



## **MENBO Report activities**

### **INBO World Liaison Bureau**



### **MENBO Report 2019-2020**

**Red Mediterránea de Organismos de Cuenca – REMOC**  
**Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations –MENBO**  
**Réseau Méditerranéen des Organismes de Bassin - REMOB**

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(On-line)



## MENBO Report activities

### Mediterranean Water Knowledge Platform PROJECT (MWKP), White Paper on Water

- Mediterranean Water Institute – IME
- Office International de l'Eau – OIEau
- MENBO



- Labelled by UfM



- ✓ GUIDE on the management of water resources.
- ✓ As support to the pilot countries of the Project (Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan and Lebanon) for the elaboration of their national white papers on water.



## MENBO Report activities

### Launch of the **MASAR Water Programme**, 28 March 2019.

- ✓ Elaboration and launch of the **MASAR Water Program** for the MENA region (Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon)



- AECID - Spanish Agency for International Development and Cooperation





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### **Peer-to-Peer Project –** Implementation Water Framework Directive, Floods Directive

<https://www.aquacoope.org/peertopeer/en/>

- EU project within the Common Implementation Strategy of the Water Framework Directive (WFD)
- Partners: OIEau, MENBO, Ecologic Institute (Germany) National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management (NIHWM) of Rumania.

- ✓ **Webinar on water scarcity and droughts**, 4 April 2019.
- ✓ **Webinar on Diffuse Pollution by Nitrates**, 26 June 2019.
- ✓ **Webinar on assessment of temporary rivers**, 12 September 2019.



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### 7th Beirut Water Week, 8 -10 April 2019.

*Mediterranean contribution to the 2030 agenda for a Sustainable Development: Governance and integrated management in the Mediterranean; SDG Indicator 6.5.1*



- ✓ **MENBO presentation on the Integrated Water Resources Management in the Mediterranean and the Sustainable Development goals of the UN, focussing on objective 6.5.**



## MENBO Report activities

### 17th EURO-INBO International Conference, Future of European Water Directives, Lahti, Finland, 17- 21 June 2019.

- Nature-based solutions
- Good ecological status
- micro-plastics



- Non-point source pollution
- Review of the WFD
- Integrated management of basins and coastal waters





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### WSWM – Water Strategy for the Western Mediterranean - Working Group 8, 18-19 September 2019

#### ✓ Organisation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Working Group

- Stocktaking
- Work Plan 2019-2020
- Future actions





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**11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO)** , 30<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019, Marrakech (Morocco)



- ✓ Workshop on priority cooperation - multi-stakeholder dialogue and cooperation in IWRM implementation in river basins.
- ✓ Presentation of the 5+5 Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean (WSWM)







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### International seminar on circular water management and SDG 6, CIFAL-Málaga (UNITAR) , 16 October 2019.



- Water management and SDGs
- Acquirers
- Sustainable water cycle management
- Smart Water: technological and legislative developments on circular water economy
- Water Geopolitics



- ✓ Presentation at the Session on “Water Geopolitics of water in the Mediterranean area and its area of influence”



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### Cairo Water Week, “Responding to Water Scarcity”, 20-24 October 2019.

- ✓ Presentation on non-conventional resources in the Jucar River Basin and their integration within the drought management plans.





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### First Annual Conference on **Water Investment and Financing, UfM** (Union for the Mediterranean)

5<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Rome (Italy).



- Implementation of the UfM Financial Strategy for Water
- Public-Private partnership of financing of the water sector.
- Why and how to engage private operators in enhancing the financial sustainability of the water sector.
- Why and how to engage private financiers in financing water investments.



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**Partnership Council of the GWPMed (Global Water Partnership Mediterranean), 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Rome (Italy)**



- Approval of the Budget 2018.
- Revision of the Work Programme 2018
- Draft Work Programme 2019-2020
- Strategy 2020-2025



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### Capacity development – Cooperation with CIHEAM (International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies)



- Master CIHEAM on sustainable management of water resources in the natural and agricultural environments (start September 2020)
- Framed within the Action Plan of the 5+5 Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean: 3 scholarships allocated through 5+5WSWM
- ✓ Preparation, dissemination and development of various sessions and courses of the Master.
- ✓ MENBO members leading key sessions: National Governance (Morocco), Cross-border Management (OMVS, Senegal)



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**Meeting of the Steering committee of the Mediterranean Water Forum (MWF),** on line 21 April 2020.



- ✓ Member of the Steering Committee of the MWF
- ✓ Participation in the debate around organisational and technical issues
  - Main components of the 4th MWF.
  - Exchange of views on review actions with regard to covid-19.





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Participation in **Webinars** 2020: IME/INBO:



- ✓ **Brainstorming on water, sanitation and Covid 19**, IME, 27 April 2020, **“Investing and financing in the water sector”**, 22 July 2020,
- ✓ **“Extreme weather events in the Mediterranean”**, IME, 15 September 2020
- ✓ **“Cities and pandemics in the Mediterranean”**: impact of pandemics on urban infrastructures (water, sanitation), IME, 13 October 2020
- ✓ **Cost of climate change adaptation at basin level vs cost of inaction**, INBO, 12 October 2020



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### Informal Water Expert Group (WEG), Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), consultation meeting, 9-10 June 2020

*The UfM Water Agenda and Financial Strategy in view of **SDG6** and the Green Deal: Policy Actions, Economic Responses, and Ways Forward in the post-COVID 19 context.*



- implications for the region of COVID-19, including relating to the implementation of its UfM Water Policy Framework for Actions 2030
- Regional priority actions that can complement individual country efforts, supported by and eventually aligning with the European Green Deal as a roadmap for sustainable and resilient post-COVID recovery.



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### Water Agenda, on line Joint meeting of Task Forces WEFE and WEM, Union for the Mediterranean, 23 July 2020.

*Joint meeting of **task forces** of the framework programmes →→*

*Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus (WEFE)*

*Water-Employment-Migration (WEM)*

- Identification of priorities of the WEFE Nexus and WEM Work Plans 2020-2022
- Synergetic actions of the related Thematic Framework Programmes.
- Presentation of related on-going and upcoming WEFE Nexus and WEM activities in the Mediterranean.





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**Gracias por su atención**  
**Thank you for your attention!**  
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