



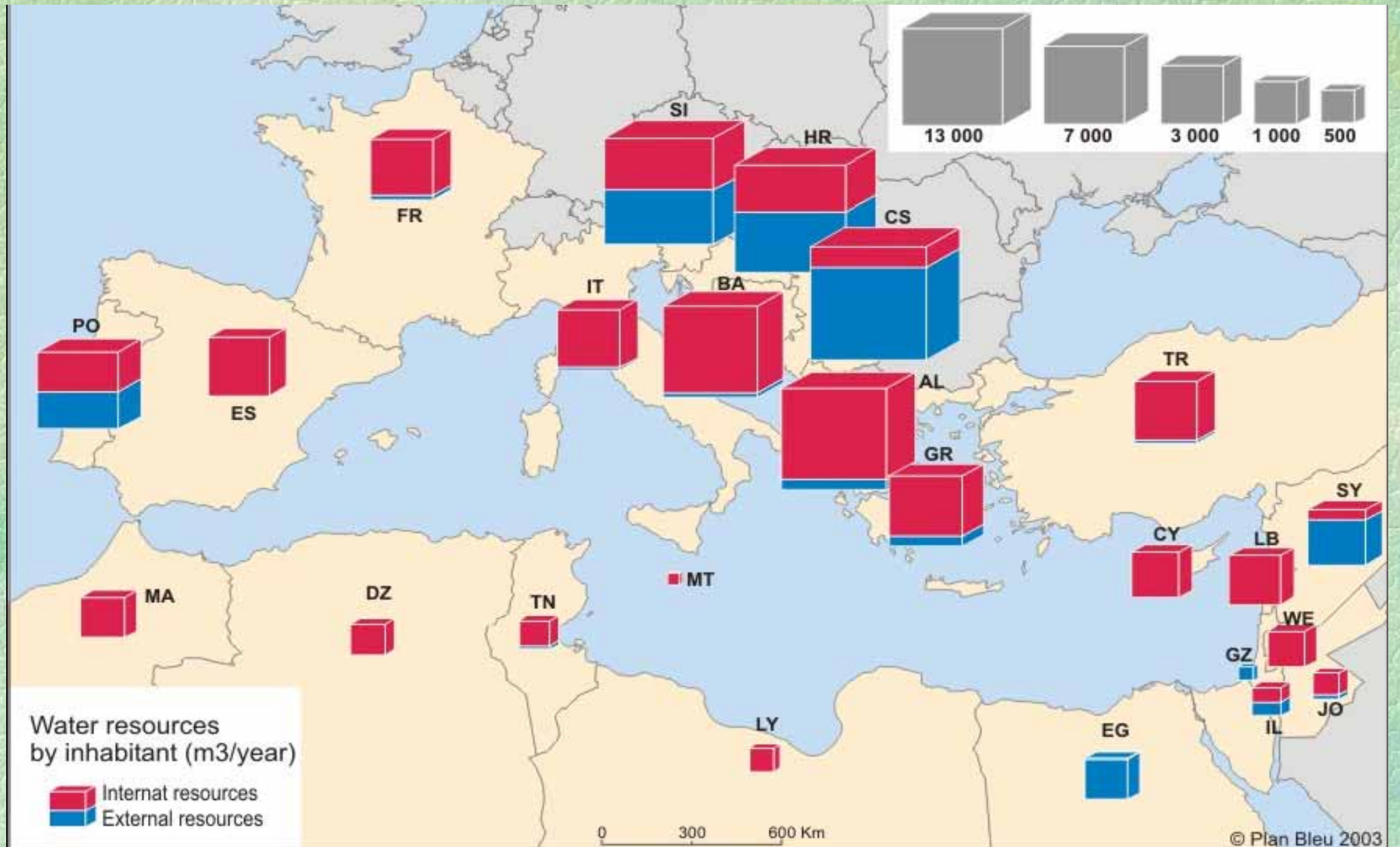
Some water processes within the Euro-Mediterranean agenda



