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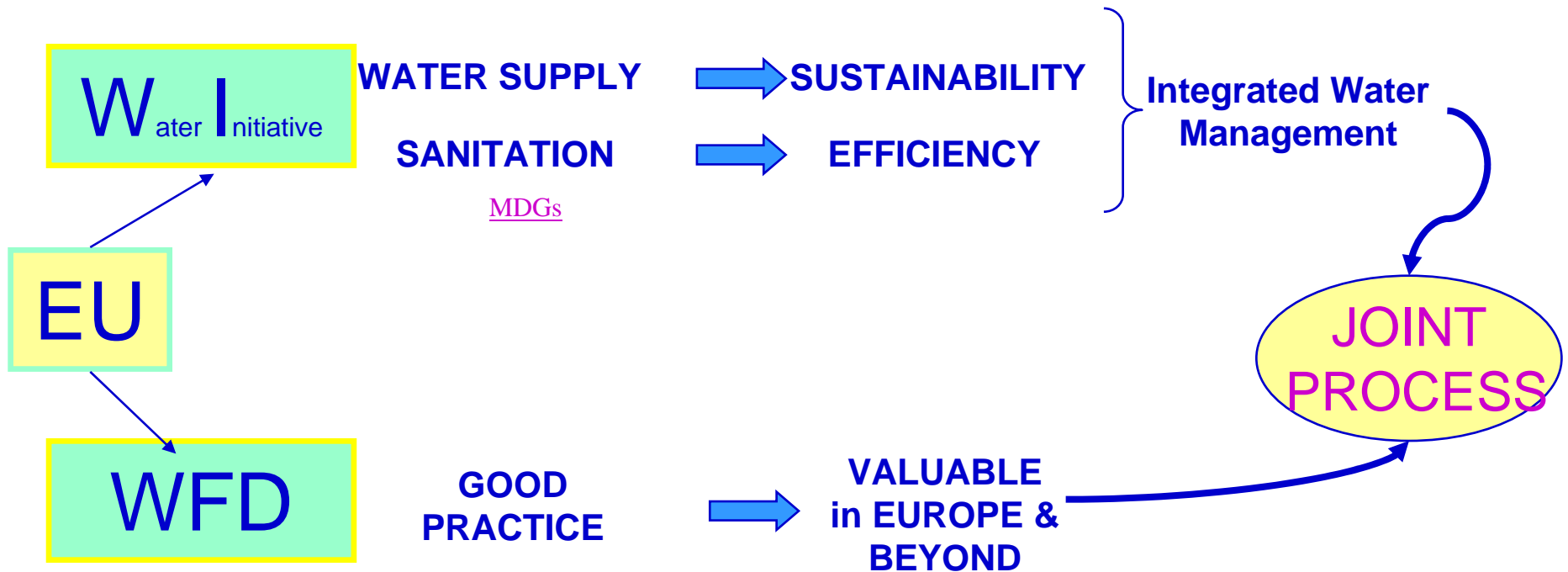
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Mediterranean Joint Water Framework Directive / EU Water Initiative Process

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OBJECTIVES



- Use the EU water-related experience & the WFD approach in the EUWI regional components to contribute to the achievement of the MDGs for Water & Sanitation in a sustainable way

⇒ use *-where appropriate-* the WFD as a basis to be adapted



PRINCIPLES

*Foster exchanges of best practices between
EU & non-EU countries*

AREA

- **EECCA & MED**
 - Countries with shared rivers / seas
 - Candidate countries
 - Neighbor countries
- **AFRICA & LA**

TARGET

- **TECHNICAL level**
 - Water managers
 - Water experts...
- **POLITICAL level**
 - Water directors



