



**SWIM-SM CONCEPT NOTE ON FINANCING
ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR 2014 PLAN OF ACTIONS**



1 PREAMBLE

Capacity development for resource mobilization to curb the degradation of water resources is a component of SWIM-SM that has been identified as a need in the PCs. This component falls under pillar 2 Economic Valuation and Financing and synergizes with pillar 1: non-conventional water. It also supports the implementation of Horizon 2020, IWRM and ICZM plans and strategies in the different PCs and aims to engage a long-term dialogue with and between the public and private sector stakeholders and develop their capacities to access financing through IFIs and PPPs. Synergies have been built with EIB, MeHSIP, OECD, and UfM.

2 APPROACH AND IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

Training of relevant stakeholders on the different aspects of resource mobilization has been the approach of SWIM-SM with activities started in 2013 and aiming to continue in 2014 based on the feedback from PCs.

2.1 2013

1. **Activity 2.2.7-2.2.9. Training workshop on Strengthening Public Sector Capacity to Mobilize Depollution Investments and Private Sector Participation.** A training workshop on financing water and wastewater infrastructure through IFIs and the private sector was organized in partnership with EIB, MeHSIP, OECD, UfM and GWP-MED and hosted at the premises of EIB. The aim of the training workshop was to build the capacity of stakeholders from the public and the private sector in the SWIM PCs in the mobilization of resources for water and wastewater infrastructure through theoretical knowledge covering preparation of bankable projects for submission to IFIs, and the different legal, institutional, technical, and administrative aspects of PPP, the sharing of experiences among countries, the engagement of dialogue between the different stakeholders and the building of partnerships with the main players in the field.

3 OBJECTIVES AND PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2014.

The objectives for 2014 are to build on the previous years of the SWIM-SM project and ensure the sustainability of its vision, actions and achievements. Specific aspects of resource mobilization needing additional support by SWIM-SM emerged during the implementation of Activity 2.2.7-2.2.9, these are: Risk and the role of insurance companies, the role of Central Banks in facilitating investments, and the sustainability of the work on financing.



2. **Activity 2.2.13 - Workshop for building the capacity of the public sector and the private Insurance Sector in identifying, assessing and managing risk in Private – Public Partnership.** This activity will involve the public sector and local and international insurance companies. Understanding and properly allocating risks are a pre-requisite for successful Public private Partnerships (PPPs). Although having an important role in PPPs, insurance companies are still left out of stakeholder list. This training responds to the capacity building needs of the public and private sector in risk and insurance.
3. **Activity 2.2.8 Regional conference on lessons learnt in water infrastructure projects with emphasis on wastewater treatment and funding schemes including private sector participation.**The objective of this activity is to share lessons learned by the MeHSIP project on financing wastewater infrastructure, initiate dialogues between the different concerned parties and build a long term platform for moving forward the financing of water and wastewater infrastructure.The activities on financing have been organized by SWIM-SM with the involvement of the UfM labeled project “Finance and Governance”. One of the activities of this project is to create a permanent platform for financing water and wastewater infrastructure in the Mediterranean. The platform will involve relevant local and international public and private sectors, International Financing Institutions (IFIs), international organizations and civil society. This platform will provide long-term support to the different stakeholders in capacity building, policy dialogue, policy support, and project identification and investment. SWIM-SM, in partnership with the “Finance and Governance” project will provide support to the initiation of this platform during a regional conference involving all concerned and interested stakeholders as detailed hereafter. This platform will provide the sustainability for the work of SWIM-SM on financing water and wastewater infrastructure.