

Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative

LEAD COUNTRY : GREECE

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EUWI - Characteristics

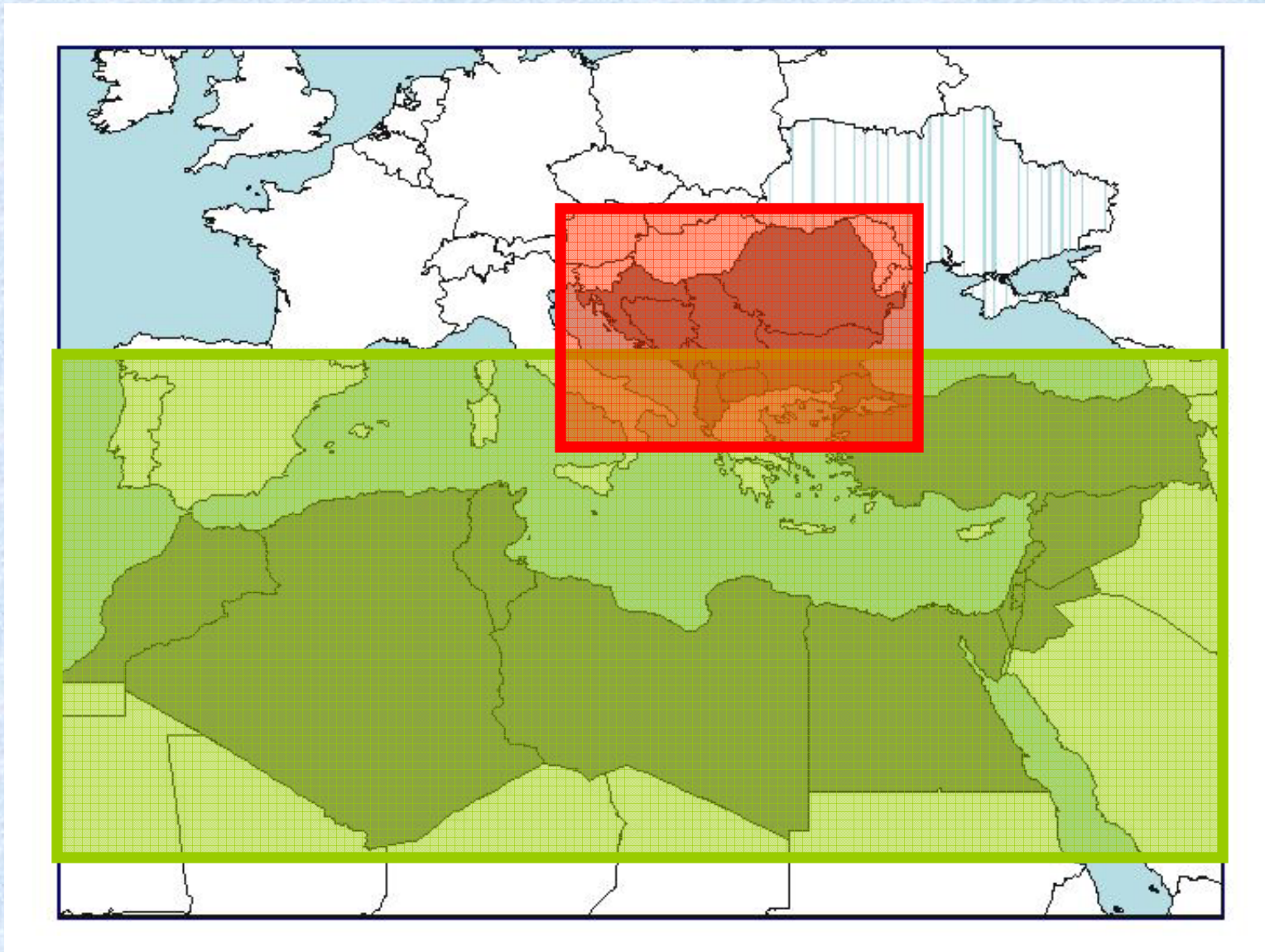
What EUWI is ?

