

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANIZATIONS



EURO-MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION SYSTEM ON KNOW-HOW IN THE WA TER SECTOR



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between

The International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), represented by its President, Mrs. Madeleine JOYE DE GRANDMAISON, and

The Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO), represented by its President, Mr. Juan José MORAGUES TERRADES, on one side,

AND

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

AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

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The International Network of Basin Organizations gathers administrations in charge of water management, river basin organizations and bi and multilateral cooperation agencies. It aims to promote the concepts of integrated water resources management (IWRM) at the level of river basins and to assist, together with the Global Water Partnership (GWP), with the creation and development of river basin organizations over the world. INBO is developing the "AQUADOC- INTERNATIONAL" system for exchanging information, especially among its member organizations, and its Internet Web site www.riob.org -www.inbo-news.org.

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The Euro-Mediterranean Information system on know-how in the Water Sector gathers the 27 countries, signatories of the Barcelona agreements, with the support of the European Commission. It aims to gather, certify and disseminate the information useful for better water management in the Mediterranean region.

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INBO and EMWIS agree to cooperate for improving the collection and dissemination of the information and documentation on integrated water resources management within their respective partnership.

In particular:

-INBO will assist EMWIS with the creation of a section on water management at the level of river basins, in particular the application of the European Union Water Framework Directive, in the Mediterranean riparian countries and with the mobilization of its member organizations and observers for this purpose, within the framework of the Regional Network MENBO and in close collaboration with the Mediterranean Regional Technical Advisory Commit tee (MED-TAC) of the Global Water Partnership (GWP).

INBO will create a permanent link between its website and EMWIS website and will disseminate the information of the Euro-Mediterranean countries inside its worldwide network.

-EMWIS will promote, in a special section, the concepts of water management at the level of river basins and the experiments implemented by INBO members in particular, especially those located in the Mediterranean basin and members of the Regional Network MENBO.

EMWIS will create a permanent link between its website and the websites of INBO, MENBO and AQUADOC INTERNATIONAL and will foster the dissemination of their information in the Mediterranean basin.

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This partnership agreement will last four years (2005 -2008). It Gan be renewed, unless termination by one party or the other.

The Presidents of INBO, MENBO and EMWIS Steering Commit tee will be invited, as observers, respectively to the meetings of the Steering and Technical Commit tees of EMWIS, of the Liaison Bureau and General Assembly of INBO and MENBO, and to events of common interest they will be organizing.

Made in Marrakech, on 23 May 2005

President of EMWIS Steering Committee

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