

Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative



Lead Country: Greece

**Hellenic Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning
and Public Works**

EU Water Initiative (EUWI)

- Platform for **strategic and political dialogue** on water issues, endorsed at the highest political level
- Open forum for **consultation with concerned stakeholders** within the EU and in the region
- Time-bound process with **specific objectives**
- Mechanism for **improved coordination** within the EU and the partner country
- Mechanism to promote **ownership** and demand from partners
- Means to **catalyze funding** for water resources development and service delivery

What EUWI is not ?

Not a new organisation

not a financial institution, not a source of finance

EUWI Structure

Steering Group (SG)

4 Regional Components

- Africa
- Latin America
- EECCA (Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia)
- Mediterranean (MED)

3 Cross-cutting Components

- Monitoring
- Finance
- Research

Working group (WG) for each component

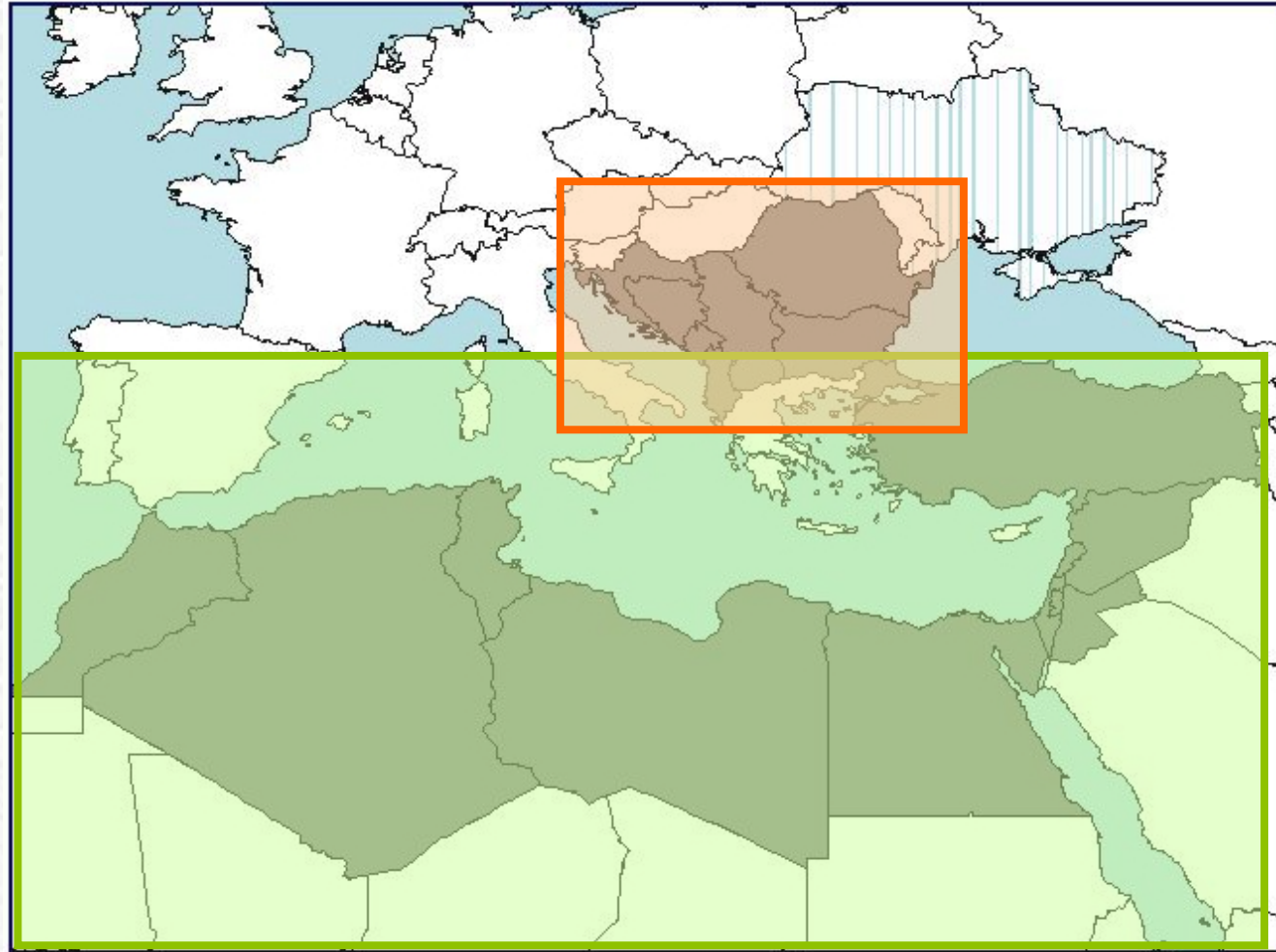
Multi-stakeholder Forum (MSF)

