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## **International Technical Workshop on Water Balances**

Halting Desertification in the Júcar River Basin (HALT-JÚCAR-DES)

Dissemination activities

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## 1- EMWIS Websitewww.emwis.net/initiatives/desert-jucar/

### SEMIDE

Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know-how in the Water sector

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average size is 92km2. Only the main drainage system, nevertheless comprissing ~1,4 million km of rivers has been kept. The IG is organised in four folders, the "hydrography" provides the current and archived layers of ECRINS, the "documentation" provides the construction, coding and data models, "Ancillary data" provides computed

data (e.g. Corine LC per elementary catchment) and "WISE data" the publicly available data sets reproted under the WFD and which end host is normally ECRINS. When updated data sets (e.g. lakes and dams, river naming, etc.) become available, they will be added in the adequate folder

# 1- EMWIS Websitewww.emwis.net/initiatives/desert-jucar/

26 - 27 November 2012, Nicosia, Cyprus

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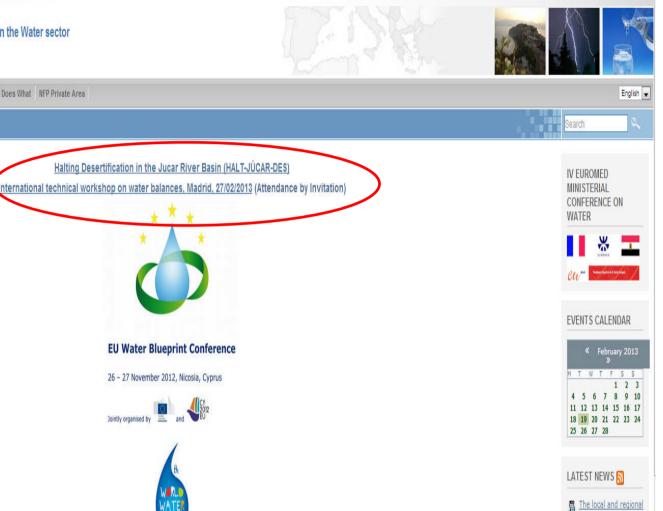
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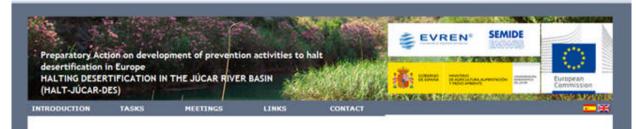


authorities on all three shores of the Mediterranean basin represented in ARLEM are

strongly in favour of a water strategy for the Mediterranean Inosted

### 1- EVREN Website

## www.evren.es/halt-jucar/





The current pilot action funded by the EC (DG Environment) started with the signing of an agreement on 21 December 2011. The Coordinating entity is the Spanish Consulting firm Evaluación de Recursos Naturales, S.A. (EVREN), and the main partner is the Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know-how in the Water sector (EMWIS). In addition, the Júcar River Basin Authority (CHJ) acts as a collaborating entity to ensure the coherence of data compilation and assessment.

The duration of the action is 12 months, and the works will be developed throughout 2012.

#### The objectives of the action

This action aims at obtaining and assessing socio-economic, environmental and climatic data, develop updated water accounts according to water availability and existing demands in the Júcar River Basin district, all which would allow assessing exiding desertification risks. It is intended, through management recommendations and water savings, to contribute to halting water scarcity, drought and desertification in the basin.

Specific objectives include:

- Compile and assess data (flows, precipitation, evapotranspiration, climatic aspects, groundwater levels, demands etc.) and adapt them to the
   European Catchment and Rivers Network System (ECRINS) as well as to the UN System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Water (SEEA-W).
- · Propose a methodology for the management of data and their integration in the aforementioned systems.
- . Obtain updated water accounts and detect desertification risks in the basin.
- Assess results and transmit them to managers and stakeholders through a participative process.
- Establish a series of recommendations for feasible water savings options and management measures targets.
- Transfer and disseminate results to EU and non-EU Mediterranean countries.

on took place in Valencia on 13 February 2012.



