



Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative

LEAD COUNTRY : GREECE

MEDA WATER Event,
Dead Sea, Jordan, 5-7 December 2005

EU's Water Initiative (Jo'burg 2002)-Characteristics

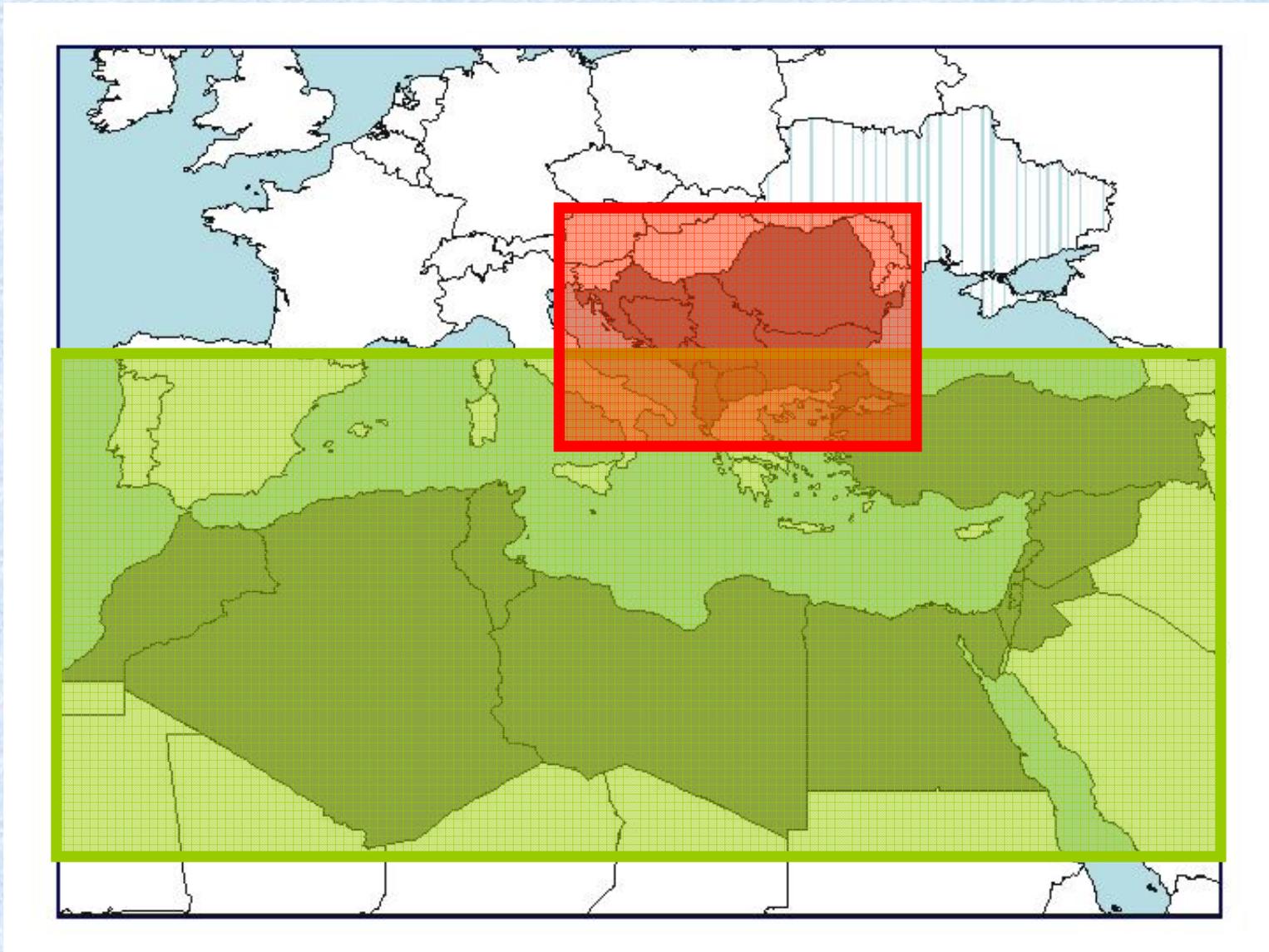
What EUWI is ?

- a platform for strategic and political dialogue on water issues, endorsed at the highest political level
- an open forum for consultation with concerned stakeholders within the EU and in the region
- a time bound process with specific objectives
- a mechanism for improved coordination within the EU and the partner country level
- a mechanism to promote ownership and demand from the partners
- a means to catalyze funding for water resources development and service delivery

What EUWI is not ?

