

Synergies

SWIM is operationally linked to the objectives of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI) in assisting South Mediterranean countries to meet the water-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)¹ and Johannesburg (WSSD)² Targets.

It builds on the four major themes of the draft Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean elaborated in the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean, namely water governance, water and climate change, water financing and water demand management and efficiency.

The project complements and adds value to the Horizon 2020 Initiative to depollute the Mediterranean Sea by addressing in particular water issues, in synergy with three relevant EC funded Programmes, namely the Mediterranean Hot Spots Investment Programme - Project Preparation and Implementation Facility (MeHSIP-PPIF), the Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (CB/MEP) and the ENPI Shared Environmental Information System (ENPI/SEIS).

Furthermore, SWIM links to other related regional processes, such as the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) elaborated in the framework of the Barcelona Convention, and on-going pertinent programmes, i.e. the UNEP/MAP GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem (MedPartnership) and the World Bank GEF Sustainable Mediterranean.

¹ "To halve the percentage of the world population without a sustainable access to safe water and basic sanitation by 2015, compared to 1990 levels".

² "To develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans by 2005, with support to developing countries".

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Sustainable Water Integrated Management - Support Mechanism



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SWIM-SM... in a Nutshell

Sustainable Water Integrated Management - Support Mechanism (SWIM-SM) is a project funded by the European Union with a budget of € 6,7 Million and with a duration of 4 years (2010-2014).

It contributes to the implementation and extensive dissemination of sustainable water management policies and practices in the Southern Mediterranean region. This is in the context of increasing water scarcity, combined pressures on water resources from a wide range of users, desertification processes and in connection with climate change.

Our Partner Countries are:

- Algeria
- Egypt
- Israel
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Morocco
- The occupied Palestinian territory
- Syria
- Tunisia

SWIM-SM aims at:

- Supporting Partner Countries with the design and implementation of integrated water management policies and practices, in liaison with on-going initiatives relevant to the Mediterranean region.
- Contributing to the development of capacities, the sharing of experiences and the replication of good practices.
- Raising awareness on the threats on water resources, the necessity to switch to more sustainable water consumption models and possible solutions to face challenges.

Expected Results Concern:

Improved Water Governance by ensuring that national water strategies and plans properly address internationally accepted principles of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).

Enhanced Water Mainstreaming by integrating water considerations in relevant policies, strategies and development plans.

The long-term empowerment of water institutions by promoting capacity building activities and by strengthening professional networks that will also continue the activities beyond the duration of the project.

The application of Sustainable Water Management Plans by strengthening dialogue, promoting exchange of experience among water intensive sectors, and harmonising approaches on issues related to the draft Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean and the Horizon 2020 Initiative.

The identification and dissemination in the Mediterranean region of good practices and success stories on water management and de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea and the promotion of pilot projects in view of multiplying their effects and encouraging replication.

The promotion of communication and awareness raising activities adapted to regional and national key stakeholders inside and outside the water sector, including civil society, the media and the general public.

Technical support to the implementation of demonstration projects, including strengthening their interactions and visibility.

Concerted Actions for a Brighter Water Future

SWIM is articulated in two inter-related and integrated components:

- **SWIM Support Mechanism, which is presented herewith (EU budget: € 6,7 Million)**
and
- **SWIM Demonstration / Pilot Projects (SWIM-DM) (EU budget: € 15 Million)**

The Projects will be selected through a call for proposals, which was procured in early 2011. They will support the application of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) principles through practical, replicable and sustainable actions of regional character.

The Support Mechanism will provide technical assistance to the projects, secure interlinks and information flow among them, identify best practices and replication potential. It will also guarantee regular feedback to governments in relation to the projects' progress and results while providing real-life examples of how regional dialogue can enhance IWRM and produce positive impacts on people.