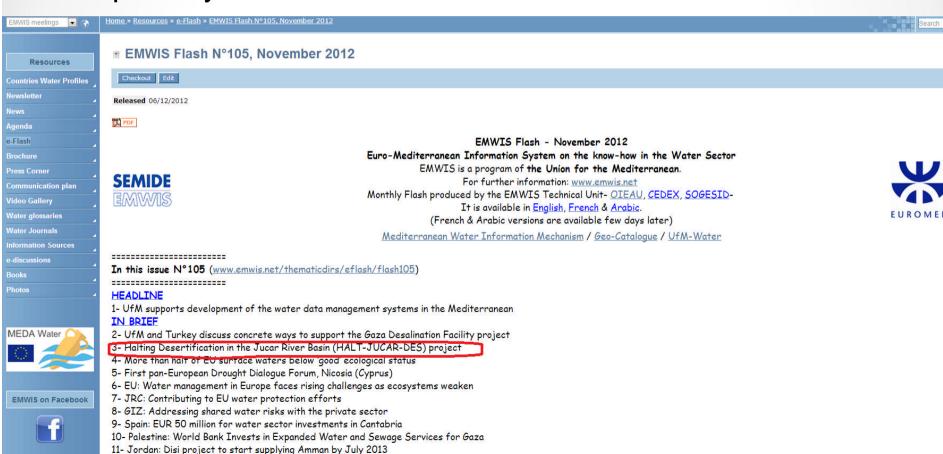
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### 2- EMWIS Flash (e-newsletter)

12- Morocco is threatened by water scarcity

## http://www.emwis.net/thematicdirs/eflash

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and the contract of the 3rd co-ordination meeting of the 2011 Halting Desertification in Europe Pilot projects was organised by the EC (DG Environment) in Brussels, with the participation of the three projects of this action: 1. Assessment of water balances and optimization based target setting across EU River Basins (ABOT), 2. System of Economic and Environmental Accounts for Water in Guadiana 🕒 River Basin (GuaSEEAW) and 3. Halting desertification in the Jucar River Basin (Halt-Jucar-Des). It was the occasion to present the stat of progress of those projects and their preliminary results. Halt-Jucar-Des is coordinated by the Spanish Consulting firm Evaluación de Recursos Naturales, S.A. (EVREN), and the main partner is the Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know-how in the 🖪 Water sector (EMWIS/SEMIDE). A strong collaboration has been established with the Júcar River Basin Authority (CHJ) to ensure the coherence of data compilation, assessment and stakeholders involvement. The project started in January 2012 and will end with a final conference early 2013 to discuss results with stakeholders in the river basin and with water authorities from South Med countries. This action aims to contribute to halting water scarcity, drought and desertification in the pilot basins by supporting the development of drought management plans and in particular the optimisation of measures based on updated water balances (water availability vs. existing demands) using the European Catchment and Rivers Network System (ECRINS) developed by the EEA as geographical reference and the UN System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Water (SEEA-W) at a monthly time scale. Further information on EMWIS website.



#### EMWIS Flash - November 2012

Euro-Mediterranean Information System on the know-how in the Water Sector

EMWIS is a program of the Union for the Mediterranean.

For further information: www.emwis.net Monthly Flash produced by the EMWIS Technical Unit- OIEAU, CEDEX, SOGESID-

> It is available in English, French & Arabic. (French & Arabic versions are available few days later)

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In this issue N°105 (www.emwis.net/thematicdirs/eflash/flash105)

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#### HEADLINE

1- UfM supports development of the water data management systems in the Mediterranean

2- UfM and Turkey discuss concrete ways to support the Gaza Desalination Facility project

3- Halting Desertification in the Jucar River Basin (HALT-JUCAR-DES) project

- 4- More than hair of EU surface waters below good ecological status
- 5- First pan-European Drought Dialogue Forum, Nicosia (Cyprus)
- 6- EU: Water management in Europe faces rising challenges as ecosystems weaken
- 7- JRC: Contributing to EU water protection efforts
- 8- GIZ: Addressing shared water risks with the private sector
- 9- Spain: EUR 50 million for water sector investments in Cantabria
- 10- Palestine: World Bank Invests in Expanded Water and Sewage Services for Gaza
- 11- Jordan: Disi project to start supplying Amman by July 2013
- 12- Morocco is threatened by water scarcity



e-Flash

Brochure

Communication plan

Water glossaries

3- Press

Article published at the magazine: "Les Nouvelles", No. 23 of the International Office for Water (OIEAU), December 2012.

