



## **UNION POUR LA MEDITERRANEE**

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### ***Working towards strengthening the coordination of existing Regional initiatives and networks on water information and monitoring***

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> working group meeting***

**2009-03-19 18:00 – 19h30 Spanish Pavillon  
World Water Forum - Istanbul**

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### **Conclusions**

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After a brief speech by Henri-Luc THIBAULT reported the objectives of the proposed initiative, Eric MINO presented the concept note that was circulated to the participants prior to the meeting (version V2.02 attached in annex). Mohammed BLINDA described the Blue Plan activities requiring water data from the Mediterranean countries highlighting the sources of information used today (international data bases, national sources through reports, and experts' estimates), the difficulties faced and the added value of the approach proposed in the concept note.

Some technical clarifications were given during the discussion and the following issues were raised:

- While all the countries agree on the value of a national water information system, in order to ensure that decision makers will support the approach, it is necessary to address the added value of using a “harmonised approach” in each country.
- It has been noticed that some quotes from the Ministerial conference of Dead Sea in Jordan might be confusing as they address a broader scope than data/information, e.g. expertise and policy monitoring. Although, the specific scope of the concept note is described in its introduction, foot notes will be added with the quotes, when necessary.

The draft work plan proposed for the implementation was reviewed. It was suggested to use it as a basis to develop a more detailed proposal that could be presented to the next meeting of the Mediterranean Water Expert Group, with:

- costs estimates for the regional and national activities
- a progressive and pragmatic implementation process based on:
  - a few pilot countries with a limited thematic coverage (e.g. water resources quantitative status)
  - extension to a broader thematic coverage
  - deployment to other countries
- a list of criteria for the selection of pilot countries will also have to be defined

The preparation of this activity will mainly be based on electronic exchanges and web conferences (if necessary). Physical meetings when an opportunity occurs in the framework of another event.

Leading countries, one non EU and one from the EU, should be indentified rapidly to propose the concept note to the Med Water Expert Group.

**Next steps:**

| <b>What</b>  | <b>Who</b>  | <b>When</b>            |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Comments on the concept note   | Working group members   | 31 March               |
| Revised concept note taking into accounts comments received by email and those made during the meeting in Istanbul | Drafting group  | 6 April                |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> list of selection criteria for comments  | Drafting group (EMWIS – Blue Plan) <sup>1</sup>                     | 10 April               |
| Budget requirements and more detailed proposal   | Drafting group  | 24 April               |
| Identification of volunteer country/countries to present the approach to the Expert group                          | Working group participants with their Expert group’s representative |                        |
| Circulation of the concept note to the Expert Group  |   | Mid April <sup>2</sup> |
| Presentation of the concept note to the Expert Group   |   | Mid May <sup>3</sup>   |
| Organisation of a working group meeting side by side with the next Med water Expert Group – MWEG- meeting          | Drafting group  | Mid May (tentative)    |

<sup>1</sup> Other volunteers are more than welcome ! The drafting group will be extended to the lead countries that will bring the concept note to the Med Water Expert Group

<sup>2</sup> If the UfM process is officially “unlocked”

<sup>3</sup> 12 May in Monaco back to back to a FEMIP meeting on water, is a tentative date but not yet confirmed





### Annex 1 Participants and diffusion lists

| Countries        | Participants   | Additional diffusion  |
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| <b>Algeria</b>   | Mr. Khatim KHERRAZ, Agence de Bassin Hydrographique Constantinois-Seybousse-Mellegue, (EMWIS NFP)              | Mr. TERRA, MRE (member of MWEG <sup>4</sup> )<br>Mr Tahar AICHAOUI, MRE<br>Mr. TAIBI, ANRH<br>Mr. Athmane ZEHAR, MATE (Blue Plan FP)  |
| <b>Tunisia</b>   |  | Mr. MEKKI HAMZA, DGRE<br>M.L.Nacef, DGRE/ BIRH (EMWIS NFP)<br>Mr. Nouri SOUSSI, Agence Nationale de Protection de l'Environnement (Blue Plan FP)  |
| <b>Lebanon</b>   |  | Dr. Fadi COMAIR, Ministère de l'Energie et de l'Eau (member of MWEG)<br>M; BAROUD, Ministère de l'Energie et de l'Eau (EMWIS NFP)<br>Antoine GHORAYEB, Ministry of Environment (Blue Plan FP) |
| <b>Jordan</b>    | Mr. Mohammad BANY MOUSTAPHA, MWI   | Eng Mohammed AL MOMANI, MWI (member of MWEG)  |
| <b>Maroc</b>     |  | Mr. Majid BENBIBA, SEEE (member of MWEG)<br>M. Moulay Hassan EL BADRAOUI (Blue Plan FP)   |
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| <b>Italy</b>     |  | Walter MAZZITTI (member of MWEG)  |
| <b>GWP-Med</b>   | Mr. Vangelis CONSTANTIANOS   |   |
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| <b>CEDARE</b>    |  | Mr. Khaled ABU ZEID   |
| <b>Blue Plan</b> | Mr. Henri-Luc THIBAUT<br>Mr. Mohammed BLINDA   |   |
| <b>OIEau</b>     | Mrs. Josiane MONGELLAZ   |   |
| <b>EMWIS</b>     | Mr. Eric MINO  |   |

<sup>4</sup> MWEG : Water Expert Group of the Union for the Mediterranean





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## Annex 2 Agenda

1. **Introduction**
2. **Présentation de la note de concept**  
*Presentation of the concept note*
3. **Présentation de l'intérêt de l'approche**  
*Presentation of the added value of the approach*
4. **Discussion sur l'approche proposée dans la note de concept**  
*Open discussion on the concept note*
5. **Activités potentielles à mettre en œuvre**  
*Review of potential activities to be carried out*
6. **Discussion**
7. **Prochaines étapes**  
*Next steps*

This draft action plan presents a summary of the activities that could be undertaken at the national and regional levels.

### **ACTIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

#### **Organisational and institutional actions**

- Strengthening of the framework for collaboration between institutions at the national level
- Production of metadata
- Definition of the rules for production, management and sharing
- Development of semantic interoperability on priority data
- Organisation of the regular production of item data and indicators and other expected information (e.g.: map, indicators, documentation, summary note, etc.)
- Analysis of procedure effectiveness and identification of the needs for reinforcement of the information infrastructures
- Production of a national action plan for data administration (data master plan)

#### **Drafting of the terms of reference for technical development and training**

#### **Actions for reinforcing technical infrastructures and capacity building**

- Development of infrastructures for information management
- Training of human resources

### **ACTIONS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL**

#### **Development of priority tools for the regional infrastructure**

- Regional Web portal
- Platform of the exchange of information and best practices
- Regional catalogue of metadata
- Data base of the indicators used by the partners
- Production of information (indicators, maps graphs,...)

#### **Development of rules and common reference frames for data and service interoperability**

- Rules for the production and declaration of metadata
- Rules for data confidentiality and sharing
- Data templates and reference frames for semantic interoperability on priority topics
- Rules necessary for technical interoperability
- Development of the first on-line services between regional organisations

#### **Generation of priority synthetic products expected at the regional level**

#### **Actions for technical co-ordination and enhancement of the « acquis »**

- Regional workshops for dialogue /validation
- Co-operation with and support to the other regional bodies
- Drafting and dissemination of the guidance documents and technical procedures

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