

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES IN 2002
Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean

1. Building Partnerships and raising political will

	Key activity	Outcomes	Next Steps	Problems & Remedial Actions
Mediterranean	<p>Project proposals were prepared and submitted to various donors. Among them, were 3 proposals for running regional activities for global Dialogues (Governance, Water-Food-Environment, Water-Climate) and 2 Type II Initiatives presented in Johannesburg (Euro-Mediterranean Water and Poverty Facility, Mediterranean Education Initiative for Environment and Sustainability). In addition, a Mediterranean Component was announced by the EU and Greece during WSSD as part of the EU Water Initiative.</p> <p>The Mediterranean Dialogue on Effective Water Governance is a major processes of GWP-Med. Two regional Conferences (March and December 2002) and a Thematic Workshop on the EU Water Framework Directive (September 2002) were organized, with the participation of representative organisations from the involved sectors.</p>	<p>From the proposals on Dialogues, the one on Water-Climate received support from the global Dialogue and activities were implemented in collaboration with IUCN Med Office, while the other two didn't have follow up, due to budget constraints of the respective Dialogues. The two Type II Initiatives received high political support and many key international and national partners are committed to joint action. GWP-Med Secretariat has undertaken to provide technical assistance for the development of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative which was announced during WSSD.</p> <p>Apart from identification of key issues and priorities for Effective Water Governance, one of the concrete achievements of the Dialogue's first phase was the creation of a Circle of Parliamentarians (from National Parliaments of Mediterranean countries and the European Parliament) and of a Circle of Journalists/Media. Both Circles will work on priority Mediterranean environmental issues, with emphasis</p>	<p>Activities on priority regional Dialogues will continue through AP or individual project proposals. It is anticipated that the Type II Initiatives launched in Johannesburg will have a substantial follow up.</p> <p>A set of activities is planned for 2003 aiming to further develop the Dialogue. These include: the facilitation of the Circles of Parliamentarians and Journalist/Media, an assessment on water legislation in Mediterranean countries and a focus of activities in the Balkan sub-region.</p>	<p>Personnel shortage was a major constraint, particularly as regards the GWP-Med Secretariat. GWP-Med members assisted in the drafting of some of the proposals. More resources, human and financial, should be engaged in drafting proposals.</p> <p>Political, social and environmental realities in the Mediterranean sub-regions and countries differ considerably, making a unified approach on Governance for the whole region difficult. Priority overarching issues were identified and discussed and</p>

		on effective water governance and IWRM. These two Circles-networks are important for connecting the “shapers” of the public opinion with the “drafters” of legislation.		concrete suggestions for future national activities were elaborated. Effort will be made to bring Governance Dialogue at the country and/or local level with national and/or river basin meetings. Targeted fund raising activities are required for that.

2. Building Strategic Alliances for Action

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Mediterranean	The region has a long tradition in networking and cooperation schemes, acting at different levels and having various thematic priorities. GWP-Med is building strategic alliances with sectoral and thematic regional networks or, where they are not already networked, assists in the establishment of new schemes. Bringing in partnership and working relationship established and new sectors is considered an important tool for progressing in IWRM application.	In 2002, GWP-Med assisted in the establishment of MENBO – the Mediterranean chapter of the International River Basin Organisation (INBO). ToR were elaborated, a kick-off meeting was organized and 4 case studies on river basin management were prepared. GWP-Med has also consolidated its partnership with the Euro-Mediterranean Network of Irrigators (CEIR) and the regional network of local authorities MedCities. In total, 10 major regional networks of different disciplines participate today in the Partnership Council of GWP-Med, while special links have been	The existing networking schemes should be supported and more sector or thematic platforms should be assisted in their establishment. Interest has been expressed for assisting such actions eg. on water reuse.	Networking activities need adequate financial and staff capacity. External resources should be sought to support such actions. In addition, it is recognized that a network of the private sector in the region is one of the key missing from the regional partnership.

		established with the umbrella Euro-Med network on Information Systems on water (EMWIS).		

