOR

OBJECTIVES

The project aims to deliver a set of country analyses through national dialogues leading to both recommendations and a proposed plan of action. It also aims to establish a Mediterranean platform for exchange of best practice, eventually leading to regional guidelines to improve public governance and attract investments to the Mediterranean water sector.

The core objective is to diagnose key governance and capacity building obstacles to mobilising financing through public-private partnerships (PPP) for the Mediterranean water sector, and to support the development of consensual action plans based on international good practices. In particular, the project will focus on assessing the opportunities and institutional and regulatory challenges arising from PPPs, when policy-makers use them as a tool to manage water resources and finance services effectively, sustainably and affordably.

BENEFICIARIES

- Government and public bodies responsible for preparing, regulating and monitoring PPP projects and related activities.
- Water users, by helping them to voice their requests and concerns.
- Private partners and water utilities, by clarifying respective responsibilities and supporting the management of expectations.



DURATION

Mid-2013 – mid-2016

TOTAL COST

€2.5 million



ACTIONS

The project is designed around two distinct but closely interlinked components:

- **A set of country reviews** developed through national consultations and policy dialogues. The dialogues complement the technical work and pave the way for recommendations and an action plan for reforms based on international best practices.
- **Regional dialogues** to share experiences and promote the dissemination and replication of successful practices. The project facilitates the interface between policy-makers and private sector actors on governance reforms enhancing the financial sustainability in the water sector.

RESULTS

At the national level:

- Identification of mechanisms to overcome key obstacles (strengthening of authorities and public sector, institutional cooperation, incentives for effective user participation).
- Endorsement/application of the mechanisms considered most suitable to the country situation.

At the regional level:

- Identification of common denominators, as well as replicable experiences and practices.
- Delivery of a set of guidelines tailored to the region.



PROMOTERS

- Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP Med)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

PARTNERS

- Different levels of government and public authorities
- Private partners and utilities
- Water users

CONTRIBUTIONS

- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
- FEMIP Trust Fund through the European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Global Environment Facility – MedPartnership
- GWP-Med
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