



2nd EMEG Meeting
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Policy and Policy Dialogue in relation to societal
challenges”**

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Water Group Outcomes

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1. Different Water Management Approaches: More socially oriented in scarce areas while it is more economically / business oriented in the water rich areas of EUROMED Region

To develop water management policies that integrate social, economic and environmental aspects in more balanced way

To adopt water policies that minimizes the water foot print in all sectors

Create a Task Force Group (TFG) with different sectors representatives from EU-MPC countries to support the development of integrated policies and strategies

2. Political Difficulties in implementing common water strategies

To **maximize political support** (minimize political interference) when deciding on common plans and strategies for the EUROMED region

To re-launch the action plan of the Med water strategy to consolidate priority actions in short and long term

To ensure the convergence of funding sources / instruments to serve the priorities

Create a technical committee to review the MED water strategy and set implementation recommendations

3. Poor water governance, poor awareness of decision makers on available sustainable solutions and funding instruments and poor engagement of mid level policy makers, water managers and scientists and end users in regional policy development

To develop water policies in full participatory manner and ensure inclusion of stakeholders at various stages of policy development

To improve the awareness of policy makers at technical and financial aspects

Setup a relevant SH representation at each required level. Identify the consultation process that guarantees the exchange of information. Updating community institutions (including capacity building). Providing incentives for adopting water saving technologies.

4. Low sensitivity and insufficiency of EU programs toward the Spatial and temporal variation in priorities specific needs and priorities in various Med countries

To develop water policies and programs that takes the socio-environmental aspects into account

To develop a platform that includes various groups of interests from MS&MPCs to develop policies that respond to specific needs

Setup of new mechanisms for the integrative water valuation according to the existing local condition. Establish boards representing experts of the different disciplines and aspects of the water management (social, economic and environmental). Develop tools representing the different groups of interests.

5. Discontinuity of funding, discrepancy in budget allocations (eg salaries) N/S and rigidity of administrative and financial procedures as well as low capacity to manage funds especially in the MPCs

To ensure sustainable funding mechanisms and instruments to the priority programs of Med countries

To ensure equal budget allocation and develop flexible admin and financial procedure to accommodate any justifiable change

To develop capacity building programs for MPCs to enable them from understanding and managing the funds properly

Develop co-funding mechanism to ensure sustainability

Form capacity building on financial management through learning by doing and online support

Set long term planning and secure funding for good projects to realize the intended outcomes

6. Insufficient access to information and low communication flow among MS – MPC and EU as well as low participation of MPCs in various Platforms and policy setting instruments

To create platform that integrates the outcome from various EU-Med initiatives and foster its place in policy discussion in EIP, JPI, ETP, etc related to water

To ensure equal participation of MPCs in relevant platforms and initiative of policy settings to ensure a more balanced programs

Create mechanisms for involving MPCs in various EU water initiatives and platforms (EIP, JPI, ETP)

7. Lack of policies that consider the future challenges related to food – energy – water – space nexus

To create permanent inter-ministerial dialogue to enhance the nexus

To develop integrated policies that minimize water and energy uses and lower costs of production and reuse

Setting Med committee by target Nexus to develop visions, holistic approaches and new programs focusing on nexus aspects. Building synergies between the other relevant programmes.

To develop mechanisms and tools to enhance cooperation/exchange/communication to lead to common vision on water and energy saving and optimum uses. To build policy based on pilot studies in water/energy nexus

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