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Mediterranean experiences

A regional approach of
SEEA-W

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- **Regional programme**
- **37 countries: 27 EU + 10 Mediterranean Partners countries**
 - **Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territory, Tunisia and Turkey**
- **National Statistical offices as focal point**
- **Large diversity of national situation**





From statistics to integrated economic-environment approaches : a regional approach with individual situations

⇒ Regional Workshop :

- ✓ Develop a common understanding of the System of Economic Environment accounts SEEA
- ✓ Water identified as a key issue

⇒ Sub-regional training sessions on water accounting and SEEA-W

⇒ Technical assistance missions

⇒ Development of training material (including translation of reference documents)

⇒ Pilot application of the SEEA-W (Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon, occupied Palestinian territory, Syria)

⇒ Sharing of experiences



Close coordination and support with UNSD, UN-ESCWA





Current practices : a step forward in meeting the demand for data integration

- **Focus on physical supply and use tables and assets accounts**
- **Different approaches but no formal institutional arrangements**
 - ⇒ Leadership of national statistical offices in cooperation with water institutions/agencies;
 - ⇒ Working group (inter- institutional);
 - ⇒ Individual initiative.
- **Specific adaptation of the SEEA-W standard tables to the region's needs**
 - ⇒ Towards a use of more detailed standard tables for the region
- **Difficulties in the applicability of SEEA-W (readability, conceptual difficulties, issues not enough developed)**
- **Common technical problems faced for the implementation of the SEEAW in the region (lack of harmonisation, drawbacks of the information system, need for practical guidance)**





The route may be long

- **More guidance is needed, based on practical examples**
- **Data collection strategy for each countries should be developed / maximum use of already existing source of information (satellite images)**
- **Internal and external cooperation and coordination is essential**
- **Efficient and coordinated information system should be implemented clearly linked with SEEA-w**
- **Enlarge the promotion of SEEA-W (mutual benefit, implication of the policy-makers)**
- **Ensure financing of water accounting on a long-term basis**
- **Continuation of support is needed, technical assistance is considered as very useful**





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