

# Union for the Mediterranean

## WATER EXPERT GROUP

First Meeting  
Athens, Greece, 7-8  
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Ressources, territoires, habitats et logement  
Énergie et climat  
Prévention des risques  
Développement durable  
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du Développement durable et de la Mer

# Union for the Mediterranean & Water

**Heads of States & Governments Summit, Paris, 13/07/08**

*Co-chairs: EG / FR*

**Ministerial conference Foreign Affairs, Marseille, 3-4/11/08**

- Calendar for 2009  
- Links with the ENV ministerial conference.

**Ministerial conference SD Projects, Paris, 25/06/09**

List & criteria of Water Projects

**Ministerial Conference on Water, Jordan, 22/12/08**

*Co-chairs EG / FR / JO, as host country*

**WATER EXPERT GROUP**  
*Co-chairs: 1 EU / 1 Mediterranean*  
*in Sept.09 (FR-SE) / EG*

## OBSERVERS

*Local authorities, civil society: private sector, water management stakeholders, int. & regional organizations, funding inst. Donors, other bodies*

May be invited as observers  
**Annex 1-14c**

**TECHNICAL DRAFTING GROUP**

**UfM SECRETARIAT**

**Barcelona**

*Deputy Secretaries General :  
Palestinian Authority, Greece,  
Israel, Italy, Malta, Turkey*

*The Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference in Jordan in October 2008 will define a Mediterranean water strategy, promoting conservation of water resources, diversifying water provision resources and efficient and sustainable use of water*  
**Annex of the declaration**

**- Set up the WEG art. 5**  
**- Mandat of the WEG:**  
*Elaborate and assist implementation & follow up of the Strategy, Art.5 and Annex 1-14a:*  
*1. Tasks & Technical inputs for ministerial meetings including those of the Jordan declaration*  
*2. Technical inputs to initiatives & processes*  
*3; develop draft annual work plan based on calendar & tasks of the Jordan declaration*

# Union for the Mediterranean & Water: Calendar

From the Jordan declaration,  
Annex 1-15

- a. WEG: 2 meetings before end 2009
- b. Adoption of the SWM: Min. Conf. Water 2010  
To be submitted to the UfM Summit
- c. Developing strengthened coordination of existing Med networks of Information & Expertise : First discussions early 09 including development of partnerships as from 09

## UPDATED CALENDAR

**WEG 1:** **07/09/09** *Greece*  
**WEG 2:** **04/11/09** *Egypt*  
**Min. conf. on ENV:** **Oct. 09** *Croatia*  
**WEG 3:** **early 10** **tbd**  
**Min. conf. on WATER:13-14/04/10** *Spain*  
**Min. conf on AGRICULTURE:** **10** **tbd**  
**Heads of States Summit:** **end 10**

**NL-EG conf.** **2-3/11/09** *Egypt*  
**CGLU-Med conf.** **23-24/11/09** *France*  
**Civil Society / Water Financing session** **early 10** **tbd**

# Union for the Mediterranean & Water: Road Map – Draft Work Program

From the previous political declarations, including mandates and calendar, the Draft annual Work Plan of the WEG includes the following tasks TO BE DISCUSSED TODAY:

## • SWM:

- Elaboration of the SWM (*art.5 Jordan Decl.*):
  - identification of Key Issues to be addressed and agreement on a common understanding based on the Guidelines (*Annex 1 Jordan Decl.*);
  - setting up of a TDG ;
  - mobilisation of the WEG through forthcoming meetings;
  - Mobilisation of other partners (stakeholders *art.8 Jordan Decl.* & funding institutions *art.7 Jordan Decl.*) through conferences within the UfM framework
- Development of a related Action Plan (*art.16 Jordan Decl.*)
- Adoption by UfM ministers (*art.16 Jordan Decl.*) , after EU and UfM procedures
- Submission to UfM Heads of States & Governments (*annex 1-15b*)

## • Water Projects:

- List of water projects:
  - proposals by UfM partners (*Annex 2 Jordan Decl.*);
  - collection by the co-presidency in the coming months (*Paris Decl.*);
- Criteria for water projects: guidelines included within the SWM (*Art. 15 Jordan Decl. , Paris Decl.*);

## • Information & Expertise network (*art. 10,11,Annex 1-13 JD*):

- Facilitating development of national information systems
- Developing exchange systems on 4 issues

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## Session 2



# Union for the Mediterranean & Water: SWM OBJECTIVES

Objectives	Measurable <b>qualitative</b> objectives	Measurable <b>quantitative</b> objectives
<p>Two main goals</p> <p>Conservation of <b>water quality</b> including prevention of further deterioration</p>	<p><i>For every kind of water</i></p> <p>e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>For Barcelona Convention parties:</i></li> <li><i>Protected marine areas, etc.</i></li> <li>- <i>For Mediterranean EU Member States: WFD and Marine Directive</i></li> </ul> <p>.....TBC</p>	<p><i>For every kind of water</i></p> <p>-</p>
<p>Balance between quantity of <b>water used and quantity of water available</b> including mitigating and preventing consequences of droughts and water scarcity</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Water savings at regional level to be determined (work in progress notably by Blue Plan)</i></li> </ul> <p>.....TBC</p>



# Union for the Mediterranean & Water: SWM INSTRUMENTS & MEANS

<i>Instruments / means</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Level of priority and commitment</i>
<b>Instruments mentioned in art. 1v of the declaration</b>		
Improved efficiency of all water uses		
Appropriate governance arrangements		
Legislation and institutional arrangements	<i>e.g. water laws based on IWRM</i>	
Effective national and local planning		
Innovative financial mechanisms		
Tariff policies	<i>e.g.</i> <i>- encouraging metering</i> <i>- developing progressive tariffs</i>	
Standards,		
labels,		
alternative solutions	<i>e.g.</i> <i>- Promote treated waste water reuse when developing WWTP</i>	
<b>Recommendations of the 4 key themes papers on:</b>		
a. Advancing on Water governance		
b. addressing climate change		
c. optimising water financing		
d. water demand management and non conventional water resources		

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## Introduction

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Underlying the problems mentioned in Para1i and the framework suggested in para 1.ii

Including the links with existing initiatives, challenges, cross cutting aspects, the added value of the SWM, the 4 key themes to be addressed

## Measurable Objectives of the SWM

LEADER: .....

At regional level:

- On water quantity
- On water quality

## Instruments and Means of the SWM:

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- To achieve the measurable objectives, including the Key Themes on climate change and water demand management (Themes b. and d.)
- To address the two general Themes on Governance and Financing

## Indicators for a follow up of the SWM

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Directly linked to the objectives

## Related Criteria for water projects in line with the SWM LEADER:.....

Based on the objectives, instruments and indicators defined for the SWM