- 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

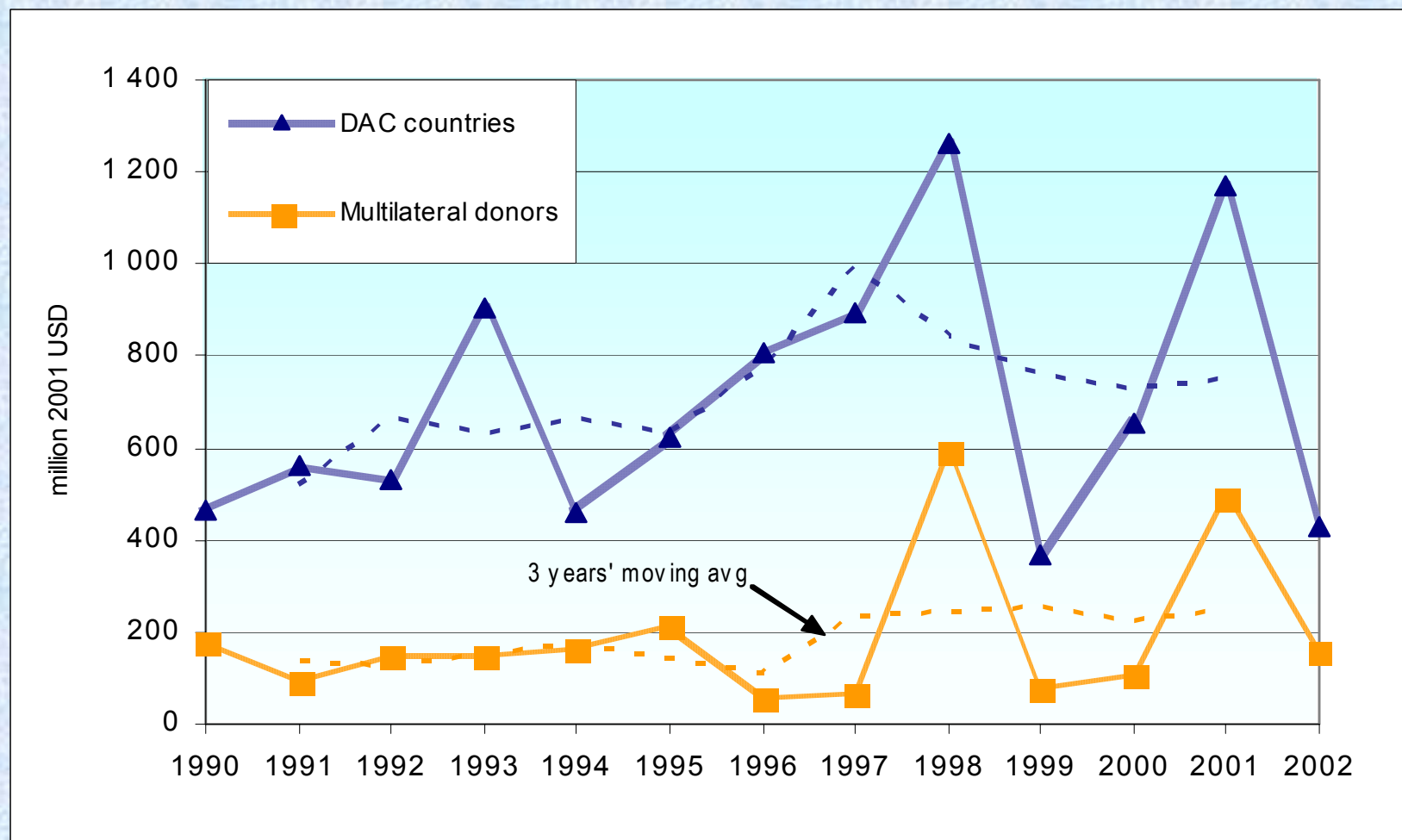
What EUWI is not ?

