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Système Euro-  
Méditerranéen  
d'information sur les  
savoir-faire dans le  
domaine de l'Eau



النظام الأوروبي- متوسطي للإعلام  
حول المعرفة في ميدان المياه

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Euro-Mediterranean  
Information System on  
know how in the water  
sector

# The Euro-Med Partnership in the water sector



Barcelone'95	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of Foreign Affairs Ministers</b> <i>Creation of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership</i>
Marseille'96	<b>Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial conference on water management</b> <i>EMWIS creation</i>
Helsinki'97	<b>Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on the environment</b> <i>EMWIS taken into account</i>
Naples'97	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of the 27 Water General Directors</b> <i>Approval of EMWIS</i>
Turin'99	<b>Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial conference on local water management</b> <i>Approval of the Action Plan for the MEDA Water call for proposals</i> <i>Strengthening of EMWIS</i>
Madrid'01	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of the Water Directors</b> <i>Approval of EMWIS Strategic Plan for Phase II</i>
Rome'05	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of the Water Directors</b> <i>Approval of EMWIS Strategic Plan for 10 years</i>
Athens'06	<b>Euro-Mediterranean conference of the Water Directors</b>





# Action Plan 2008-2011



Public Regional and National water information services

Regional and National water observation mechanism

Euro-Med Water Directors forum



# Main relevant partnerships

- **INBO / MENBO**
  - Water management at river basin level
  - Implementing WFD concepts
- **World Water Council**
  - 5th World Water Forum
  - Promoting EMWIS concepts and water observation mechanism
- **European Environment Agency**
  - Interface between EMWIS & WISE
  - Methodology and tools for National Water Information Systems
  - Monitoring Horizon 2020
- **Med EUWI**
  - Dissemination, support for collaborative working
  - Water directors conference
- **BALWOIS: Balkan water observatory information system**
  - EMWIS extension to Balkan countries
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# Building trust and confidence

*Between countries and water stakeholders within each country  
is a key part of EMWIS activity*

- **EMWIS reflects a real need and a strong demand of all the partners with an approach based on**
  - Transparency
  - Distributed management reflecting the information ownership
  - Voluntary participation
  - Level of access defined by the information owners (confidentiality)
  - Delivery of official information (validated)
- **A very powerful tool supporting the implementation of sustainable development policies in the field of water management**
  - Giving access to knowledge in the institutional, technical, and know-how fields



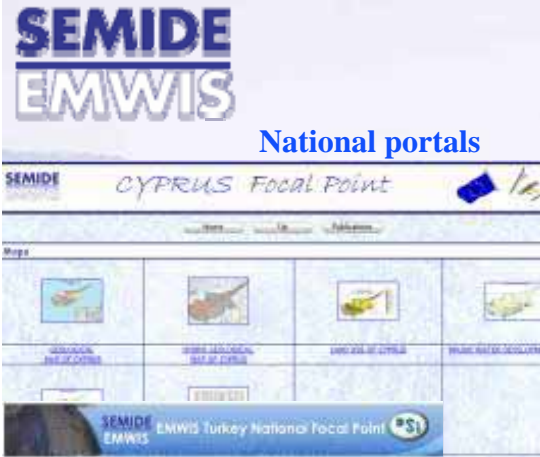
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National portals



Thematic forums/folders

Ground water, water scarcity  
Water glossaries, satellite images, etc.

Clearing house for EU programs and initiatives

Regional water projects database

Monthly eNews Flash in Arabic, English and French



Common taxonomy (multilingual thesaurus)

