

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between :

- **The World Water Council (WWC)**, represented by its Director General, Mr. Ger BERGKAMP,

and

- **The Euro-Mediterranean Information System on the Know-How in the Water Sector (EMWIS)** represented by the President of the Steering Committee, M. Walter MAZZITTI,

Taking into account that:

The World Water Council was established in 1996 in response to increasing concern from the global community about world water issues. Its mission is to promote awareness, build political commitment and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, to facilitate the efficient management and use of water in all its dimensions and on an environmentally sustainable basis

In 2004, the WWC initiated the Water Monitoring Alliance, a programme aimed to facilitate the interlinking of monitoring activities. The objective of the Alliance is three-fold: improving access to water-related information, contributing to better coordination of monitoring activities, and ultimately, contributing to the strengthening of monitoring capacities at all levels.

The Euro-Mediterranean Information System on Know-How in the Water Sector gathers 37 countries of the EuroMed Partnership, with the support of the European Commission. It aims to gather, certify and disseminate relevant information for further improving water management in the Mediterranean region.

Furthermore, the EMWIS has been assigned the mandate to carry a feasibility study on regional water observation in the Mediterranean by Water Ministers in November 2005. This mechanism would be based on available national information produced by national information systems.

AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING :

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The WWC and the EMWIS agree to collaborate for improving the collection and dissemination of information and documentation on observation, monitoring and evaluation processes related to the water sector within their respective partnerships.

In particular:

The EMWIS will promote the WMA, and facilitate the development of partnerships between the WWC/WMA and EMWIS partner countries interested, enabling access to regional and national data and dissemination through the WMA website (input for the WMA database and Profiles) in the framework of the Mediterranean water observatory mechanism,
The EMWIS commits, within its available resources, to provide on request expertise / technical assistance through the WMA to support strengthening local monitoring activities,
The EMWIS allows the WWC to display news produced by EMWIS, related to water in the Euro-Mediterranean area, on the WMA website;
The WWC will promote the results of the study on the development of a regional water observation mechanism in the Mediterranean through the WMA website
The WWC will promote the regional water observation mechanism concept and the process developed by the EMWIS as a best practice initiative for possible duplication in other regions, notably in the framework of the World Water Forum in Istanbul in 2009;
The WWC will actively take part in the experts group for the study on the water observation mechanism in the Mediterranean region;

The EMWIS and the WWC will provide reciprocal hyperlinks to their websites and descriptive pages on their initiatives, and support the dissemination of information to their contacts (newsletters, e-flashes).

The EMWIS and the WWC will jointly produce an annual report on the achievements of the partnership to be submitted to their respective governing bodies.

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This partnership agreement will last 4 years (2008-2012) and will be automatically renewed unless terminated by one of the parties.

The scope of the agreement may evolve as the partnership develops and new areas of collaboration emerge. Any modifications in the nature and modalities of implementation of the partnership will be done by mutual consent and will be subjected to specific amendments, stipulating the modified elements of the agreement.



The Director General of the WWC and the President of the Steering Committee of the EMWIS, respectively, will be invited as observers, to events of common interest that they organise.

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