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Kick-off meeting of the 6th Mediterranean Water Forum

« **Euromediterranean water forum** »

« **Water: a common challenge, a collective solution** »

30 September & 1st October 2025, Ankara, Turkey

(Introductory Note - Draft 1)

In coherence with all the initiatives and programmes launched in the region, the Mediterranean Water Forum aims to:

- To foster consultation and dialogue between key water stakeholders in the Mediterranean in order to propose priorities for water and the environment, thus harmonising the voice of the Mediterranean community in international and regional events;
- To prepare, based on this mobilisation of the Mediterranean Water Community, the participation of the Mediterranean in the World Water Forum through the Europe and MENA regional processes by addressing all the questions related to water in the Mediterranean.

As an important step in the preparatory process for the World Water Forum, the Mediterranean Water Forum is considered as a Mediterranean platform for exchange and know-how and experiences in the field of water with a view to provide solutions and responses, while taking into consideration the current drought conditions that have affected the Mediterranean region for several years now.

After Marrakech (Morocco) in 2011, Murcia (Spain) in 2014, Cairo (Egypt) in 2018, Malta in 2021 and Tunis (Tunisia) in 2024, the **6th Mediterranean Water Forum** will be held in **Rome from 29 September to 2 October 2026** upon invitation of the « One Water Committee Italy » gathering together 7 Ministries (Foreign Affairs, Environment, Agriculture, Health, Infrastructure, Civil Protection, University and Research), the host City of Rome and Lazio Region, and the private and public sectors.

The 6th edition of the Mediterranean Water Forum will be launched in Ankara on 30 September and 1st October 2025 upon invitation of the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Union for the Mediterranean (UFM), One Water Committee Italy (OWC) and the Mediterranean Water Institute (IME).

On this occasion, the Union for the Mediterranean and the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry will organize the 15th Regional Platform on Water intended to prepare the next Ministerial Declaration on Water of the 43 UfM member countries.

The main theme of the 11th World Water Forum, which will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 22 to 26 March 2027, will be « *Action for a better future* », and discussions will focus on identifying effective solutions and practices for achieving the SDG6 goals for all through good water management.

This theme is of crucial importance for the Mediterranean Region where demographic trends, socio-economic challenges and the effects of climate change have a major impact on water management. However, to ensure its sustainable development, the Mediterranean Region has always been able to manage and transform the challenges brought by water scarcity into opportunities.

The 6th Mediterranean Water Forum « EuroMed Water Forum » will address issues closely related to the priority axes of the 11th World Water Forum Framework for Action, which were defined during its kick-off meeting held last April in Saudi Arabia. On this occasion, IME was invited to present the key-messages and outputs of the Mediterranean regional process of the 10th World Water Forum of Bali 2024.

The Mediterranean priorities have been defined by the Committee of the 6MWF in link with the 11WWF themes namely:

THEMES OF THE 11 th WORLD WATER FORUM	MEDITERRANEAN PRIORITIES
Water Security	<i>Droughts and Flows for Early Warning Program</i>
Water for Human and Nature	<i>WEFE nexus (Water/Energy/Food/Environment)</i>
Water Finance	<i>Governance, Blended Finance and Mediterranean Water Fund</i>
Value of Water	<i>Water Footprint VS Water Risk</i>
Water Diplomacy	<i>Water Rights and Right of Water</i>
Water Innovation	<i>Innovations, Digital and Artificial Intelligence Artificielle for Water</i>

Sessions based on Mediterranean themes will be organised in the form of working groups in order to initiate the exchanges and points of view that will be developed during the 6th Mediterranean Water Forum.

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