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### SEMIDE

### Mieux gérer les connaissances sur l'eau en Méditerranée

### Vers une labellisation par l'Union pour la Méditerranée (UpM)

Un des engagements pris lors du dernier Forum Mondial de l'Eau organisé à Marseille en mars 2012 était de bâtir des systèmes partagés d'information sur l'eau pour soutenir la coopération et la paix en Méditerranée.

Sous l'impulsion du Secrétariat de l'UpM, les promoteurs de trois projets ayant une dimension d'information régionale se sont réunis en vue de préparer un projet fédérateur ambitieux : le Ministère libanais de l'Energie et de l'Eau, la Ligue Arabe et le **SEMIDE**.

Ce nouveau projet comprend 4 composantes:

une coordination régionale, notamment avec l'Union Européenne (SEIS, WISE, INSPIRE) et les Nations Unies pour des échanges d'expériences; la prépara-

### Optimiser les mesures pour lutter contre les pénuries d'eau

Une des applications possibles du Système de Comptabilité Economique et Environnementale de l'Eau (SEEAW) à l'échelle des bassins versants est de permettre l'optimisation du choix des mesures à appliquer dans le cadre d'un plan de gestion de la sécheresse.

EVREN et le SEMIDE en association avec l'Agence de Bassin du Jucar en Espagne analysent l'intérêt et la faisabilité de cette démarche dans le cadre d'un projet financé par la DG Environnement de la Commission Européenne. Ce travail repose sur l'exercice réalisé par l'Agence Européenne de l'Environnement de calcul systématique des "comptes de l'eau" à l'échelle des bassins élémentaires (base ECRINS).

Observation de la Terre pour une meilleure gestion de l'eau



Le SEMIDE poursuit sa collaboration avec l'Agence Spatiale Européenne, avec un atelier de formation pour les Pays du Sud de la Méditerranée organisé du 3 au 5 décembre à Frascati près de Rome.

- •Workshop on water accounts, Rabat (Morocco), 11-13/09/2012 (Environmental agencies from 'MA, DZ, MR, TN', EEA, UNDS, EMWIS)
- •2nd Steering Committee meeting of the ENPI SWIM-SM, Brussels (Belgium), 17-18/10/2012 (Euromed water authorities, EC DG Env, EEA, EMWIS, regional water organizations & NGOs, etc)
- •1st pan-European Drought Dialogue Forum, Nicosia (Cyprus); 30-31/10/2012 (EU water authorities, EU research projects, EEA, EMWIS)
- •Workshop on "Improving water resources management & adaptation to climate change LDAS Tunisia", Tunis (Tunisia), 22-23/11/2012 (Water & Agri. & remote sensing authorities from Tunisia, EMWIS)
- •ESA EMWIS Workshop: "Exploitation of EO for water management in the MED", Rome (Italy), 3-5/12/2012 (Water authorities from Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia, ESA, EMWIS)

# Initiatives & Projects Project database Mediterranean Union Horizon 2020 EU-WFD EU-MEDA-Water EU-SMAP EU-INCO-MED UNEP-MAP **EU-MEDSTAT-ENV** Halting Desertification in the Jucar River Basin (HALT-JÚCAR-DES) MEDA Water



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### 9 3rd co-ordination meeting of the 2011 Halting Desertification in Europe Pilot projects

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**Draft Agenda** Friday, 9 November 2012 from 10:00 to 15:30

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Est. Timing	Agenda items
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome and introduction – DG ENV D.1
10:15 - 12:00	<ul> <li>Update on the Blueprint to safeguard European Waters and follow-up</li> <li>Presentation of the preliminary results of the 2011 pilot projects</li> </ul>
12:00 - 13:30	Assessment of water balances and optimization based target setting across EU River Basins (ABOT) – Research Institute for Geo-Hydrological protection, Natural Research Council (IT) System of Economic and Environmental Accounts for Water in Guadiana River Basin (GuaSEEAW) – SM Consultores S.L. (ES) Halting desertification in the Jucar River Basin (Halt-Jucar-Des) – EVREN (ES)
13:30 - 14:00	Presentation of the results of the service contract contributing to building of water and ecosystem accounts at EU level and the work of European Environment Agency (EEA) related to the water accounts – Jacques DELSALLE (DG ENV) and Agniezska ROMANOVICZ (EEA) (tbc)
14:00 - 14:45	Comments and discussion
14:45 - 15:00	Next steps

