

MELIA

“Mediterranean Dialogue for Integrated Water Management”

“State of the Art in the development of MELIA”

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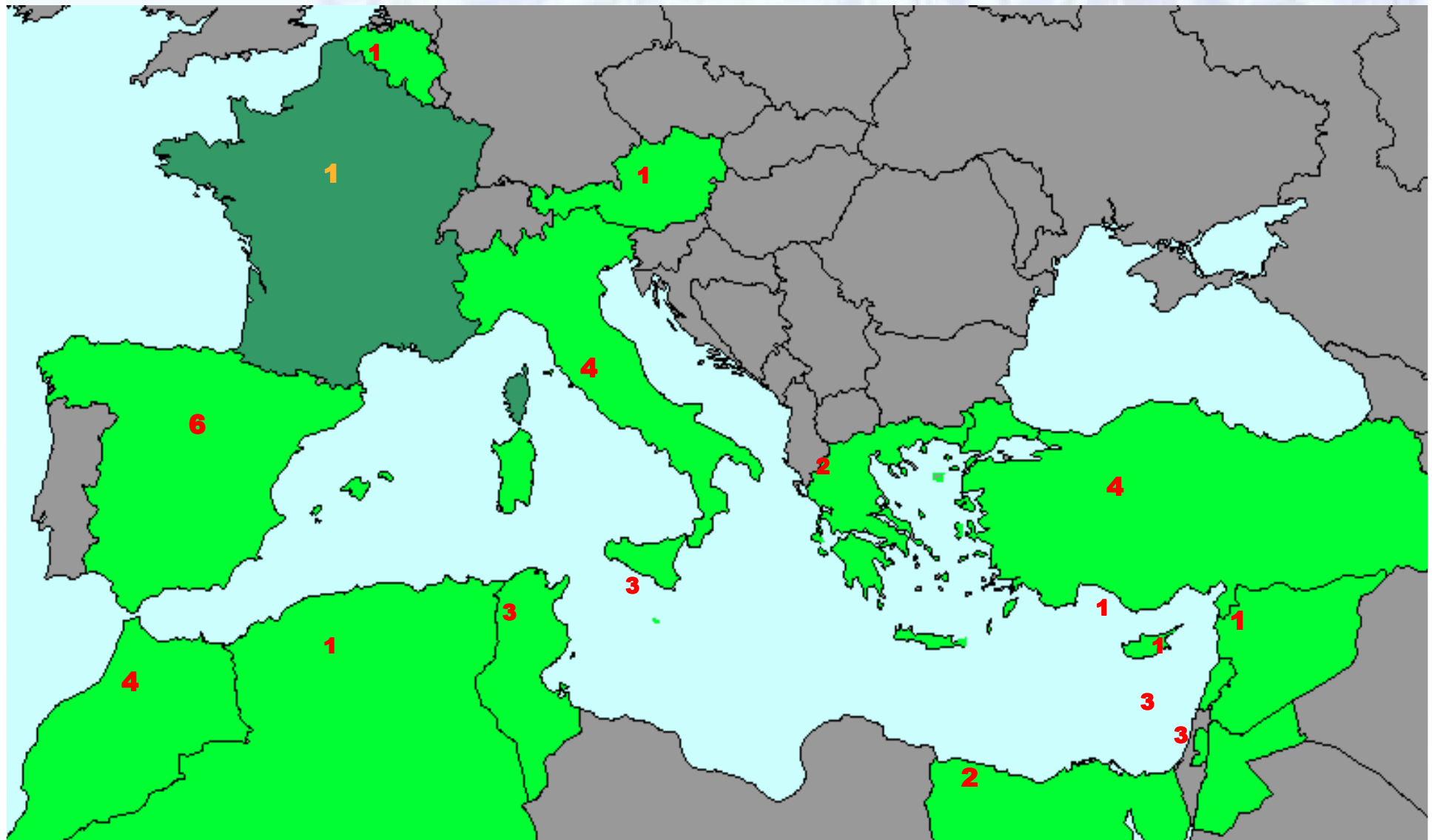
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What is MELIA?

- MELIA is a **Community of Practice (CoP)** based on a EU-INCO-MED Coordinated Action (CA) aimed at the establishment of a strategic dialogue with other running or past research projects dealing with the **Integrated Water Resources Management (IMRM)**, and between research centres, governments, regulators, users and providers. It mainly works by means of the intensive use of a **powerful semantic Web Site**.



Objectives of MELIA

- The objective of MELIA is to contribute to the **improvement of the regional water planning and management** under scarcity condition to enhance sustainable development. In particular, the specific objective of MELIA CoP is to **build-up and share a common knowledge and awareness instruments** (at different level of players) directed to Core Group Members (45), legislators, political deciders, water users and providers, educators, journalists and citizens.