Mediterranean Component of the EUWI (MED EUWI)

SE Europe

Middle East

North Africa



Objectives – Aims

- Assist the **design** of better, demand-driven and result-oriented programmes,
- Facilitate better **coordination** of water programmes and projects, targeting to a more effective **use of existing funds** and **mobilizing new** financial resources,
- **Foster cooperation** for projects' proper implementation, based on enhancing synergies and strategic assessment

Focus Themes of MED EUWI

- **Integrated water resources management (IWRM)**,
with emphasis on planning of national & transboundary bodies;
- **Water supply & sanitation**,
with emphasis on the poorest part of the societies;
- **Water, food, environment interaction**,
with emphasis on fragile ecosystems;
- **Non-conventional water resources**;

and horizontal focus themes:

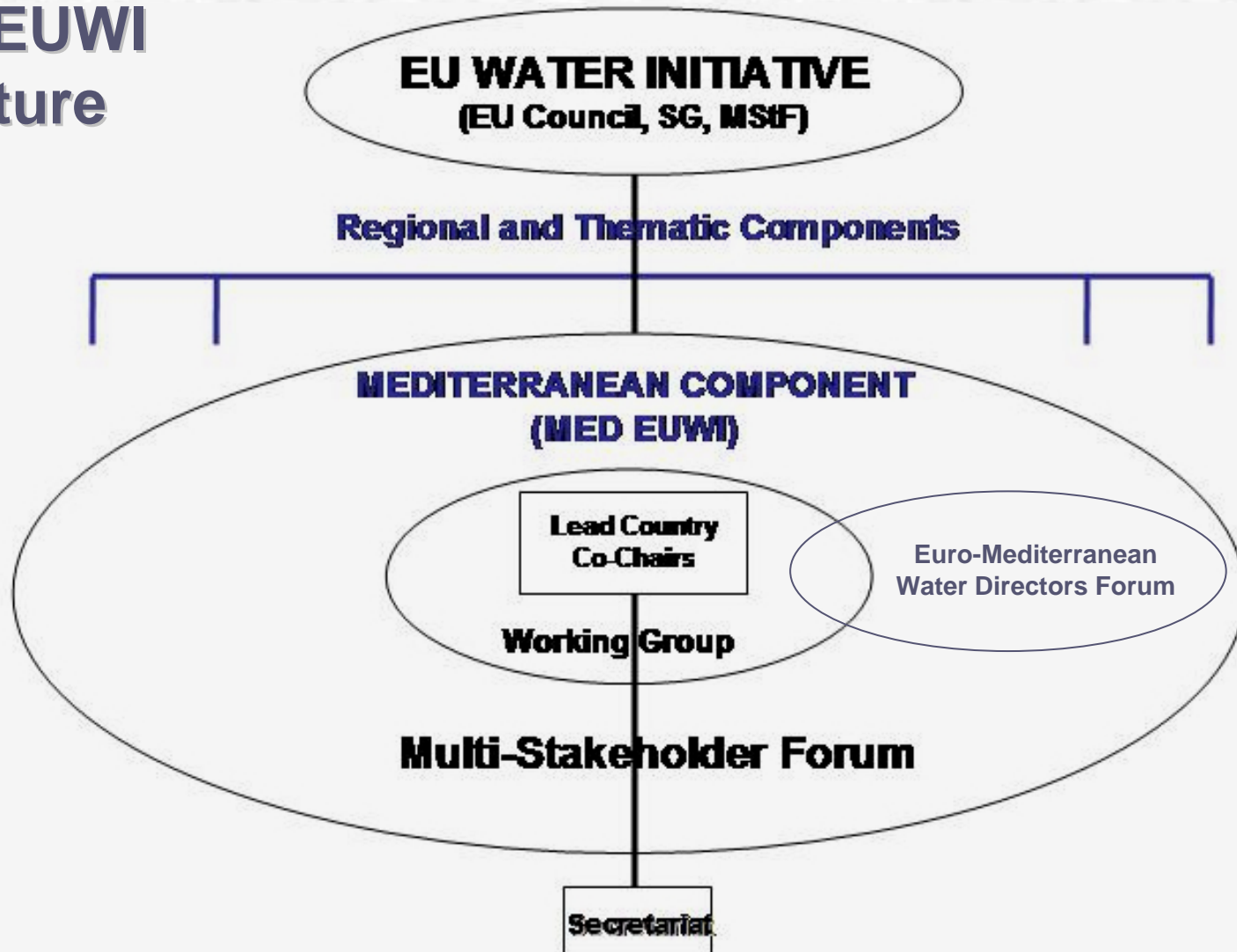
- **Transfer of technology & know-how & training**;
- **Education**

