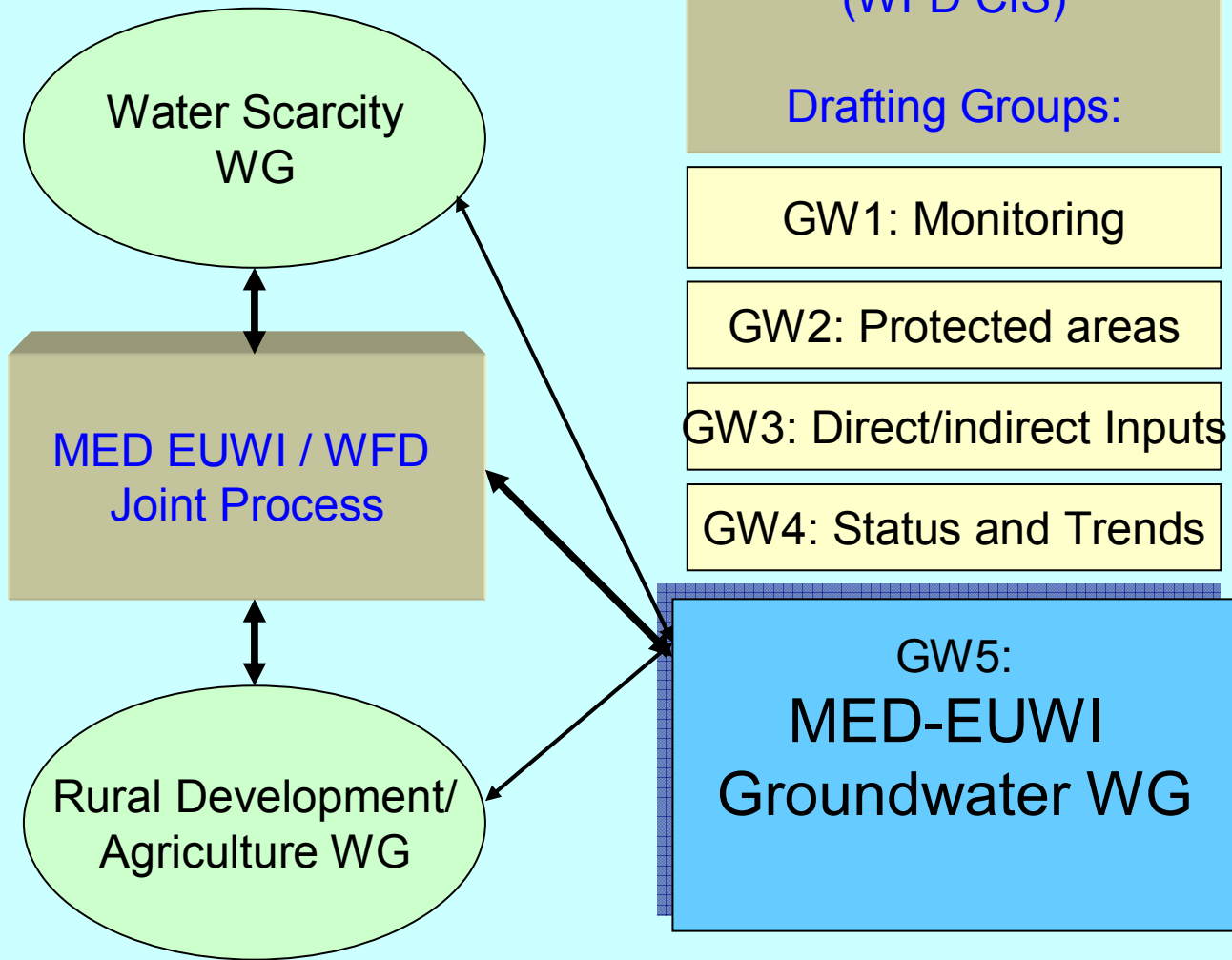


# **Development of partnership on groundwater issues between the EU and non EU countries of the Mediterranean region**

## **The MED-EUWI Groundwater Working Group**

**Marrakech, May 2005**

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# OBJECTIVES

- Exchange experiences, share common challenges and develop synergies between EU and non EU countries aiming at the adoption of a common vision on groundwater resources management, based on the WFD approach and objectives, in the Mediterranean region
- Provide Mediterranean recommendations, examples and experiences on key issues that have been already selected by the WG C and more specifically on
  - **monitoring,**
  - **protected areas** (for drinking water supply) and
  - **direct/indirect discharges to groundwater**to be included in the general guidance (core text) that will be developed by WG C



# AIMS

- **identify the most significant problems**, pressing needs and challenges
- **list on-going regional and national processes**, initiatives and projects and create the basis for the **development of additional joint initiatives** and projects
- **develop common approach** methodologies and management strategies and **develop adequate recommendations and technical specifications** on priority issues
- **transfer, exchange** and demonstration **of know-how** on strategies, criteria, methodologies and tools and improve the **awareness raising** on issues related to groundwater protection and sustainable management



# FINAL OUTPUT

**Technical specifications and specific recommendations on issues relating to groundwater resources management in the Mediterranean region, based on the WFD approach and the regional conditions.**



# PRIORITY ISSUES – CHAPTERS OF THE FINAL REPORT

- **Over exploitation of groundwater resources**
- **Saline water intrusion into groundwater**
- **Deterioration in groundwater quality**
- **International cooperation**
- **Groundwater monitoring and data management**
- **Institutional inefficiency**



# NEXT STEPS

- Drafting of the different chapters for the final report
- Development of an electronic forum for supporting sharing of information, documents, etc.
- Meetings / workshops aiming at defining the core content of the final report



# TIMETABLE

- report to be finalised in June 2006
- first draft until November 2005 to be presented in the EU WDs meeting (28-29/11/05)

The work plan of the MED-EUWI Groundwater WG is strongly affected by the timeframe of the WG C and by specific needs to be addressed by the meetings/workshops



# MEMBERS

The Working Group includes Med EU Pilot River Basins coordinators, representatives of Med EU and non EU countries involved in groundwater management and stakeholders.

The group is open to all active participant committed to supporting the objectives and activities through concrete contributions.



# FINAL REPORT

<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>LEADER</b>	<b>CO-DRAFTER</b>	<b>EXAMPLES PROVIDER</b>
Introduction			
<b>Chapter I</b> Quantitative status	<b>BLUE PLAN?</b>		
<b>Chapter II</b> Qualitative status	<b>TURKEY?</b> <b>ITALY?</b>	<b>CYPRUS</b>	
<b>Chapter III</b> International cooperation	<b>CEDARE?</b>	<b>INWEB</b>	
<b>Chapter IV</b> Monitoring & data management	<b>GREECE</b>		<b>CEDARE</b>
<b>Chapter V</b> Institutional aspects			
Conclusions			
Appendix I			



# ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

- Organisation of the work for developing the report of the MED-EUWI Groundwater WG (leaders of the different chapters, example providers, etc.)
- Proposed content of the final report: issues to focus and to be jointly addressed (suggestions, etc.)
- Workplan of the Working Group
- Other issues related to groundwater management in the Mediterranean region



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