It is not a new organisation
It is not a financial institution or source of finance

Geographical coverage



Objectives (1)

The Mediterranean Component is an integral part of the EU WI and shares its overall objectives

- Reinforce political will and commitment to action
- Make water governance effective and build institutional capacity
- Improve coordination and cooperation
- Increase the efficiency of existing aid flows
- Provide an “umbrella”
- Build on existing initiatives through partnerships

Priorities will be formulated **according** to needs and strategies to be further elaborated in partnership with governments, the EU Commission and major stakeholders

Objectives – Aims (2)

Main AIMS

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

Focus Themes

Focus Themes of the Mediterranean Component

- Water supply and sanitation,
with emphasis on the poorest part of the societies
 - Integrated water resources management,
with emphasis on planning of national and transboundary bodies
 - Water, food and environment interaction,
with emphasis on fragile ecosystems
 - Non-conventional water resources
- and **Horizontal Focus Themes on**
- Transfer of technology and know how & training
 - Education

Assets (1)

The region has a tradition in cooperation and networking, eg

- Euro-Mediterranean Partnership**
- Barcelona Convention and**
- Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development**

Assets (2)

- EU Financial instruments

MEDA

SMAP

LIFE

INCO-MED

... more

CARDS

PHARE

TACIS

...more

- Several EU M.S. have bilateral agreements with Med countries
- Other mechanisms exist
World Bank, EIB, EBRD, IDB, UN bodies, GEF, Overseas ODA, etc.
- EU Water Framework Directive
Enlargement of its impact, through proper adaptation
MED EUWI / WFD Joint Process
- Free Trade Zone 2010 – Euro Mediterranean Partnership
- New Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI, from 2007)

For more information on the



1. Handout distributed contains:

- **Terms of Reference** and Organisational Framework
- **Concept and Vision**
- **Type of Interventions** document
- **Work Programme** for 2005
- **Brief Progress Report** (v. 22 Nov 05)

2. Visit:

- www.euwi.net
- www.minenv.gr

MED EUWI Progress Update:



COUNTRY DIALOGUES Process

Aims of MED EUWI Country Dialogues

MED EUWI Country Dialogues aim to

- identify **gaps** and emerging deficiencies **in current national priorities and implementation process** to achieve MDGs/WSSD targets on WSS and IWRM,
- identify **insufficiencies and bottlenecks** in key prerequisites **posed by donors** for national investments on the water sector,
- identify **types of interventions** and concrete **national framework programmes** to meet targets,
- elaborate, discuss and agree on a **roadmap for achieving targets** at country level,
- assist the establishment of a **permanent platform for cooperation** between key involved partners at the national level including donor agencies.

Main steps of a MED EUWI Country Dialogue

1. Organise Country Dialogue Processes

Country Dialogues involve the following *main steps*:

- Inaugural Workshop,
- Country visits for bilateral and multilateral consultations,
- Workshop to present and endorse the Roadmap,
- Follow up visits.

The purpose of the *Inaugural Workshops* is :

- **inform on MED EUWI** and the process of the Country Dialogue,
- elaborate on **key actions taken** in the country to **meet** water challenges,
- **inform on achievements and orientation** of bilateral and multilateral **aid**
- inform on priority **EU processes**
- discuss a **process** for establishing a **strategic collaboration** among water stakeholders and with donor agencies.

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2. Country status assessment on WSS and IWRM

The Country status assessment will look into:

- status of water sector reform, with an emphasis on WSS and IWRM,
- governance and institutional capacities,
- mechanisms of coordination
- major on-going activities
- key financing mechanisms
- mapping of stakeholders
- gaps and deficiencies on the above
- identification of possible EUWI intervention.

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3. Detailed case studies on current expenditure and needed financing to meet MDG/WSSD targets for WSS and IWRM

Financing sources that would be analysed include

- public budgets,
- public environmental and other special funds,
- user charges,
- private sector investments,
- foreign grants,
- foreign debt,
- etc

Estimate of expenditure needs and financial deficits or surpluses to meet targets, divided by expenditure needs (O&M, capital investments, etc) and **sector** (water supply, sanitation, IWRM)

Collaboration of many ministries, government agencies and institutions is needed

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4. Financing strategies for achieving targets for IWRM and WSS

Financing strategies should include

- scenarios of achieving targets and bridging financial deficits
- recommendations for policy measures and enabling regulatory reforms
- affordability analysis of alternative financial measures
- suggestions on potential roles of stakeholders for applying recommendations
- roles for donors
- possible international collaborations to be established

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5. Country Roadmap to achieve targets

A roadmap would:

- describe targets and indicators
- Identify roles and responsibilities of stakeholders including donors
- describe types of interventions & possible national framework programmes
- modalities for coordination, monitoring and reporting eventually through a multi-stakeholder platform

Roadmaps should achieve as wide as possible ownership and buy-in national water policies

Duration

Depending on many parameters, including

- data availability,
- political will,
- progress already achieved
- stakeholders involvement,
- available resources to support the progress ...

... a Country Dialogue could be completed in 8 to 14 months

... and should not be expected that will solve all problems !

*It should provide some key tools for a long term process
that should carry on at the national level
involving national and international partners
until targets will be achieved*



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