



## A short intro to GWP-Med & cooperation with MENBO

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### What is the Global Water Partnership?

The GWP is a global network of organisations and institutions who promote policies and applications which allow the sustainable management of water resources

GWP holds an intergovernmental status  
Its Secretariat is based in Stockholm

GWP is developed in

- 13 Regional Water Partnerships
- 70 Country Water Partnerships
- 50 Area Water Partnerships



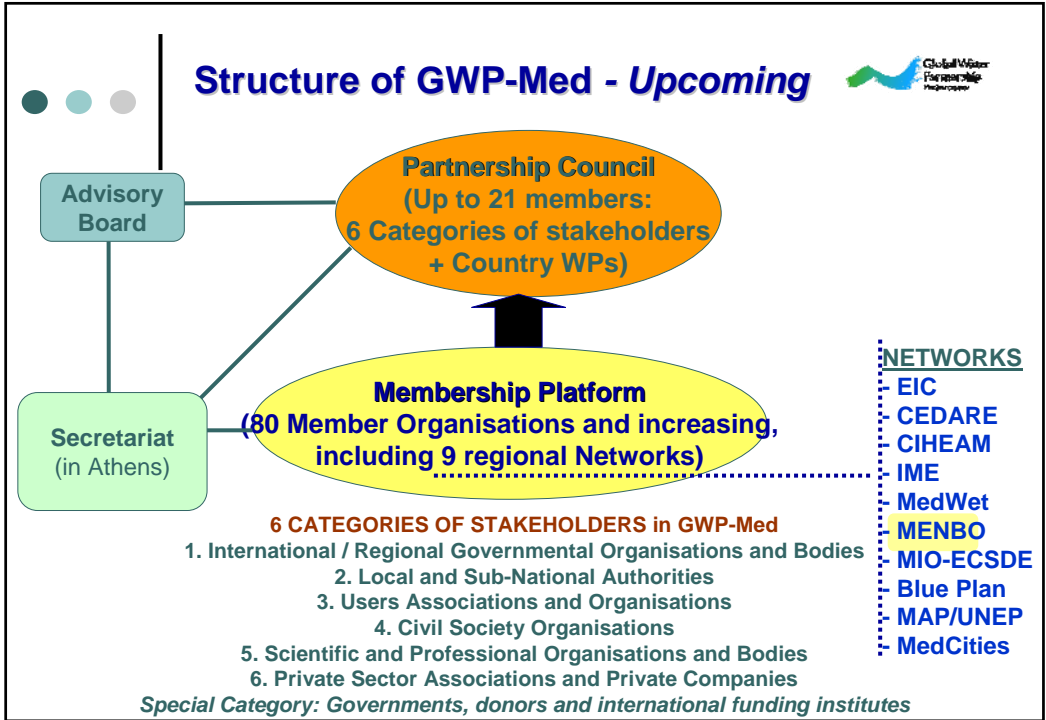
**GWP-Mediterranean is**  
the Regional Water Partnership  
covering with activity  
the Mediterranean countries.  
Its Secretariat is based in Athens

## What is GWP-Mediterranean ?

**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






**GWP-Med Main fields of activity:** 

- 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 (COMJESD)**
- **Private sector involvement**




**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
- Leader of the IWRM Component **GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean** – 2009 to 20
- 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
- Member of the Working Group on Capacity Building of the **Horizon 2020 Initiative to De-pollute the Mediterranean**
- Partner and Activity Leader in the **Petersberg 'Africa' process** with emphasis on MPs & m (together with UNDP, GEF, GWP East Africa, InWent, UNESCO)



## Collaboration between GWP-Med and MENBO



- River Basin Organisations represent the key level for water management = the local water management.
- The multi-stakeholder regional water partnership within GWP-Med, has benefited substantially from MENBOs active engagement in its activities, that have brought up local perspectives and challenges.
- MENBO is an 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 (meetings in Valencia, Marrakech, Athens, Rome etc).
- Further targeted collaborations are under development for activities at the regional (eg. through MED EUWI) and at the local level (eg. for



**Thank you**

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