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

Geographical coverage



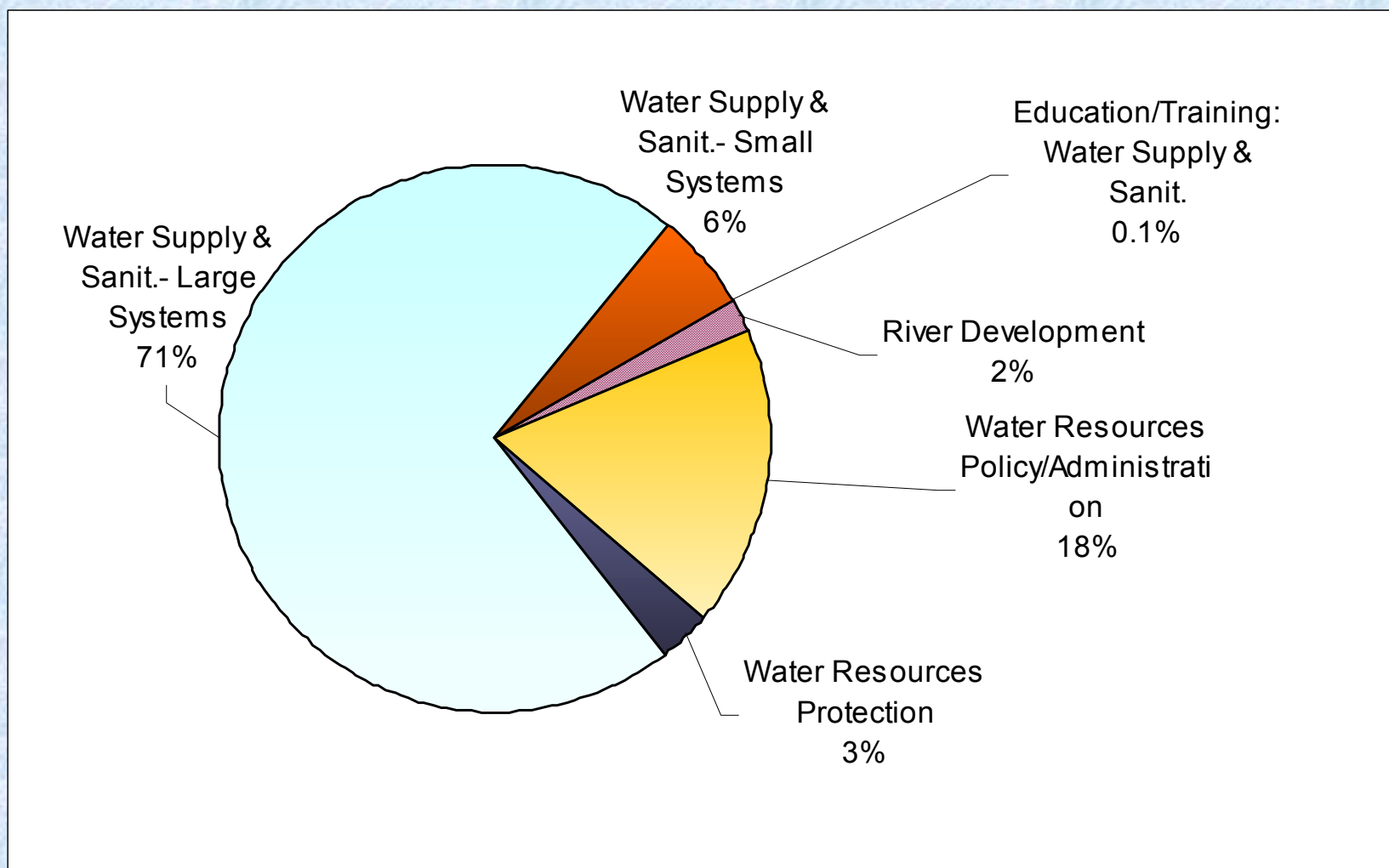
Aid to the water sector in the Med, 1990-2002



Data refer to commitments of ODA/OA and Other Official Flows. Data exclude aid for waste management activities.

Source: OECD CRS Aid Activity Database.