An Strategy for MELIA (1)

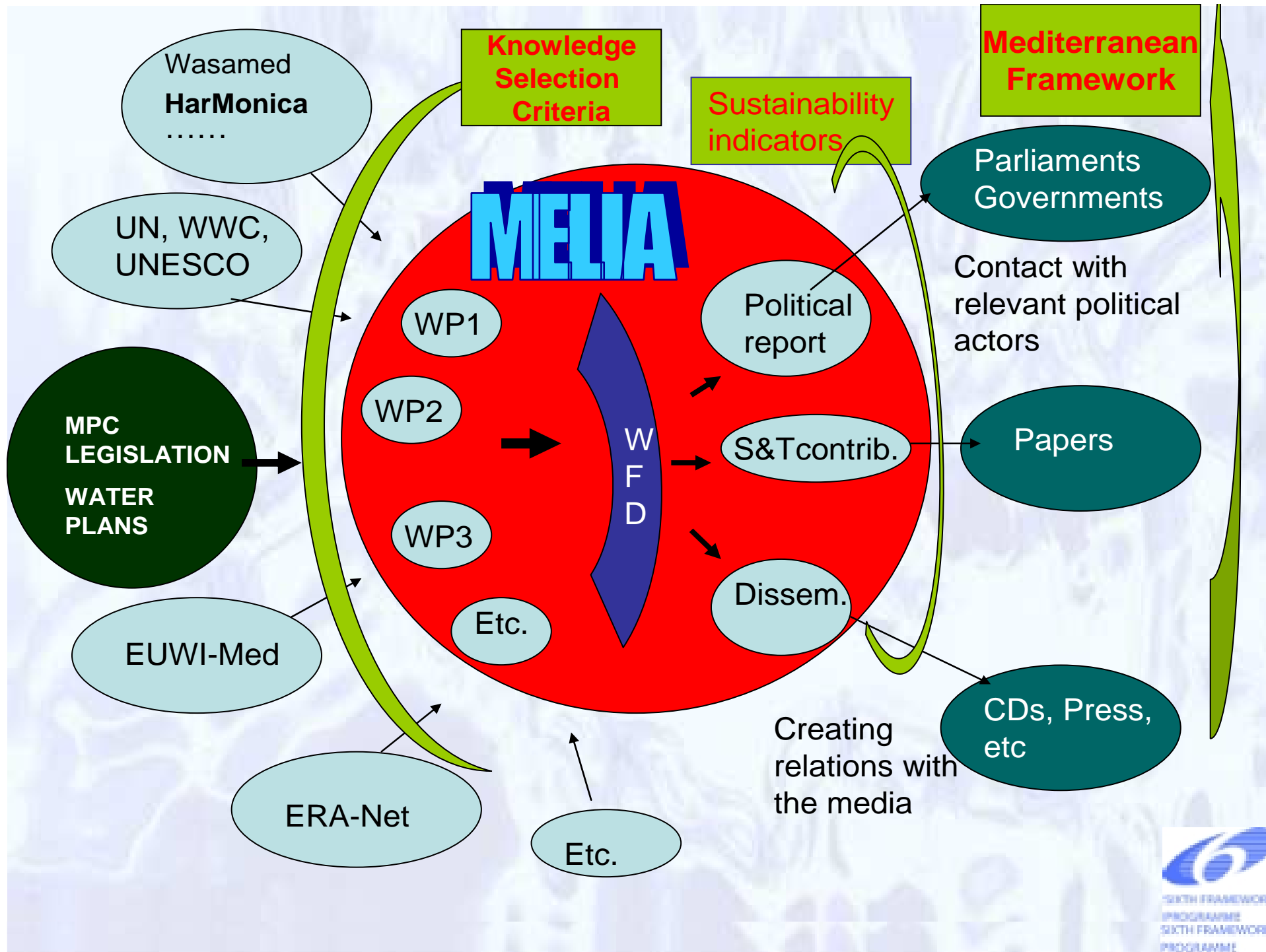
- Facts:
 - There is an enormous amount of work done in the topics addressed by MELIA
 - The WFD defines an strategy to obtain water of good ecological quality
 - The Global Change has introduced a dramatic element in the perception of the water management
 - Most of the MPC are creating or revising their water policy using inputs from their own requirements and internationally agreed tools

An Strategy for MELIA (2)

- Drivers:
 - The Water Framework Directive (WFD) principles offers a very useful reference to intervene in the debates open in the MPC about water management
 - Promoting the sustainable development using the principles of the WFD, and other internationally agreed tools (Millenium Goals...) and interpreting them in terms on MPC national references
 - Establishment of contacts and alliances with local stakeholder is the way forward to implement actions

A political vision

- MELIA aims at structuring a dialog between stakeholder interested in IWMR in the Mediterranean area, in order to support the local agendas of water related policies, and explore the possibility to **define a common frame of reference in this area**, and support a sustainable approach based on the contributions from the previous and running scientific and technical project of co-operation, and the **identification of the cultural, legal, economic and political frames** that mark the arena of dialog.
- In other words: **to foster a common Mediterranean Water Policy inspired in the principles of the WFD, i.e., sustainable management and care for the quality of waters, and the other non-binding tools such as the Millennium Development Goals or Agenda 21**
- It is very important to know **how to apply as well as how to find the missing points** between the MPC particular National Water Policies and the EU-WFD recommendations



The outcomes

- MELIA search an **strategic collaboration** with the different bodies interested in the IWRM in the Mediterranean region, such as SEMIDE, EUWI-Med, and other institutions and initiatives, in order to create synergies with the stable and temporal institutions dealing with the important problems regarding water management in the Mediterranean sea, where the EU meets its southern and eastern neighbour countries.

Dissemination strategy

It must be mainly a local activity, but common grounds for all MPC should searched

Actions

- The Videos production
- Articles in press
- Contact with education institutions
- Pamphlets
- Cooperation with local agencies of environmental awareness

Thank you for your attention!

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