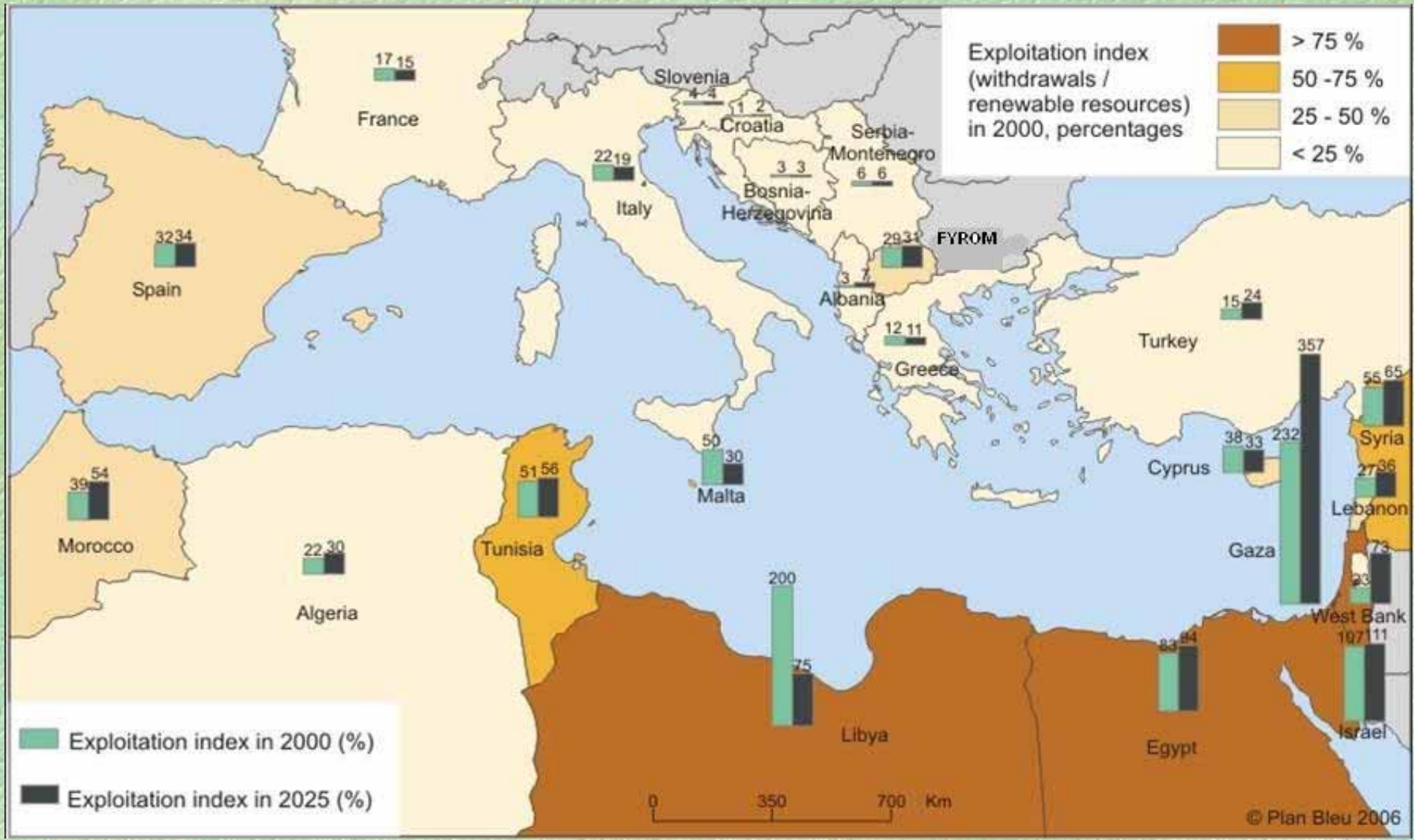
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Water resources per capita in the Mediterranean countries



Exploitation indices of renewable natural resources by 2025



By 2025: the Mediterranean water poor population could reach 244 million, 44 % of total Mediterranean population

Exploitation index means the ratio of annual volume extracted from natural resources / annual volume of renewable natural resources , expressed as a percentage (%)