Aid to the water in the Med by subsector, 1996-2002



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Objective

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

Objective

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

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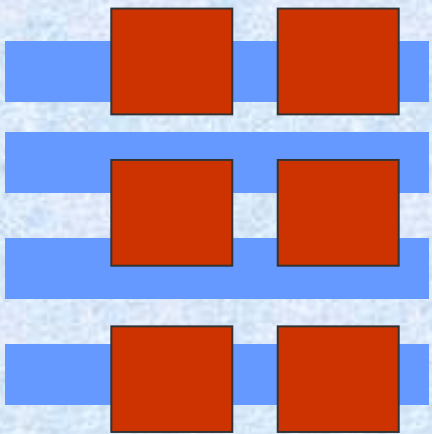
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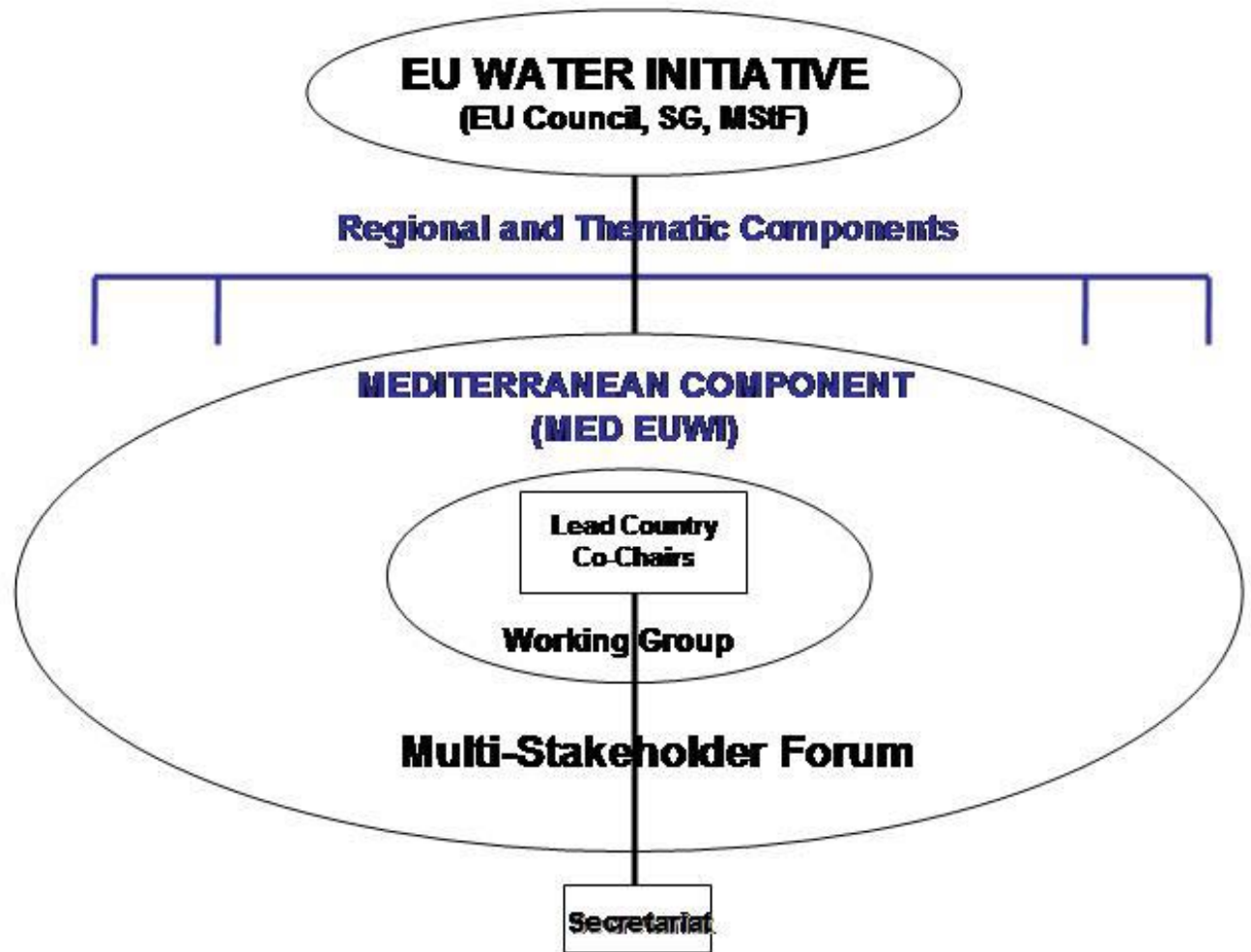
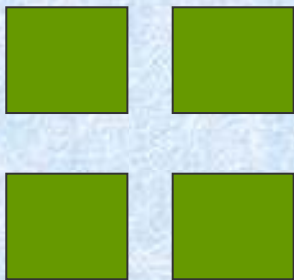
- Several EU M.S. have bilateral agreements with Med countries
- Other mechanisms exist
World Bank, EIB, EBRD, IDB, UN bodies, GEF, Overseas ODA, etc.
- EU Water Framework Directive
Enlargement of its impact
- Free Trade Zone 2010 – Euro Mediterranean Partnership
- New Neighborhood Initiative