3. Promoting Good Practices in IWRM

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Mediterranean	Emphasis was given on the ToolBox support and dissemination in the region. The regional ToolBox cases were used as background for the regional Forum on water demand management, organized in October 2002 (within the framework of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) of UNEP/MAP). In support to that, three horizontal assessments of key tools (economic, institutional and participation) to assist WDM implementation were prepared.	In total, 9 ToolBox case studies have been elaborated and quality reviewed. The regional Forum received adequate attendance and support from major political bodies and stakeholders in the region.	Based on the outcomes of the Forum, a Policy Orientation Note will be prepared and submitted for formal approval by the MCSD of UNEP/MAP. A monitoring system to evaluate the progress of water demand management issues in the Mediterranean will be established by UNEP/MAP.	The proper preparation of ToolBox case studies require adequate financial and human resources. In addition, it was not always easy to identify and elaborate case studies comprising many concrete elements of IWRM approach.

4. Developing and Promoting Regional Actions

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Mediterranean	Three AP Working Groups, on Groundwater Management, Drought Management and Water-Food and Environmental Interaction, have been formed and related AP proposals have been drafted.	The Working Group on Groundwater presented the AP prepared to the EU Commission (mainly through the process for the development of the EU Water Initiative and the relevant Group on IWRM and Transboundary Waters in Africa). The Groundwater AP was	Effort will be made for all APs to become operational through funding from different sources. Organisation of donors meetings are foreseen in the short term.	The APs are large scale projects and funding is always a constraint. The commitment of partners for implementation has been adequate.

		<p>also presented to UN bodies (eg. ECA and ESCWA) and IFIs (eg. the African Development Bank). / The Working Group on Drought Management partly followed up their work for the AP preparation elaborating a project proposal under the MEDA Call of the EU Commission. The proposal was successful. / The Working Group on Water, Food and Environment followed up their work elaborating the related Mediterranean proposal that was submitted to the global Dialogue. A consultation meeting was organized with wetland managers of North Africa to elaborate on the AP and suggest channels for funding.</p>		

Indicators and achievements 2002

MED - Mediterranean

Outputs	Indicators, end 2002	Actual achievements, end 2002
1.1 On the ground partnerships established (MED output 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sufficient attendance of Training Workshops ➤ Proper feedback by the participants of the Training Workshops after their completion ➤ Proposals drafted and submitted for funding ➤ Sufficient attendance of sub-regional workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Two IWRM Training Workshops were organized (20-22 July, Cairo and 27-28 December, Egypt) and attended by about 20 participants each, originating from North Africa and Middle East countries. The background and presentations of the Workshops are used as resource material. ➤ Three proposals on priority regional Dialogues (Governance, Water-Food-Environment, Water-Climate) were submitted – the last one received funding. Two Type II Initiatives (Water and Poverty - WPF, Education - MEDIES), bringing in partnership major international and national organizations, were elaborated and launched in Johannesburg.
1.2 Awareness raised and attitudes towards water management changed (MED output 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Various awareness and educational material: Survey of the recipients and audience ➤ Media interest ➤ Informing and supporting targeted senior decision makers at the international, regional and national level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The GWP-Med Mobile Exhibition was presented in 7 international or regional events. ➤ The Water Education Kit, originally produced in English, was translated in 6 languages (Arabic, French, Italian, Greek, Turkish, and Spanish) and was printed in 2 languages (French and Italian. The Kick-Off Workshop for the Type II Initiative MEDIES, was organized on 15 December 2002, Athens (within the GWP-Med Mediterranean Water Week, 10-15 December 2002, Athens) ➤ GWP-Med web site was maintained and updated ➤ -The GWP-Med Regional Workshop on 'Effective Water Governance', 19-20 March 2002, Athens, Greece, was attended by 140 participants from 26 countries. - The Workshop on the Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive, 6 September 2002, Athens, was attended by 52 participants from 10 countries - The GWP-Med Mediterranean Workshop on the Role of Parliamentarians for Making Water Governance Effective, 12-13 December 2002, Athens, was attended by 123 participants from 23 countries, among them 18 Members of National Parliaments from 11 countries and about 25 journalists. A Circle of Parliamentarians and a Circle of Journalists/Media was created. Press-conferences were organized during all events ➤ 4 high level meetings were organized in conjunction with major international events (including the launching of the Type II Initiatives in WSSD) and several delegations were undertaken in major meetings.
2.1 Established alliances supported (MED output 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Process plans on promoting nodes with global AP's developed and agreed on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support in the establishment of MENBO (Mediterranean chapter of INBO), preparation of ToR and elaboration of 4 case studies on RBM. The Kick-Off Workshop, 4 November, Madrid, was attended by 32 participants representing RBOs from 10 Mediterranean countries and other regional organizations.

