

# 4th CONFERENCE OF THE WATER DIRECTORS OF THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

10 & 11 December 2007

Bled, Slovenia

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### DAY 1: Monday, 10 December 2007

09.30 – 10.00	Registration of Participants
10.00 – 10.05	<b>Welcome</b> - <i>Mr Mitja Bricelj, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia</i>
10.05 – 10.30	<b>1. Opening Speeches</b> - <i>Ms Ana Seixa, Portuguese Presidency to the EU, Vice President, Ministry of Environment, Instituto da Agua</i> - <i>Representative of the European Commission</i> - <i>Mr Ioannis Sibetheros, Special Secretary, Central Water Agency, Greece</i> - <i>Mr Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee / Water Director, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France</i>
10.30 – 11.15	<b>2. The Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI)</b> - <i>Ms Maria Peppas, Ms Maria Papaioannou, Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, Greece</i> <a href="#">Tour de Table / Recommendations and Agreement on 2008 Work Programme</a>
11.15 – 12.00	<b>3. The Joint Mediterranean Process between WFD and MED EUWI</b> - <i>Mr Spyros Tasoglou, Central Water Agency, Greece</i> - <i>Ms Sylvie Detoc, former Responsible for the Joint Med. Process in the EC, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France</i> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
12.00 – 12.15	Coffee Break
12.15 – 13.15	<b>4. Recent Developments on Water-related issues in the EU Framework</b> <b>4.1 The European Neighborhood Policy and the ENPI</b> - <i>Ms Jenny Mard, ENPI Sector Coordinator, European Commission, DG RELEX</i> <b>4.2 Horizon 2020 and the Mediterranean Environment Reporting Mechanism (MERM-MED)</b> - <i>Ms Carmen Falkenberg-Ambrosio, European Commission, DG ENV</i> <b>4.3 EU Marine Strategy</b> - <i>Mr Jose Rizo-Martin, European Commission, DG ENV</i> <b>4.4 Water Scarcity &amp; Drought</b> - <i>Mr Jose Rizo-Martin, European Commission, DG ENV</i> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
13.15 – 14.00	<b>5. Recent Developments on Information Systems on Water in the Mediterranean</b> <b>5.1 Euro-Mediterranean Information System on Know-How in the Water Sector (EMWIS)</b> - <i>Mr Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee</i> - <i>Mr Eric Mino, EMWIS Technical Unit</i> <b>5.2 Water &amp; Tourism: Presentation of First Results</b> - <i>Ms Cecile Roddier-Quefelec, Mr Ghislain Dubois, MEDSTAT II</i> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
14.00 – 15.30	Lunch Break
15.30 – 16.00	<b>6. Euro-Mediterranean Regional Water Programme for Local Water Management (MEDA-Water Programme)</b> - <i>Mr Gert Soer, Head, RMSU EU MEDA Water Programme (IME/OIEau/SYKE Consortium)</i> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
16.00 – 16.30	<b>7. The Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development</b> - <i>Ms Gaelle Thivet, Programme Officer, Blue Plan</i> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee Break

16.45 – 17.00	<b>8. GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean</b> - <i>Mr Alex Lascaratos, Manager, GEF SPM PDF-B / UNEP-MAP</i> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
17.00 – 17.15	<b>9. European Investment Bank (EIB)</b> - <i>Mr Jose Frade, Deputy Director, Head of Water &amp; Environmental Protection Division, Projects Directorate, EIB</i> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
17.15 - 17.45	<b>10. Study launched by the EMWIS Steering Committee: Assessment and Prospects for Cooperation in the Water Sector, in the Mediterranean</b> - <i>Mr Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee / Water Director, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France</i> - <i>Mr Hervé Lainé, Expert, French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Planning</i> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
17.45 – 18.00	<b>11. Summing up of Day 1 Discussions</b>

## DAY 2: Tuesday, 11 December 2007

09.00 – 09.45	<b>12. Organisation of a Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water in 2008</b> - <i>Mr Peter Gammeltoft, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG ENV</i> <a href="#">Tour de Table / Agreement</a>
09.45 – 11.00	<b>13. Interactive Dialogue on Priority Water Challenges to be addressed by the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water, e.g.:</b> - <i>Advancing on Effective Water Governance for IWRM and WSS;</i> - <i>Addressing Water and Climate Change with emphasis on management of droughts and floods;</i> - <i>Optimizing Water Financing Instruments with emphasis on innovative mechanisms;</i> - <i>Water Demand Management and Non-Conventional Water Resources; etc.</i> <a href="#">Tour de Table / Recommendations</a>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 13.15	<b>14. Preparation of the 2008 Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Meeting on Water - Contribution of the Euro-Mediterranean and SEE Water Directors Forum to the preparation process</b> <a href="#">Tour de Table / Recommendations</a>
13.15 – 14.00	<b>15. Mandate of the Euro-Mediterranean and SEE Water Directors Forum</b> <a href="#">Tour de Table / Recommendation</a>
14.00 – 15.30	Lunch Break
15.30 – 16.00	<b>16. Important Upcoming Events</b> <b>16.1 Preparations for the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Istanbul 2009</b> - <i>Mr Uğur Nalbantoglu, Head of Technological Department, General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSI), Turkey</i> <b>16.2 Forthcoming Conference of the Parties of the Barcelona Convention, 2008</b> - <i>Mr Fouad Abousamra, MEDPOL Programme Officer, UNEP/MAP</i> <b>16.3 Water Expo, Saragossa 2008</b> - <i>Mr Jesus Yague, Deputy Director of Hydraulic Public Domain, Ministry for Environment, Spain</i> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
16.00 – 16.15	<b>17. Any other Business</b> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
16.15 – 16.30	<b>18. Presentation of Draft Conclusions of the Conference</b>
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee Break
16.45 – 17.45	<b>19. Discussion on the Draft Conclusions</b> <a href="#">Discussion</a>
17.45 – 18.00	<b>20. Adoption of Conclusions</b>
18.00	<b>End of Conference</b>

Note: All Sessions will be jointly **Chaired** by

- The European Commission Representatives,
  - Mr Ioannis Sibetheros, Special Secretary, Central Water Agency, Greece
  - Mr Pascal Berteaud, President of EMWIS Steering Committee / Water Director, MEDAD, France
  - Representatives of the Host Country, Slovenia (Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning)
- Rapporteur:** Mr Michael Scoullas, MED EUWI and Representative of the European Commission