The Water Strategy
in the Western Mediterranean

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When? Who?

- An Spanish-Algerian initiative, adopted in Algiers, on March 31st, 2015
- By Ministers of the 5+5 Dialogue: Algeria, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, and Tunisia
- With presence and collaboration:
  - European Commission
  - Union of the Arab Maghreb
  - Union for the Mediterranean
  - MEMBO, FAO, SEMIDE, IME...
Objectives and structure

- **WSWM is a guiding document** with orientations and objectives, agreed by Western Mediterranean countries.
- **Objectives**: regional sustainable growth, preserve water quality, social prosperity, access to water for all, cooperation, exchange of knowledge, ...
- **Structure**: 13 priorities issues.
- **WSWM implementation** → Annexed action Plan, will compile proposals from 5+5 members and partners.
rationale (1)

General constraints of water in the Mediterranean

- Sensitive environment (touristic coastal areas, droughts and floods....)
- Growing threats (population growth, pollution..)
- Important agriculture development
- Water demand growth but scarce and irregular resource aggravated by climate change
- Concurrence water uses <-> environmental priorities <-> need economical development
- Protection of water environment
rationale (2) Different challenges North-South:

• European countries: more water resources, under common policies EU.
• Southern countries: great scarcity, water resource overexploitation,...
• Different scenarios and questions → need collective exchange, approaches and convergence of policies.
• 5+5 dialogue as an example of neighbour collaboration to export to other World Fora.
Priorities

Priority 1: Developing and starting-up clearly defined legal frameworks
Priority 2: Establishing governance adapted to integrated water resource management
Priority 3: Implementing cost-recovery
Priority 4: Capacity building
Priority 5: Innovation development in the water sector.
Priority 6: Water- energy - food nexus
Priority 7: De-pollution of the Mediterranean
Priority 8: Mobilising water-related innovative financing solutions for the application of the Strategy
Priority 9: Climate change adaptation
Priority 10: Increasing and mobilising the available resources
Priority 11: Water use efficiency improvement
Priority 12: Flood prevention
Priority 13: Protection of water quality and biodiversity