Structure of the Component

Building Blocks



Demo Projects



MED EUWI Activity Plan

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OBJ-3. Initiate Prog for water, agriculture & water ecosystems	TH-3. WFE	
OBJ-4. Initiate Prog on Non Conventional Water Resources	TH-4. Non Convent	
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MED EUWI Work Programme 2005 – Progress (1)

ACT 2005	ACTIVITY	PROGRESS in 2005 / NEXT STEPS
1	Baseline Assessment of Regional and National Frameworks to Implement IWRM in the South & East Mediterranean and Southeast Europe elaborated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft ToR elaborated - <i>Resources are expected to become available in autumn</i>
2	Baseline Assessment of Regional and National Frameworks to Implement IWRM: the WFD/EUWI Joint Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall and Thematic Concepts developed - Linkages with the WFD Common Implementation Strategy (WFD CIS) established - Thematic Group meetings organised - <i>Creation of electronic forum for information exchange (current discussions with EMWIS)</i> - <i>Drafting of position papers to be presented in the next EU WDs meeting (28-29/11/05)</i> - <i>Organisation of Thematic Group meetings</i>
3	Regional Workshop on the status of national IWRM planning in South Mediterranean (North African countries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ToR elaborated and submitted - Support by the AfDB confirmed - Consultations with Morocco on-going - <i>Background documents finalized-end September</i> - <i>National consultation in Morocco, October (tbc)</i> - <i>Conference planned for 2nd week of November, Rabat</i>

MED EUWI Work Programme 2005 – Progress (2)

ACT 2005	ACTIVITY	PROGRESS in 2005 / NEXT STEPS
4	Capacity building for decision makers and experts on integrated shared water resources management in Southeast Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ToR elaborated and submitted - Contract with GEF signed - Draft overall Capacity building material developed - Contacts with countries on-going - <i>Partners Coordination Meeting planned for 1st week of August, Athens</i> - <i>1st Capacity Building Workshop planned for end of November, Bonn</i>
5	Assessment and methodological framework for the financial requirements to meet MDGs/WSSD targets related to WSS in the South & East Mediterranean and Southeast Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft ToR elaborated - Project proposal developed - <i>Follow up contacts/negotiations with AidCo</i>
6	Strengthening long term sustainable financing for the environment and water resources in the Mediterranean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Promoted by UNEP GPA -Action Plan completed and case studies selected - <i>Organisation of regional workshop</i>
7	Transfer of results from EC RTD activities towards South & East Mediterranean countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Further explore possibilities with DG Res and Member States</i>

MED EUWI Work Programme 2005 – Progress (3)

ACT 2005	ACTIVITY	PROGRESS in 2005 / NEXT STEPS
8	Country dialogues for prioritization of national needs related to water ODA and identification of existing gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft ToR elaborated - Project proposal developed <p style="color: blue; margin-top: 10px;"><i>Follow up contacts/negotiations with AidCo</i></p>
9	National awareness workshops on access to water knowledge	<p style="color: blue;"><i>Further explore possibilities with DG Res and Member States</i></p>
	Other Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MED EUWI WG ToR and WP 2005 finalized - Document on Types of Intervention drafted - Presentations in regional and national fora - EUWI Side event at the CSD 13, New York - 5th Working Group Meeting organised <p style="color: blue; margin-top: 10px;"><i>- Further explore fundraising possibilities with Member States, EC and IFIs</i></p> <p style="color: blue; margin-top: 5px;"><i>- Participate at the EUWI MSF, Stockholm</i></p> <p style="color: blue; margin-top: 5px;"><i>- Identify country priorities on national level</i></p> <p style="color: blue; margin-top: 5px;"><i>- Explore operational links with the Euro-Mediterranean Water Directors Forum</i></p>

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