There is a need to:



- meet the MDG/ WSSD target of halving the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and sanitation by 2015
- meet the WSSD target on national IWRM plans and strengthen the regional IWRM framework
- voice/convey water concerns in national development plans and integrate them in policies of related sectors
- build synergies and boost commitment to action by setting up active water partnerships at regional and national level
- further develop tools, build capacity, raise public awareness and educate on water issues

National IWRM Planning



**EU countries / North Med :
Water Framework Directive**

**Balkans / SEE: EU Association
Agreements, Candidate countries,
voluntary compliance with WFD**

**No unified scheme on national IWRM planning, but some
processes and initiatives assisting the purpose, including
NAMCOW, MED EUWI, Rabat Declaration Process, etc**

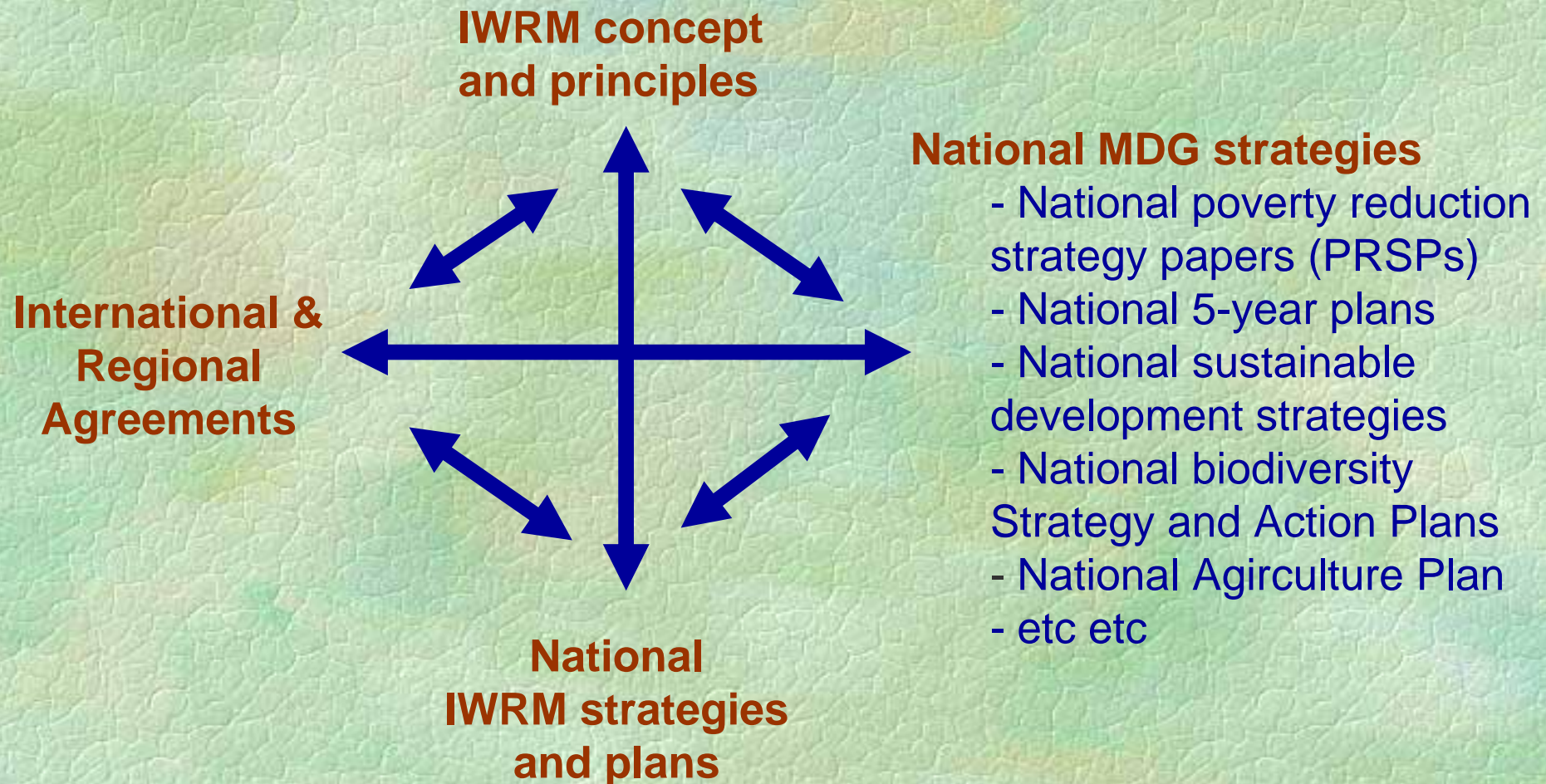
Some key challenges for IWRM promotion



- Policy integration**
- Legal framework for the implementation of policy**
- Reliable data and access to information**
- Water institutions: forms and functions for organizational framework**
- Stakeholder participation: involvement in planning and management; consultation and responsible behaviour**
- Capacity building**
- Public awareness and education on IWRM & issues of sustainability**
- Political will and investment**

