



APAT – SYKE Consortium

**Regional Euro-Mediterranean Programme
for the Environment
Regional Management and Support Unit (RMSU)**



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

- **The Regional Management and Support Unit (RMSU), a project financed by the SMAP (Euro-Mediterranean Programme for the Environment), lead by the APAT-SYKE Consortium, represented by the Project Coordinator, Mr. Piero Alberto Carrara, on one side,**

AND

- **The Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know-how in the Water Sector (EMWIS) represented by the President of the Steering Committee, Mr. Juan CANOVAS CUENCA, on the other,**

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT:

The SMAP-Regional Management Support Unit (RMSU) has the task, inter alia, of developing the “SMAP Clearing House”, a “Knowledge Management Mechanism” based on a participatory process to collect, organise and make available existing environmental and sustainable development information sources relevant to the SMAP framework, through a web based information system displaying available information and providing modalities to access existing data.

The Euro-Mediterranean Information system on know-how in the Water Sector gathers the 35 countries, of the Barcelona Partnership, with the support of the European Commission. It aims to gather, certify and disseminate the information useful for better local water management in the Mediterranean region.

AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING

SMAP RMSU and EMWIS will cooperate, at no-cost for both parties, within the scope of their respective tasks, for improving the collection and dissemination of the information and documentation on integrated water resources management within their respective partnership.



In particular:

- ® The RMSU will make available water management project metadata (already published in the SMAP Clearing House) in such a manner that EMWIS can use them automatically via the Internet.
- ® EMWIS and RMSU will collaborate in making available water management project data collected by them to be published in their websites.
- ® EMWIS will provide content for the water management section of the SMAP Clearing House,
- ® The RMSU will create a permanent link between its website and the websites of EMWIS and will foster the dissemination of their information in the Mediterranean basin through the SMAP Bulletin and Mailing list.
- ® EMWIS will create a permanent link between its website, the RMSU website and the SMAP Clearing House and will disseminate the information of the SMAP RMSU initiatives inside its network.
- ® The RMSU will disseminate information material about EMWIS to SMAP stakeholders during the events it is organizing in the region
- ® EMWIS will disseminate information material about SMAP RMSU initiatives among its stakeholders during the events it will organise in the region
- ® The Information Manager of the SMAP RMSU Project and the Coordinator of EMWIS will be invited, as observers, to events of common interest they will organise.

Duration of the Memorandum

This partnership agreement will last six months (July 2005 – January 2006). It can be renewed, unless termination by one party or the other.

Made in Rome, Italy on 30 June 2005

**President of EMWIS
Steering Committee**

Juan CANOVAS CUENCA



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