Contact information	n/a
Event type	Seminar
File link	http://www.emwis.net/initiatives/desert-jucar/
File link copy	Final Agenda 3rd Coordination mtq 9Nov12 rtf.rtf (DOC, 97 Kb)
Source	<u>EEA</u>
Subject(s)	HYDRAULICS - HYDROLOGY , INFORMATION - COMPUTER SCIENCES , MEASUREMENTS AND INSTRUMENTATION , METHTODOLOGY - STATISTICS - DECISION AID CLIMATOLOGY , TOOL TERMS , WATER DEMAND
Relation	https://circabc.europa.eu/faces/jsp/extension/wai/ecas/ecaslogin.jsp
Geographical coverage	Belgium,
Address	DG Environment, ROOM A, Beaulieu 5, Brussels
Organizer	EC DG Environment, Directorate D - Water, Chemicals & Biotechnology ENV.D.1 - Water
Target audience	Euro
Duration	FROM 10:00 TO 15:30
Period	09/11/2012

Financial and contractual issues - DG ENV SRD.2 · Submission of draft Final Reports

### Workshop on water accounts, Rabat (Morocco), 11-13/09/2012:

- Organized by UN Division on Statistics and EEA and hosted by the "Haut Commissariat au Plan" of Morocco.
- 40 people with representatives from statistics divisions and water resources management from Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Mauritius and Tunisia; basin authorities, water supply and sanitation companies and environment authorities from Morocco; and international experts from EEA, UNDS, UNEP, Austrian Environment Agency & EMWIS.
- Guidance through hands-on examples was given on how to implement water accounts and statistics in their countries according to SEEA-Water and IRWS, as well as using the SEIS principles.
- Opportunity to introduce the work done at the EU level with ECRINS and water accounts at sub-basin level as well as to present the pilot projects on the use of water accounts to halt desertification and support the choice of measures for drought management plan in particular in the case of the Jucar river basin.

### 1st pan-EU Drought Dialogue Forum, Nicosia (Cyprus); 30-31/10/2012:

- The 1st pan-EU DDF was organized by Drought R&SPI project (Fostering European Drought Research and Science-Policy Interfacing)
   FP7 project: around 45 participants
- Live dialogue between researchers, policy makers & water actors, focused on drought to support further elaboration of policy options mentioned in the Blueprint to safeguard Europe's waters and the implementation of the EU WFD (2nd cycle of River Basin Management Plans).
- The forum discussed drought issues linked to the 3 main policy phases (design, implementation, review).
- Occasion to present targeted (pragmatic) responses for a MED drought cases, often already facing water scarcity. These responses came from an array of different invited projects leads of droughtrelated EU projects and other international projects (including our project: HALT-JÚCAR-DES).
- EU WD presented at the end last November the EU Water Blueprint which includes water accounts approach at the EU Blueprint conference in Nicosia

### 1st pan-EU Drought Dialogue Forum, Nicosia (Cyprus); 30-31/10/2012:

- Presentations of various drought projects:
  - DFWFORA
  - CLIWASEC Cluster (CLIMB, WASSERMed, and CLICO)
  - MIRAGE
  - EPIWATER
  - I-adapt
  - CATALYST
  - IWRM-SMART II
  - SCARCE
  - SICMED
  - WaterCAP
  - Drought Management project (GWP)
  - HALT-JÚCAR-DES
  - African Climate
- A paper will be submitted to "Science of the Total Environment" in which we will contribute on 'drought science-policy substance'.
- Our project factsheet and response to drought (water accounts) will be included in DROUGHT-R&SPI Technical Report.

## 5- Brochures (English & Spanish)

#### Entidad coordinadora:

EVREN, Evaluación de Recursos Naturales, S.A.