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2.2 Alliances with key international and regional organisations formed (MED output 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Informing and supporting targeted senior decision makers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The foreseen activities were canceled due to budget reductions. Nevertheless, several ad-hoc activities were undertaken by GWP-Med members and the Secretariat
3.1 Knowledge of IWRM good practice generated and disseminated + 3.2 Key practitioners to operationalise IWRM concepts identified and supported (MED output 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completion of studies and approval by GWP-Med ➤ National and local interest expressed ➤ Sufficient attendance at the Regional Forum on Water Demand Management ➤ Dissemination of 6 case studies and the final report of the Regional Forum ➤ Case studies on dams elaborated and workshop on dams organised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nine ToolBox case studies were completed and quality reviewed ➤ Interest has been expressed for the elaboration of more case studies, pending on financial support ➤ The Regional Forum on Water Demand Management, 3-5 October, Fiuggi, Italy, was attended by 79 participants from 20 countries. Three horizontal background assessments (economic, institutional, participation) for WDM implementation were elaborated. ➤ The three case studies on dams were initiated but not completed due to budget restrictions. The Workshop on Dams was canceled due to budget restrictions
3.3 Support to dialogue on key IWRM issues advanced (MED output 6)		
4.1 Regional FFAs completed and tangible actions prioritised (MED output 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completion of studies and approval by GWP-Med ➤ National and local interest expressed ➤ TOR adopted for two 'horizontal' studies on the tolls for promoting IWRM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Studies on pilot 'Vision to Action National Plan' and 'Modernizing Agriculture' elaborated. ➤ The studies on 'Process Review for the Elaboration of a National Water Programme', 'Financial Flows in the Region, and 'Actors Analysis of Barriers and Opportunities for Water Allocation' were not prepared due to budget restrictions.
4.2 Special studies identified and supported (MED output 8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Process plans on promoting regional AP's developed and agreed upon ➤ At least one "champion" per AP Working Group identified ➤ National and local interest expressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3 AP proposals elaborated and related planning meetings organized ➤ Regional, national and local interest expressed by a variety of partners per AP.
Network Management and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expansion of GWP-Med ➤ Reports and other secretariat documents prepared and approved by GWP-Med ➤ Meetings of GWP-Med properly organised ➤ News dissemination ➤ Screening of development opportunities and information dissemination ➤ Media interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 'core members' / regional networks of GWP-Med were increased from 7 to 10 and new sectors were engaged in the partnership (local authorities, irrigators, river basin organization). The Membership Platform was increased by 5 member organisations ➤ Quarterly Progress Reports and Financial Reports, Work Plan 2003 drafted and approved. Background documents of meetings and briefings prepared and disseminated. ➤ Two meetings of the GWP-Med Partnership Council organized. ➤ News and briefings disseminated. ➤ Media interested expressed in accordance with various events (workshops, exhibitions, press conferences, etc.) ➤ The activities under Output 1.1. (drafting of proposals, preparation and launching of Type II activities), the activities related to the development of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative and drafting of proposals for the activities within the Greek Presidency 2003 were undertaken directly by the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair. ➤ Implementation of the regional activities (case studies, regional workshop 10-11 December 2002) of the Dialogue on Water and Climate, in cooperation with IUCN Med Office

