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WATER

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Most important issues to focus on

- Developing capacities in risk assessment, planning and adaptation through adequate good governance, stakeholders / societal engagement”
- Good governance to ensure equity in water allocation , sustainable water management and institutional reinforcement.
- Holistic but competitive research and innovation in water quantity management and use efficiency, and management of non conventional waters.

Main challenges to be addressed

- Ensuring water management for all ecosystem functions and food security. Political willingness is needed to ensure a multi-sector and multi-scale approach.
- Strengthening societal and water users empowerment, improving dialogue as well as mutual trust among institutions, researchers and society.
- Building a regional co-ownership on water resources management, from challenges identification to financial and implementation synergies

Priorities for action – key next steps

- Adopting the Mediterranean Water Strategy and Action Plan which will provide the financial and instrument framework for the future.
- Partnerships to create conditions for competitive research in water use efficiency, use of non-conventional waters, risk management.
- Regional joint funding for trans-basin cooperation and regional water innovation programme.