Synergies

Strong synergies & linkages between related, regional Initiatives and Programmes: important elements to ensure effectiveness and avoid overlaps

- Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (Horizon 2020)
- Barcelona Convention (MSSD, MCSD)
- EU financial Instruments (ENPI 2007-2013)
- Bilateral and Multilateral donors, IFIs, Int'l Orgs, GEF, etc
- EU acquis on water (EU WFD)

MED EUWI Structure



MED EUWI work programme – Regional

	Activities	Targets / Purpose per Activity
1	Status assessments of the institutional context on IWRM & WSS in 10 MEDA countries	Overview & mapping of water policies & major water programmes on WSS and IWRM
2	Seminar on status of IWRM national planning in 5 North African countries & Mauritania	Organise Seminars to assess status of national IWRM planning, facilitate dialogue among key involved agencies & identify priority actions to follow up (25-26 January 2006, Rabat)
3	Joint Process EU WFD / MED EUWI	Identification of pilot river basins & implementation of pilot activities, facilitation of Working Groups & leading of the Working Group on Shared Waters
4	Capacity building activities for decision makers and experts on transboundary water resources management in SE Europe	Facilitate multi-stakeholder e-dialogue & organise Workshops to exchange knowledge & present best practises on integrated management of shared lakes & rivers in SE Europe

MED EUWI work programme – National

MED EUWI Country Dialogues (Lebanon 2005, Egypt 2006)

Main Purpose:

- Create a **platform** for multistakeholder consultation on country's **needs** and **priorities**, identifying gaps & deficiencies in achieving targets at country level, **with emphasis on WSS**,
- Discuss and elaborate on **roadmap** & **timetable** for achieving targets,
- Strengthen **coordination** between key national involved partners,
- Further support **donor coordination** & possibly catalyse additional funding for the sector.

MED EUWI work programme – National (continued..)

Example: Policy Dialogue on Water in Egypt

- Launched in November 2006, Cairo
- Demand-driven process
- Increased ownership & active involvement of national stakeholders

Expected to complement the ‘National Water Resources Plan 2017’, the ‘National Master Plan for Water and Wastewater’ & the ‘Rural Sanitation Strategy’ of Egypt,

It is implemented in close collaboration with OECD/EAP Task Force that will carry out financial assessments and strategies,

ToRs for the Dialogue & its Organizational modalities are developed,

Discussions with Egyptian partners are underway to finalize documents and commence data collection.



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