Links of IWRM Plans

to other strategies and plans



GWP Med – Goal and Role



GWP-Med is a Regional Water Partnership of GWP

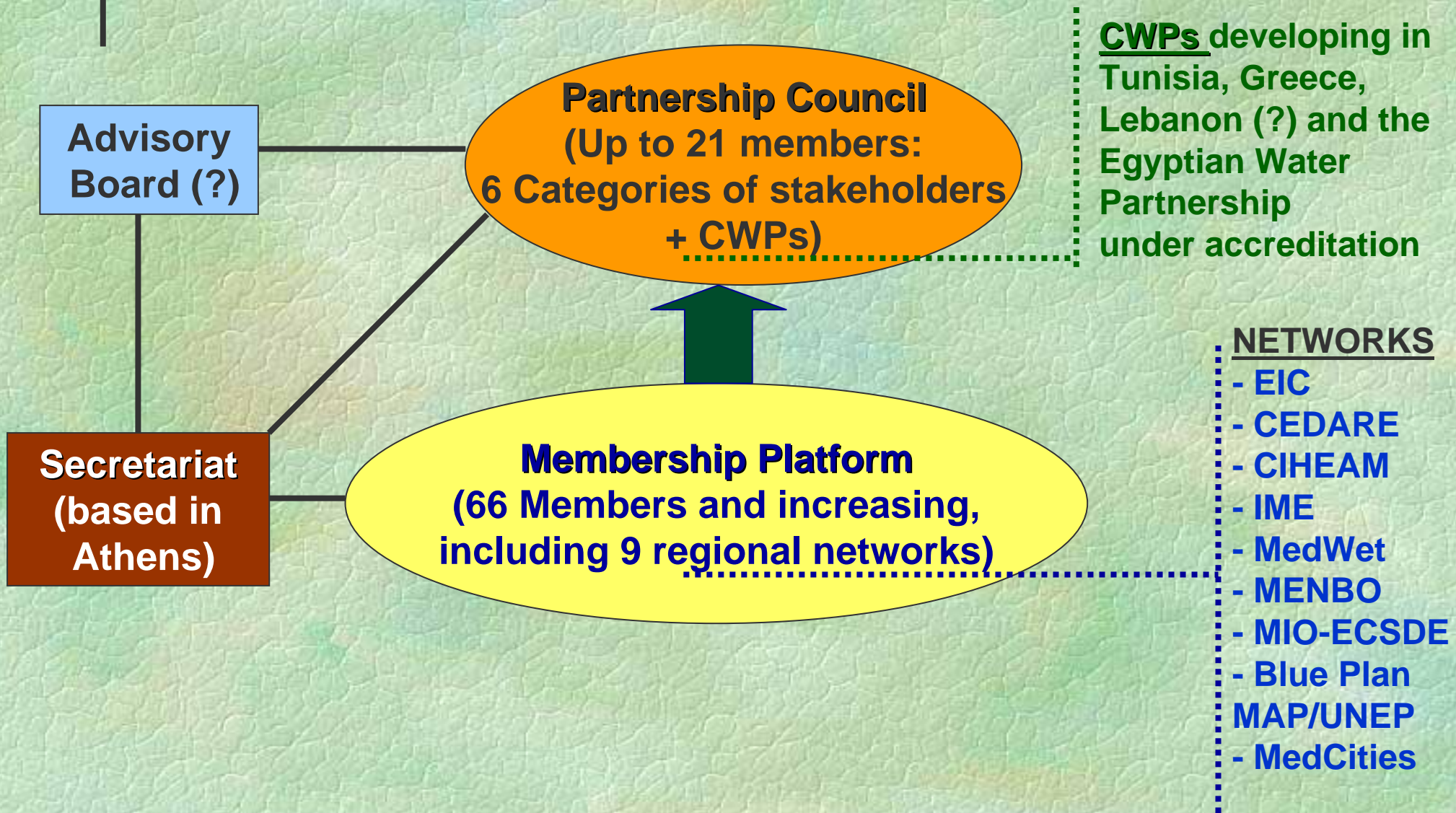
GWP-Med Goal

- To promote action and exchange knowledge on IWRM for the sustainable use of water resources in the countries of the Mediterranean region
- To facilitate a multi-stakeholder regional water partnership acting as a platform for interaction
- To facilitate stakeholder engagement and donors' support for dialogue and action to promote IWRM at national and regional levels
- To make the principles of sustainable water use and IWRM widely recognised and applied, through information & experience sharing

GWP-Med Role

To act as a broker, a catalyst, a facilitator and an advocacy organisation

Structure of GWP-Med - Upcoming



Structure of GWP-Med



Stakeholders and Sectors / Themes in the Partnership



Main fields of activity (2002-2007)



- **National IWRM Planning**
- **Effective Water Governance**
- **Transboundary Water Resources Management**
- **Groundwater Resources Management**
- **Water, Food & Environment - Wetlands**
- **Education (MEDIES) and Awareness**
- **Water Demand Management**
- **Water and Climate Change**
- **Capacity Building**
- **Parliamentarians and IWRM (COMPSUD)**
- **Journalists / Media and IWRM (COMJEST)**

***CLOSE COLLABORATION
WITH ITS MEMBERS –
ACTIVITY LEADERS***

GWP-Med Activity Leaders



- **Blue Plan (MAP/UNEP)**
- **Centre for Advance Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)**
- **Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)**
- **Euro Mediterranean Irrigators Communities (EIC)**
- **Institut Mediterraneeen de l' Eau (IME)**
- **Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)**
- **Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO)**
