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Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

Established in 2002, GWP-Med is the Mediterranean Partnership of the Global Water Partnership (GWP). It aims at a water secure Mediterranean.

- ✓ **GWP-Med** promotes action, demo application and knowledge exchange on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and the sustainable use of water resources in the Mediterranean region, as a means towards sustainable growth.
 - ✓ **GWP-Med** familiarises Mediterranean countries and stakeholders with these principles, demonstrating their value, applicability and positive impact.
 - ✓ **GWP-Med** works at regional, transboundary, national and local level to facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement and donors' support for dialogue, action and investments.
 - ✓ **GWP-Med** technically assists Mediterranean countries promote water resources planning through integrated approaches, at different levels, in order to achieve coherent and tangible solutions.
 - ✓ **GWP-Med** facilitates a multi-stakeholder platform across the Mediterranean bringing together:
 - 10 major regional networks of different water sector actors (Governments, River Basins Authorities, Local authorities, Professionals, NGOs, Research institute, Irrigators);
 - Over 90 institutions, organisations and private sector companies from non-EU and EU countries.
- ✓ **GWP-Med** provides technical support to policy making, facilitates dialogue processes and implements demonstration actions, addressing several thematic areas, including:
 - IWRM Planning, including for joint IWRM/Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)/ Integrated Groundwater Management;
 - Water Governance & Financing, including Private Sector Participation;
 - Transboundary Water Resources Management;
 - Adaptation to Climate Vulnerability and Change;
 - Non Conventional Water Resources Management, including at Urban level;
 - Water – Food – Energy – Ecosystems Nexus;
 - ✓ **GWP-Med** focuses on stakeholder participation, education, capacity building, networking of targeted groups (decision-makers, parliamentarians, media).
 - ✓ **GWP-Med** addresses gender, equity, youth and poverty as cross-cutting issues, mainstreaming these through its policy work. In fact, GWP has specific Gender & Youth strategies.
 - ✓ **GWP-Med** extends its human resources in Athens, Beirut, Tunis and a number of Balkan countries.





The GWP's vision is for a water secure world. Its mission is to advance water resources' governance and management towards a sustainable and equitable development.

- ✓ **GWP** has a new global strategy since 2014. "Towards 2020" outlines a new direction for the organisation aimed at:
 - Catalyzing Change in Policies & Practice;
 - Generating & Communicating Knowledge;
 - Strengthening Partnerships for a Water Secure World.
- ✓ **GWP** thematically focuses its new strategy on six key areas of the global development agenda where IWRM plays a fundamental role, to ensure their crucial to water security:
 - Climate Resilience & Water Security
 - Transboundary Cooperation & Water Security
 - Food & Water Security
 - Urbanisation & Water Security
 - Energy & Water Security
 - Ecosystems & Water Security

- ✓ **GWP** stresses the need for innovative and multi-sectoral approaches to address challenges and opportunities for sustainable water resources management, arising from climate change, rapid urbanization, growing inequalities.
- ✓ **GWP** aims at stimulating a behavioural change for a new 'water culture' that will influence policy development and decision making towards the water resources' effective and sustainable management.



GWP is an international network created in 1996 to foster the implementation of IWRM: the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources, in order to maximise economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems and the environment.

The GWP Network is open to all organisations recognising the endorsed IWRM principles (States, national/regional/local government institutions, intergovernmental organisations, international/national NGOs, academic/research institutions, private sector companies, public utilities). It has 13 Regional Water Partnerships, 85 Country Water Partnerships, and 3,000 Partners located in 172 countries.