

**MENBO** Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations

**REMOB** Réseau Méditerranéen des Organismes de Bassin

**REMOC** Red Mediterránea de Organismos de Cuenca



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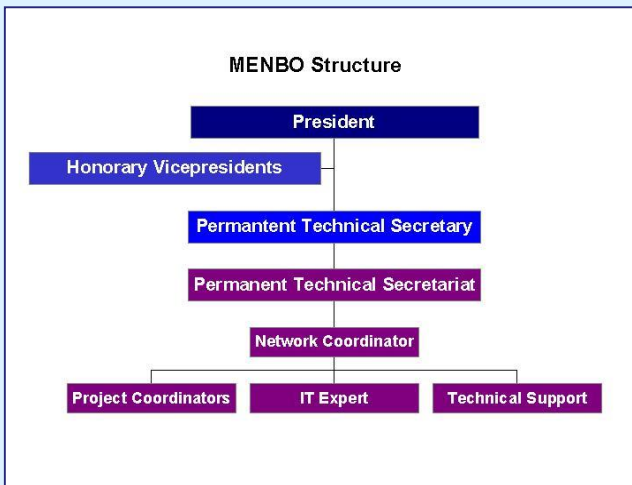
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# REMOC- REMOB – MENBO overview

- It was created in **2003**, in **Valencia**.
- MEMBO is a **regional network** integrated in the **International Network of Basin Organisations (RIOCI)**
- Menbo has **over 40 members** coming from more than **16 different countries**
- Main working languages: Spanish, French, English



## MEMBO'S STRUCTURE

- President: Daniel Azzopardi, Malta
- Technical Permanent Secretary: D. Teodoro Estrela, CHJ
- General coordinator: Ramiro Martínez
- General Assembly + Executive Committee



## Main Objectives of MENBO

- **Promote the integrated water resources management** at basin level as an essential tool of sustainable development
- **Develop lasting relationships among water managers** in the Mediterranean region
- **Foster the exchange of information and knowledge and capacity building** between its members



# SELECTED ACTIVITIES

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**I. Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean 5+5  
(WSWM)**

**II. Peer Review Project**



# I. Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean 5+5 (WSWM)



- A Spanish-Algerian initiative, started in February 2014; Strategy **adopted** in Algiers, on 31st March 2015. **Action Plan endorsed** in Marrakech on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- By Ministers of the 5+5 Dialogue: Algeria, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, and Tunisia.
- With the presence and collaboration of:
  -  European Commission
  -  Union of the Arab Maghreb
  -  Union for the Mediterranean
  -  MENBO (Technical Secretariat)



# I. Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean 5+5 (WSWM)

- WSWM is a **guiding document** with orientations and objectives, agreed by Western Mediterranean countries (5+5).
- **Objectives:** regional sustainable growth, preserving water quality, social prosperity, access to water for all, cooperation, exchange of knowledge,...
- Structure: **13 priorities** issues (/ 3 blocks)
- **WSWM implementation** → Annexed **Action Plan**, compiling over 60 **proposals** from 5+5 members and partners.



# ... WSWM 5+5 - Structure

1. Enhancing Western Mediterranean country policies' convergence towards the general principles of a <b>sustainable water policy</b>	P1: Developing and starting up clearly defined legal frameworks
	P2: Establishing governance adapted to integrated water management
	P3: Implementing cost-recovery
2. Foster <b>cooperation</b> in relation to regional matters	P4: Capacity building
	P5: Innovation development in the water sector
	P6: Water-energy-food nexus
	P7: De-pollution of the Mediterranean
	P8: Mobilising water-related innovative financing solutions for the application of the Strategy
3. Promoting <b>water management</b> improvement	P9: Climate change adaptation
	P10: Increasing and mobilising the available resources
	P11: Water use efficiency improvement
	P12: Flood prevention
	P13: Protection of water quality and biodiversity



## ...WSWM 5+5 – ACTION PLAN

### FOR THE WSWM



Workshop 1: Valencia (Spain), 24-25 February 2014

Workshop 2: Oran (Algeria), 26 June 2014

Workshop 3: Valencia (Spain), 9 September 2014

**Approval of the WSWM: MINISTERIAL  
CONFERENCE, Algiers, 31<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

### FOR THE ACTION PLAN



Workshop 4: Madrid (Spain), 10 September 2015

Workshop 5: Valencia (Spain), 24-25 February 2016

Workshop 6: Marseille (France), 23-24 June 2016

**ACTION PLAN Endorsed: MINISTERIAL  
CONFERENCE, Marrakech, 16th November 2016  
(COP22)**





## II. Peer Review

- **Why? Purpose:** Improve the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the Floods Directive (in Face II)
- **How?:** A voluntary system to exchange knowledge on how to implement the Directives, allowing mutual learning between participants (Peers)
- **Who participates?:** Practitioners from River Basin Authorities involved in the implementation of the WFD (and Floods Directive)