#### Entidades participantes:

Sistema Euromediterráneo de información sobre el agua (SEMIDE), Confederación Hidrográfica del Júcar (CHJ).

#### Duración: 12 meses (2012)

Presupuesto: 196.834,00€

#### **Objetivos**

Este proyecto tiene por objeto general obtener y analizar datos socioeconómicos, ambientales y climáticos relacionados con el agua, y crear balances hídricos actualizados en función de la disponibilidad de agua y las demandas existentes en la demarcación hidrográfica del Júcar que permitan realizar un diagnóstico de los riesgos de desertificación en la misma. Se pretende, mediante recomendaciones de gestión y el ahorro de agua, contribuir a frenar la escasez de agua y la desertificación en la cuenca.

Los objetivos específicos incluven:

- Recopilar y analizar datos (caudales, precipitación, evapotranspiración, aspectos climáticos, niveles de acuíferos, demandas, etc.), y adaptarlos al sistema European Catchment and Rivers Network System (ECRINS) desarrollado por la Agencia Europea de Medio Ambiente y al de Contabilidad de Gestión Ambiental de Naciones Unidas enfocado al agua (SEEA-W).
- Proponer una metodología para el tratamiento de datos y su integración en los sistemas mencionados.
- Obtener balances hídricos actualizados y detectar riesgos de desertificación en la cuenca.
- Evaluar los resultados y transmitirlos a gestores y partes interesadas previo a un proceso participativo.
- Establecer una serie de recomendaciones para el ahorro de agua y establecer objetivos factibles de gestión.
- Difundir y transferir los resultados tanto en ámbito comunitario como a países no europeos mediterráneos.

#### Acciones a realizar:

El trabajo se divide en 6 actividades principales:

- 1. Antecedentes y contexto.
- 2. Recopilación de datos y contactos con administraciones y entidades participantes.
- 3. Uso de ECRINS y SEEA-W con los datos recopilados.
- 4. Evaluación y recomendaciones.
- 5. Reuniones y productos tangibles.
- Difusión y actividades orientadas al fortalecimiento institucional.

### Resultados esperados:

Mediante este proyecto se pretende compartir con el sector del agua europeo la posibilidad de realizar balances hídricos detallados que contribuyan a obtener un mejor conocimiento de la situación de las demarcaciones hidrográficas europeas, así como realizar un diagnóstico e identificación de medidas de ahorro y gestión del agua contra la desertificación en la cuenca mediante el uso sostenible del agua en armonía con el medio ambiente. Este ejercicio a su vez, contribuye al proceso político "Blueprint, un plan de acción para salvaguardar las aguas europeas".

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#### Página web:

http://www.emwis.net/iniciatives/desert-jucar

#### Enlaces

www.evren.es, www.emwis.net, www.chi.es

### Pilot Action Halting Desertification in the Júcar River Basin (HALT-JÚCAR-DES)

Preparatory Action on development of prevention activities to halt desertification in Europe







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Project funded by the European Commission (DG Environment).



# 6- Social networks Facebook

EMWIS page at facebook:



### 7- Know-how transfer

- Participation of Morocco & Tunisia representatives in this international workshop:
  - Karima Bensouda, DG of National Accounting (HCP): to present water balances in Morocco
  - Sondes Kamoun, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, DG Planning and Hydrological Balances: to present water balances in Tunisia
- EMWIS will disseminate the results of the project in other Euro-Mediterranean events such as probably:
  - High-level meeting on National Drought Policy, Geneva (Switzerland): 11 15 March 2013 (participation submission accepted)
  - UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference: Economic assessment of desertification, sustainable land management & resilience of arid, semi-arid and dry subhumid areas; Bonn (Germany): 9-12 April 2013
- **EMWIS will disseminate the results of the project** in its next newsletters, and will get in contact with other southern Mediterranean countries (ministries and river basin organizations) in the same line of its efforts to build national water information systems and a regional one, with the aim to encouraging:
  - Integrating water accounts concept and showing its added value
  - Extending ECRINS to South Med countries as a suitable hydrographic data framework reference.









# Thank you for your attention!

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