- **MedCities**
- **MedWet / Ramsar Convention**

- **The GWP-Med Secretariat, coordinates the entire GWP-Med Programme and Leads some key regional processes.**

GWP-Med is serving as:



- **Secretariat of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (led by Greece and the European Commission) – 2003 and on going**
- **Leader of the IWRM Component GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean – 2008 to 2011**
- **Technical Facilitator of the Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process on Transboundary Water Resources Management in the SEE (supported by Germany, Greece, WB and GEF) – 2003 and on-going**
- **Technical Facilitator of the in the Rabat Declaration on IWRM Planning in North Africa (together with AfDB, AWF and UCC-Water) 2006 and on-going**
- **Partner and Activity Leader in the Petersberg 'Africa' process with emphasis on MPs & media (together with UNDP, GEF, GWP East Africa, InWent, UNESCO, etc)**

Collaboration between GWP-Med and MENBO

- River Basin Organisations represent the key level of management – the local water management.
- The multi-stakeholder regional water partnership within GWP-Med, has benefited substantially from MENBOs active engagement in its activities.
- MENBO is a very active Member of the GWP-Med Partnership Council since 2002.
- MENBO is an Activity Leader in the GWP-Med Work Plans, every year since 2003. Emphasis of activities is on building the capacity of the RBOs network (Valencia, Marrakech, Athens, etc).
- Further targeted collaboration on pilot activities at the local level is under discussion.
- GWP-Med looks forward to continue its very close collaboration with MENBO !



Your Questions...

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