## II. Peer-Review Mechanism

### First Phase - a Success Story

- phase I: end 2014 - 2015 - 2016

- Secretariat:

Coordinator: Office International de l'Eau (OIEAU)

Partners: NIHWM (Romania); MEMBO

#### PROCEDURE

- Main tool: “**Missions**” in the Competent Authorities (CA) where experts worked to provide an expert opinion about implementation issues of the RBMP (River Basin Management Plans)
- **3 targeted workshops + final evaluation Workshop:**
  - Groundwater (Kalmar, Sweden - 09/2016)
  - Data Management (Sophia Antipolis, France - 10/2016)
  - Program of Measures (Lourdes, France - 10/2016)
  - **A Final Evaluation Workshop** (Brussels, 10/2016)

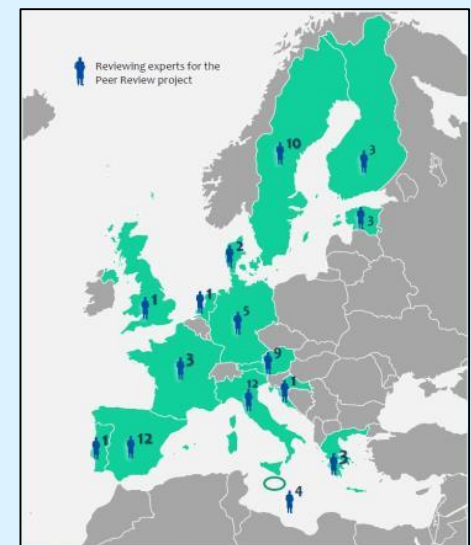
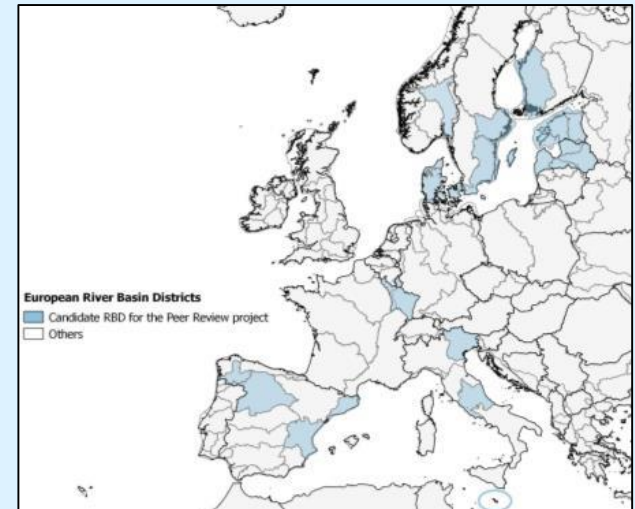




## II. Peer-Review Mechanism ...First Phase – Outcomes

- 17 applications from River Basin authorities → 15 Missions conducted
- 70 experts from 15 different member states
- Reports of each mission available on the Website
- Final Lessons Learnt Report sent to the Strategic Coordination Group (SCG) of the Common Implementation Strategy (CIS)

<http://www.aquacoope.org/peer.review/>





## II. Peer-Review Support Process ...Second Phase

- September 2017 – December 2019
- Implementation of the **WFD** and the **Floods Directive** (new)
- Under a New name: “**Support Process**”
- Tools: **Missions, Webinars (on line meetings)**
- **Secretariat:** Office International de l’Eau (OIEAU), Ecologic Institute (Alemania), Water Institute of Hydrology and Water Management (Rumania), Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO)



## II. Peer-Review Support Process ...Second Phase – State of Play

- So far: 10 expressions of interest from RBA and 33 demands from experts
- The call for expression of interest is still open → no missions have taken place so far.
- Ongoing Matchmaking exercise (by OIEAU) of RBA and experts

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Peer-to-peer support process website. The main heading is "Peer-to-peer support process on WFD and FD implementation" with the subtitle "Developing collaborative thinking between RBMP and FRMP developers in European basins". The page features logos for the European Commission, Office International de l'Eau (OIEAU), eco logic, and Water District Authority Southern Baltic Sea. A navigation menu includes "Home", "Call for Interests", "Outputs, publication & reports", "Partners", and "Contact us". The main content area is titled "Peer to peer Project" and includes a welcome message and a description of the project's aim and objectives. On the right side, there are two call-to-action buttons: "Expert - Expression of Interest to be registered as peer expert (Send your CV)" and "Basin - Expression of Interest to receive a peer-to-peer exchange mission". Below these buttons is a section titled "The European basins involved in peer to peer missions" with a map of Europe.

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