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# Water Framework Directive / EU Water Initiative

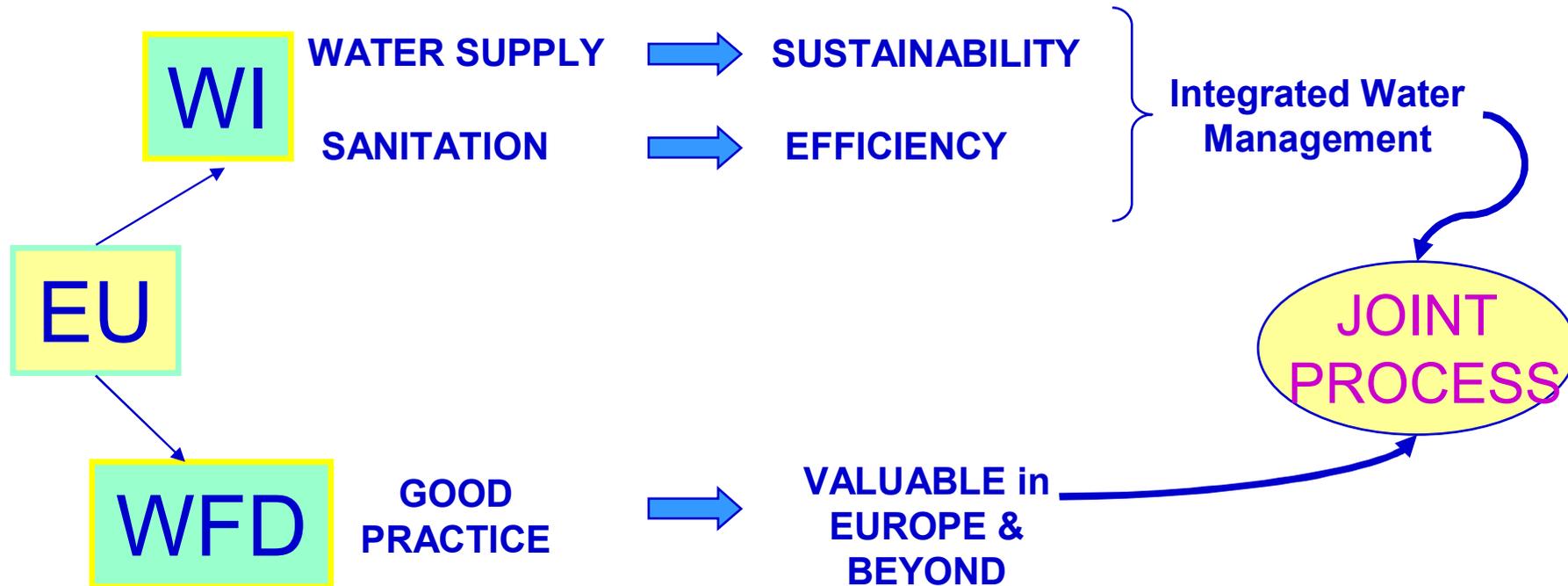
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# WHY?





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## OBJECTIVE



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### *Water Framework Directive / EUWI JP*

- Facilitate Development of sound water management practices in *non-EU countries* by using *-where appropriate-* the EU WFD principles
- Facilitate the implementation of the WFD in *EU countries* by using non EU experience and new solutions



# BACKGROUND



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- **Nov. 2003:** First ideas & discussions with African partners ;
  - **June 2004:** Presentation of the concept, EUWI-MSF;
  - **June 2004:** Agreement on the process by the EU Water Directors;
  - **August 2004:** MSF ~ Specific session on linkages WFD/EUWI; [Stock](#)
  - **Sept. 2004 :** First Regional Process – MED; [Brindisi](#)
  - **Dec. 2004 :** Endorsement of the global strategy and Agreement on the 2005 MED activities by the EU Water Directors
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# GENERAL STRATEGY



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- **Geography / hydrology / ecoregions**
  - **Targets: Technical & political levels**
  - **Development & implementation in MED;**
  - **Design & implementation in EECCA;**
  - **Initiation in Africa.**

