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# **“Mediterranean Dialogue for Integrated Water Management”**

**COORDINATION ACTION (FP6 – INCO 517612)**

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**Coordinator:** CSIC-Seville, Spain

**Deputy Coordinator:** IAM-Bari, Italy

45 partners around the Mediterranean

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## SUMMARY

**The Coordinated Action MELIA aims at structuring an open dialogue between experts from both sides of the Mediterranean and among the key stakeholders concerned by water use and management;**

**The dialogue intends **to create a Forum** where water players can share knowledge, find consensus and propose new perspectives on the emerging needs and appropriate integration of knowledge for integrated water management in the Mediterranean.**

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## OBJECTIVES

- **Building a knowledge base for integrated water resources management planning from a large spectrum of stakeholders;**
- **Develop a Mediterranean-wide awareness of the social, economic and technological issues related to water management;**
- **Propose participatory mechanisms and prevention tools to avoid conflicts between regions, states and different waters users;**
- **Provides legislative and administrative bodies with criteria and arguments from different countries to support sustainable water policies and economy;**
- **Provide the intellectual basis and the indicators to perform a benchmarking exercise of Integrated Water resources management in the Mediterranean area.**



***MELIA addresses CoP concept (Wenger, 2002)***

***”Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting in an ongoing basis”.***

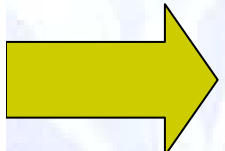
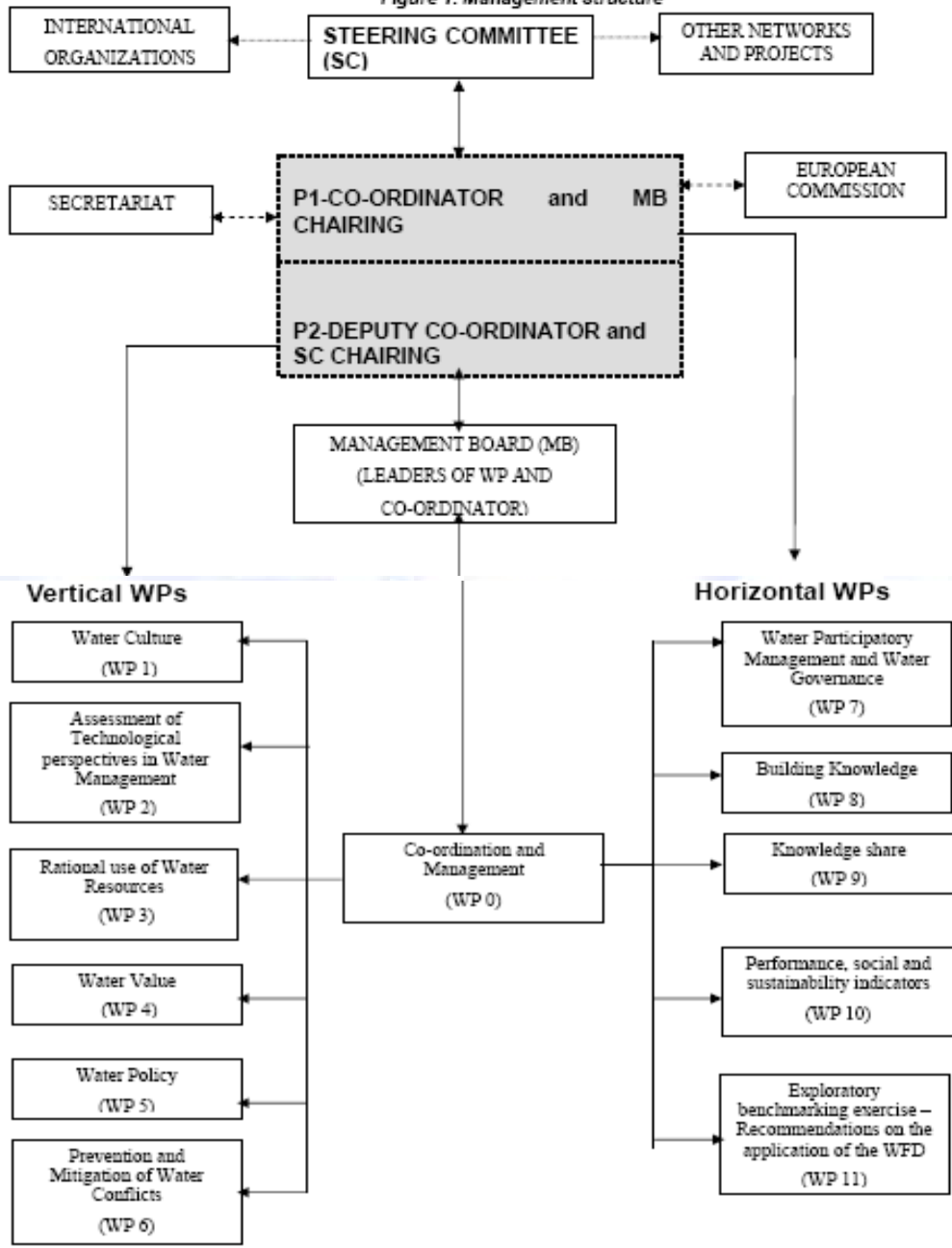
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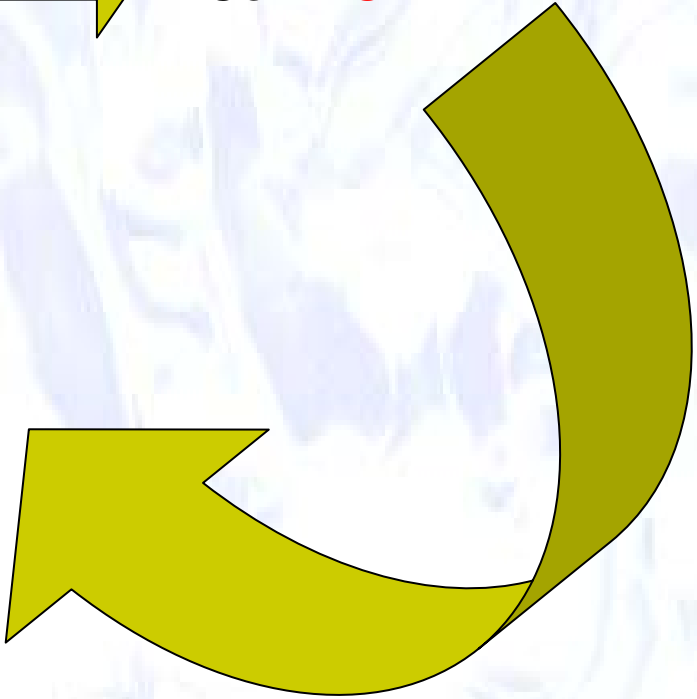


# GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Figure 1. Management structure

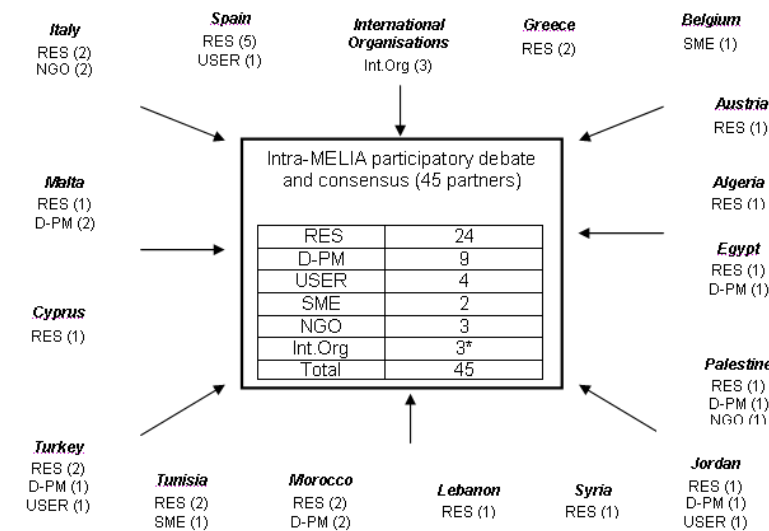


Going back to the MELIA CoP **DOMAIN**



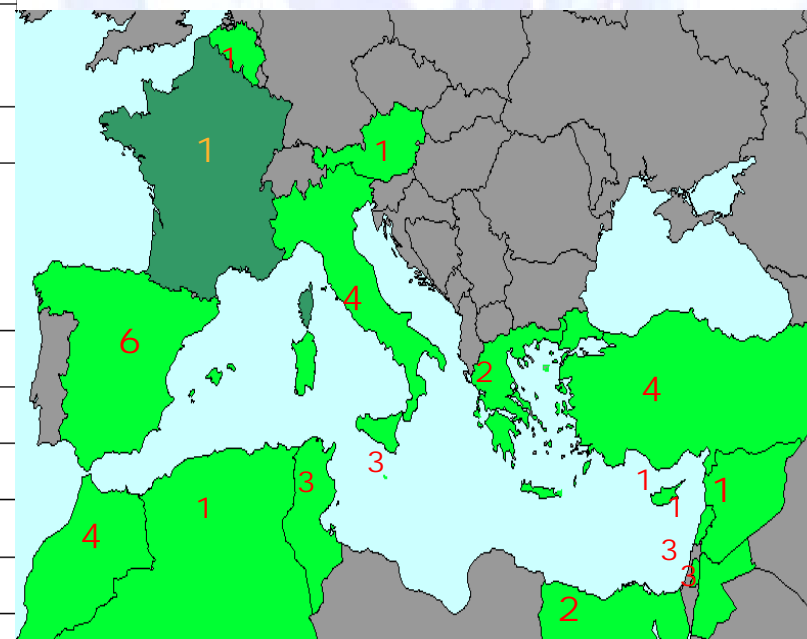
Partner N°.	Type of Institution / Category	Country	Position in the network
P1 co-ordinator and researcher	CSIC	Spain	Co-ordinator
P2 (international organisation, researcher)	CIHEAM - IAMB	Italy	Deputy Co-ordinator Chairing of the Steering Committee
Sub-total:2			
(P1), P3, P4, P5, P6, P9, P10, P11, P13, P14, P15, P16, P17, P18, P19, P20, P21, P22, P23, P25, P26, P27, P30, P35	Research Institutions / Organisations	P1 is based in Spain (already counted as CSIC), Algeria, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Malta, Tunisia, Palestine, Syria, Morocco, Turkey, Cyprus, Italy, Spain, Greece, Austria	Member
Sub-total: 25			
P32, P33, P36, P38, P39, P40, P41, P42	Ministries and Governmental Agencies (Decision-Policy Makers)	Egypt, Jordan, Malta, Palestine, Syria, Morocco, Turkey	Member
Sub-total: 33			
P45, P31, P28, P8, P34	Users associations, Providers, Municipalities	Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Turkey, Spain	Member
Sub-total: 38			
(P2), P7,P44	International Organisations	P2 is based in Italy (already counted as CIHEAM), P7 (OIE) in France, P44 (REMOC) in Spain	Member
Sub-total: 40			
P24, P37, P43	NGOs	Palestine, Italy	Member
Sub-total: 43			
P12, P29	Private SMEs	Tunisia, Belgium	Member
Sub-total: 45			
<b>TOTAL: 45</b>			

Structure of participation by different countries and categories



Legend:  
**RES:** research Institution    **D-PM:** Decision-Policy Maker Institution    **USER:** water user, water services, boards  
**Int. Org.:** International or Intergovernmental Organisation    **NGO:** non-governmental organisation

\* **Int. Org.:** International or Intergovernmental Organisations (3): P2 CIHEAM-IAMB, P7 OIE, P44 REMOC



# RELATION BETWEEN MELIA AND MENBO

- MENBO has particularly relevant role within the project;
- MENBO participates in 6 WPs, besides the newly created WP for the support of the Horizon 2020 Initiative;
- As leader of WP on “Benchmarking Exercise and Recommendations of the Water Framework Directive Implementation”, MENBO will be organizing MELIA 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop in Amman, Jordan, in March 2010.





# Lebanese Partners

- Litany River Authority (LRA)
- Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (LARI)



# MELIA CoP COMMUNITY

## ALL CITIZENS

**Mainly focused on the Mediterranean Area active participation:**

- ✓ **The public concern about water is deeply rooted in the cultural basis of the Mediterranean societies, but the progressive urbanisation and industrialisation of the agricultural production, has distanced the common people on the practical issues related to water management, reducing the debate on the water related problems to technical levels or conflicts of interests between competing users of an scarce resource.**
- ✓ **The public do not participate in these debates and this situation provokes lacks of concerns or, worse, loses of opportunities to reach a sustainable management of water with the complicity and participation of ALL users, including the common citizens. Raising awareness of the competing demands of water, and the conflicts related to this issue is one of the target of MELIA.**





Thank you for listening