## ***COORDINATION OF THE JP :***

- **EUWI: WGs / regional components**
- **WFD: Water Directors**

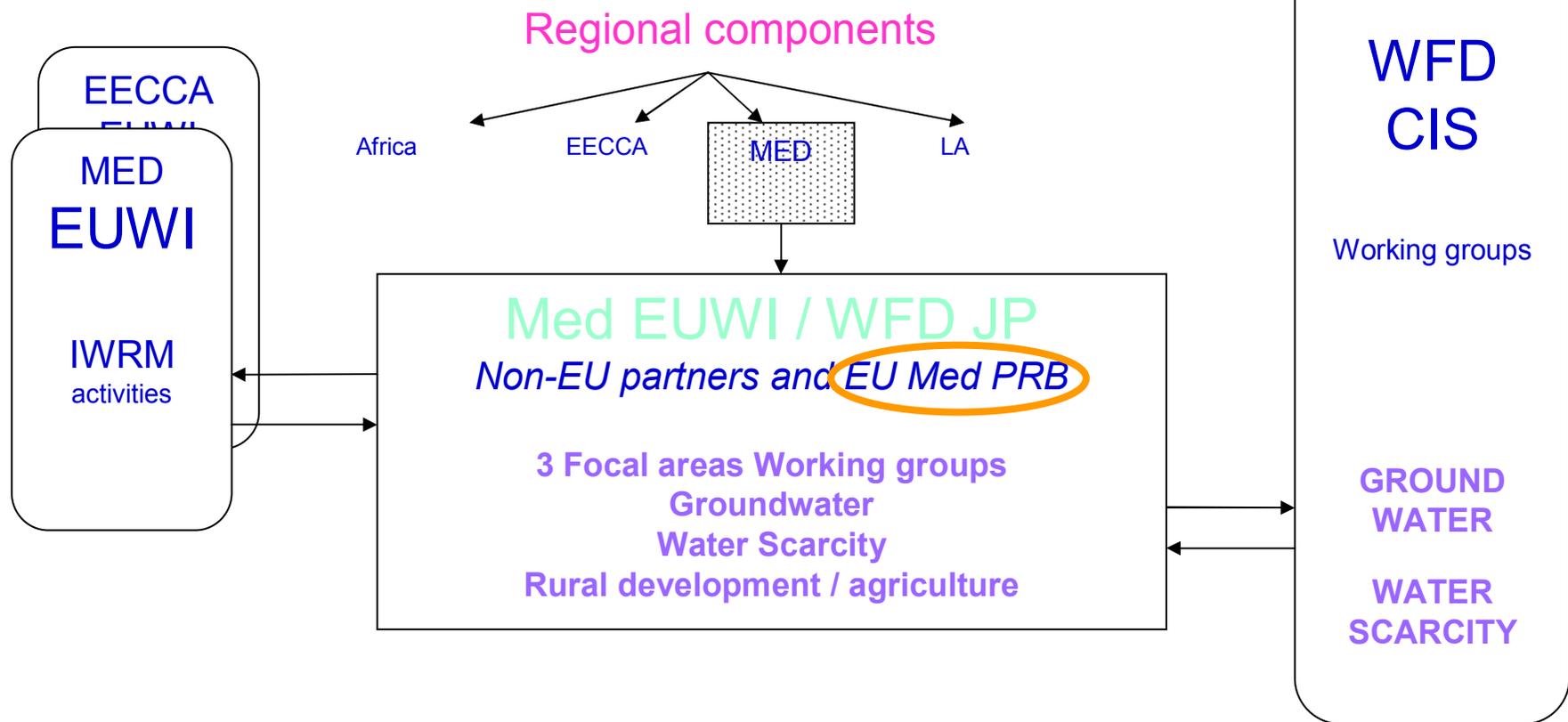


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EUWI / WFD Joint Process





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### **Technical developments**

- ✓ **Foster exchanges on thematic topics**
- ✓ **Produce specific recommendations**
  - **Improve access to information**
    - Focal point – website
  - **Disseminate best practices**
    - Working groups / drafting groups
    - Cross-fertilisation - Annual workshop



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### WORKING GROUPS

- **Water Scarcity**
  - F, EC
- **Linking Rural development and Agriculture with Water Management**
  - JRC, P
- **Groundwater management**
  - GR, EC , (Med PRB coordinators IT, SP)



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## WORKING GROUPS

- **Membership**

- EU PRBs; other RBs, water experts
- non-EU partners (governmental rep. , NGOs...)

- **Mandate**

- Networking / electronic forum
- Drafting paper / recommendations
- Exchange of knowledge / workshops



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# **MED** Water Scarcity WG



- **Leader: France / EC**
- **Mandate:**
  - Share Know how
  - Best Practices document Link with Drafting Group CIS
- **Participants:**
  - 2 focal points: EG, TU
  - EU MS (IT, CY, ...); EU and non EU stakeholders
- **Meetings**
  - EU Drafting Group ~ Rome Feb. 2005
  - Cyprus conference ~ May 2005
  - Paris ~ Sept. 2005
- **Outcomes**
  - Best Practices document June 2006
  - Med contribution



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## Best practices document:

- **CHAPTER I: DEFINITIONS AND ASSESSMENT OF THE DIFFERENT PHENOMENA**
  - **CHAPTER II: DROUGHT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT**
    - BACKGROUND
    - INTRODUCTION: CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS
    - DROUGHT CHARACTERIZATION: HISTORICAL ANALYSIS
    - DROUGHT AWARENESS: PERMANENT MONITORING
    - DROUGHT MITIGATION PLANNING: STRATEGIC PLANNING
    - PREPAREDNESS, PREVENTION AND PROACTIVE DROUGHT MANAGEMENT: NECESSARY DROUGHT FRAMEWORK
    - COMMON PRINCIPLES: MAIN CONCLUSIONS
  - **CHAPTER III: LONG TERM IMBALANCES IN SUPPLY AND DEMAND**
    - Preamble
    - Type of Management Measures for Fulfilling Demands Using Available Water
    - Efficiency of Proposed Measures per Catchment
    - Common Principles (Conclusions and Recommendations)
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### Financial support & Human resources

- **Role of leaders: MS / JRC**
- **Mobilisation of partners, expertise: COM, MS**
- **Role of key actors: MENBO, EMWIS, ...**
- **Complementary resources:**
  - RTD projects (SSA, ARIDE, AQUASTRESS, ...)
  - MEDA regional projects (Irrigation...)
  - LIFE Third countries: TBD

*At longer term, ENPI*



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## Political level

- ✓ **Raise awareness on WFD**
- ✓ **Convergence of legislation**
- ✓ **Support & drive the MED JP**
  - **Euromed Water Directors Forum**
    - 2nd Semester 2005 - *TBC*



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## Synergies with MED partners

- **Direct support to Med JP**
  - EMWIS – Med Information system
  - MENBO – RBOs network, annual workshop -
- **Balkans**
  - Petersberg Process (D); etc.
- **Others**
  - WWF, etc.



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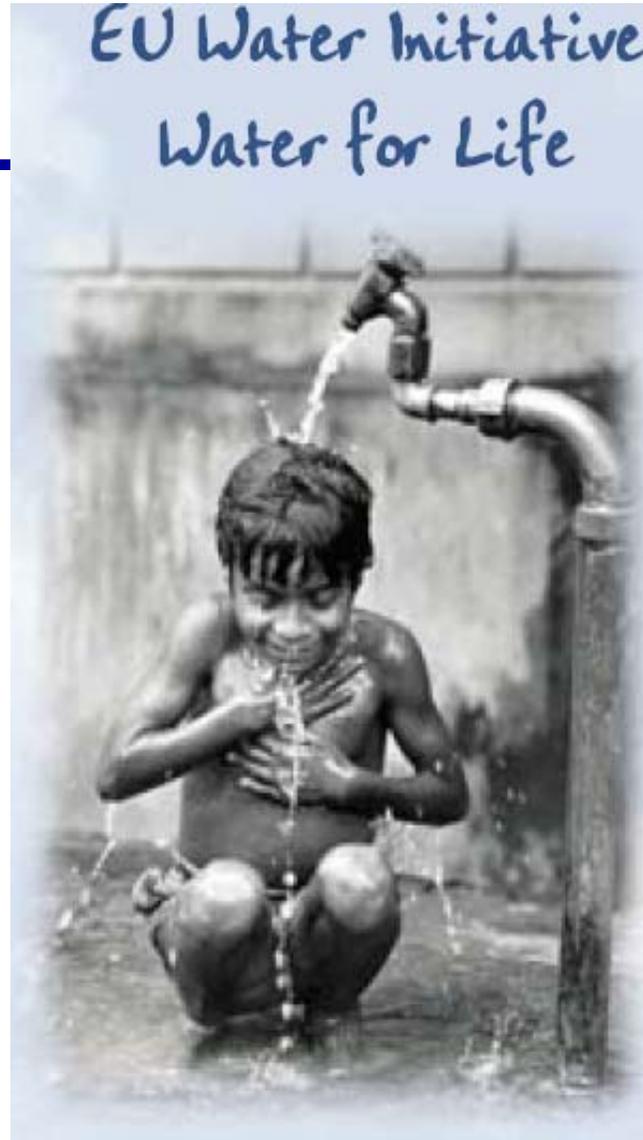
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## STOCKHOLM ~ MSF 2004



- **Synergies** between WFD implementation & EUWI welcomed by partners
  - Exchange of good practices & experiences on principles, tools, methodology , lessons learned
- **Participation:**
  - EU side: D, UK, F, GR, SW ...
  - Partners countries from Africa, EECCA, Med & LA
- **Proposals:**
  - Issues to be addressed: pricing policies, public involvement, water availability
  - JP to be developed on regional basis Return



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## BRINDISI ~ SEPT 2004



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### *Conference on Med PRB & extra session MEDEUWI*

- **Objectives**

- Share experiences between PRB and non-EU partners (gov. , RBOs)
- Outline a Med JP

- **Participation**

- 150 experts
- Med PRBs & partners countries: JOR, ISR, LEB, EGY, SYR, TUN, TUR

- **Outcomes**

- proposals for a MedJP
- Med JP to be integrated in the EUWI MEd Activity Plan with other IWRM activities

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