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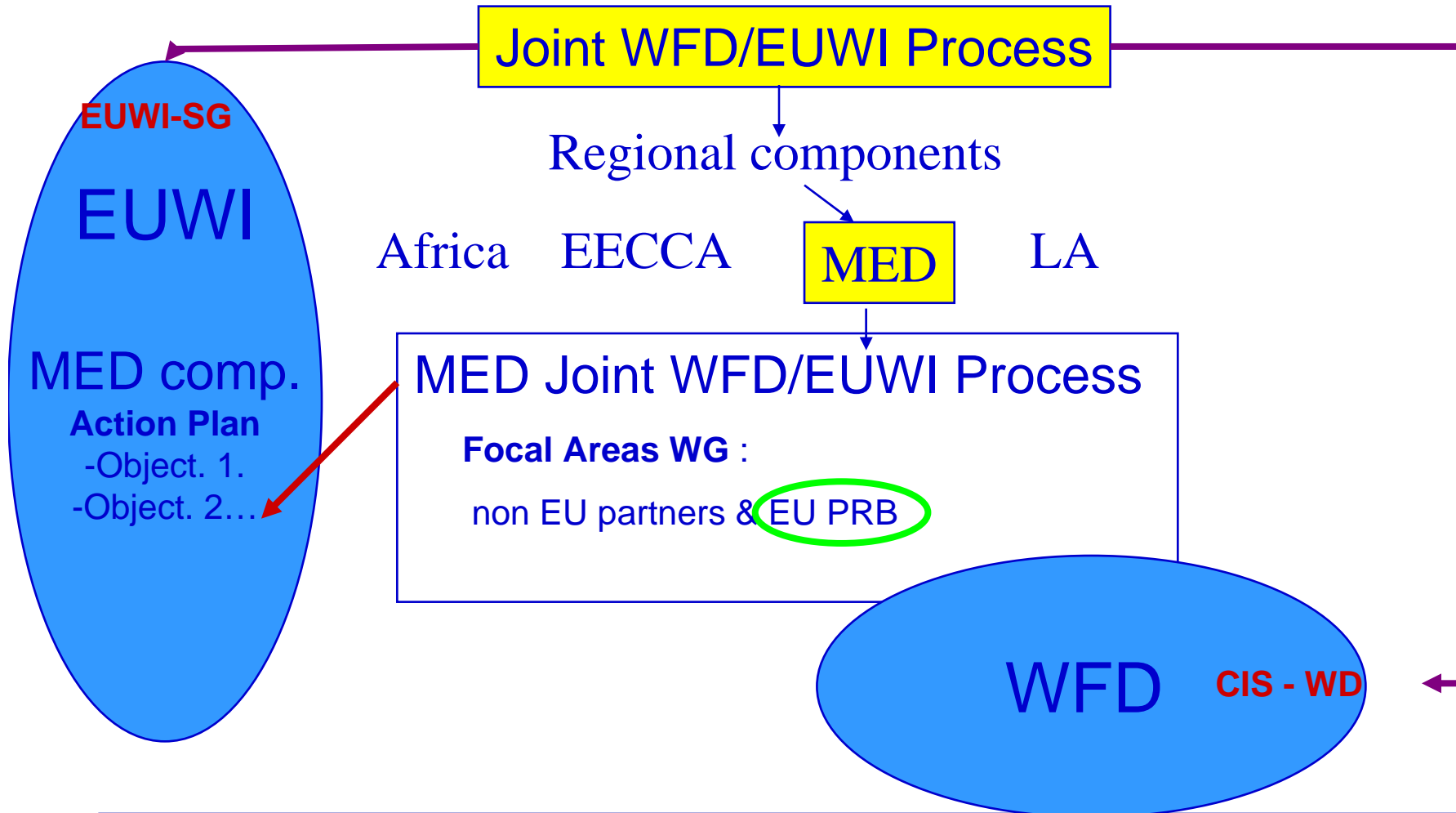
The Joint Process to date



2004	<i>TECHNICAL</i>	<i>POLITICAL</i>
EECCA		
MED	Med PRB workshop + MedEUWI extra session <i>Brindisi, September</i>	
AFRICA		
LA		
GENERAL	EUWI Multistakeholder - Public participation - Economic issues <i>STOCKHOLM August</i>	WD Meeting Discussion WFD/EUWI <i>Dublin, June</i>



Framework





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The MED Joint Process



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- **Working Groups**
 - **Water Scarcity**
 - **Groundwater Management**
 - **Linking Rural Development & Agriculture with Water Management**
 - **Synergies with:**
 - **Existing activities (EMWIS, MENBO, GWP-Med, WWF,...)**
 - **On-going MEDA / Research projects**
 - **Political support: EuroMed Water Directors Forum ?**



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WORKING GROUPS



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- **Objectives: Facilitate Water Policies Implementation by Exchange of experiences**
 - **Membership:**
 - Leader /Facilitator
 - Members: Partners EU – *PRBs* and non EU – Water managers, experts, ...open
 - **Activites: Electronic forum; workshops; papers**



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WATER SCARCITY (1/3)



- **Mediterranean characteristics:**
 - Climate – water availability
 - Specific Profile of water users :Irrigation
- **Definition of drought:**
 - Not homogeneous but common understanding
- **Measures:**
 - Various; both on Supply and Demand; implemented at diferent scales (local, national, regonial)



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WATER SCARCITY (2/3)



Main Issues

- **Planning strategies** (different levels)
- **Use of non conventional resources**
- **Priorisation of uses**
- **Enforcement**
- **Prices**
- ...



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WATER SCARCITY (3/3)



DRAFTING GROUP

- **Leader:** France
- **Members:** CY, IT, Egypt, Tunisia, NGOs, research
- **Exchange of information:**
 - Workshops: Palermo, Oct. 2004, Cyprus, May 2005
 - Electronic Forum – COM facilitator
- **Production of a common paper**
 - Definitions
 - Examples of measures
 - List of existing projects



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**Thank you for
your attention**

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Dublin



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- **Joint Process welcomed by the Water Directors**
 - **Possibility of inviting partners countries to participate in part of the WD meetings to be discussed**
 - **COM encouraged MS to participate in the WFD/EUWI Joint Process**
 - **Preparation of a more detailed proposal for December** [Return](#)



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STOCKHOLM



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- **Large Participation:** D, UK, F, GR, SW & non-EU representatives
 - **Joint Process welcomed by the partners**
 - **Development on a regional basis**
 - **Topics:** ecosystems, economic instruments, public participation, water security...
 - **Synergies with other activities**
 - **Virtual Forum on www.euwi.net**

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AFRICA

IWRM WSS

EECCA

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MED Water, food & Env. Interact.

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Non conventional water resources

LA

IWRM WSS Extreme events Water in Agriculture



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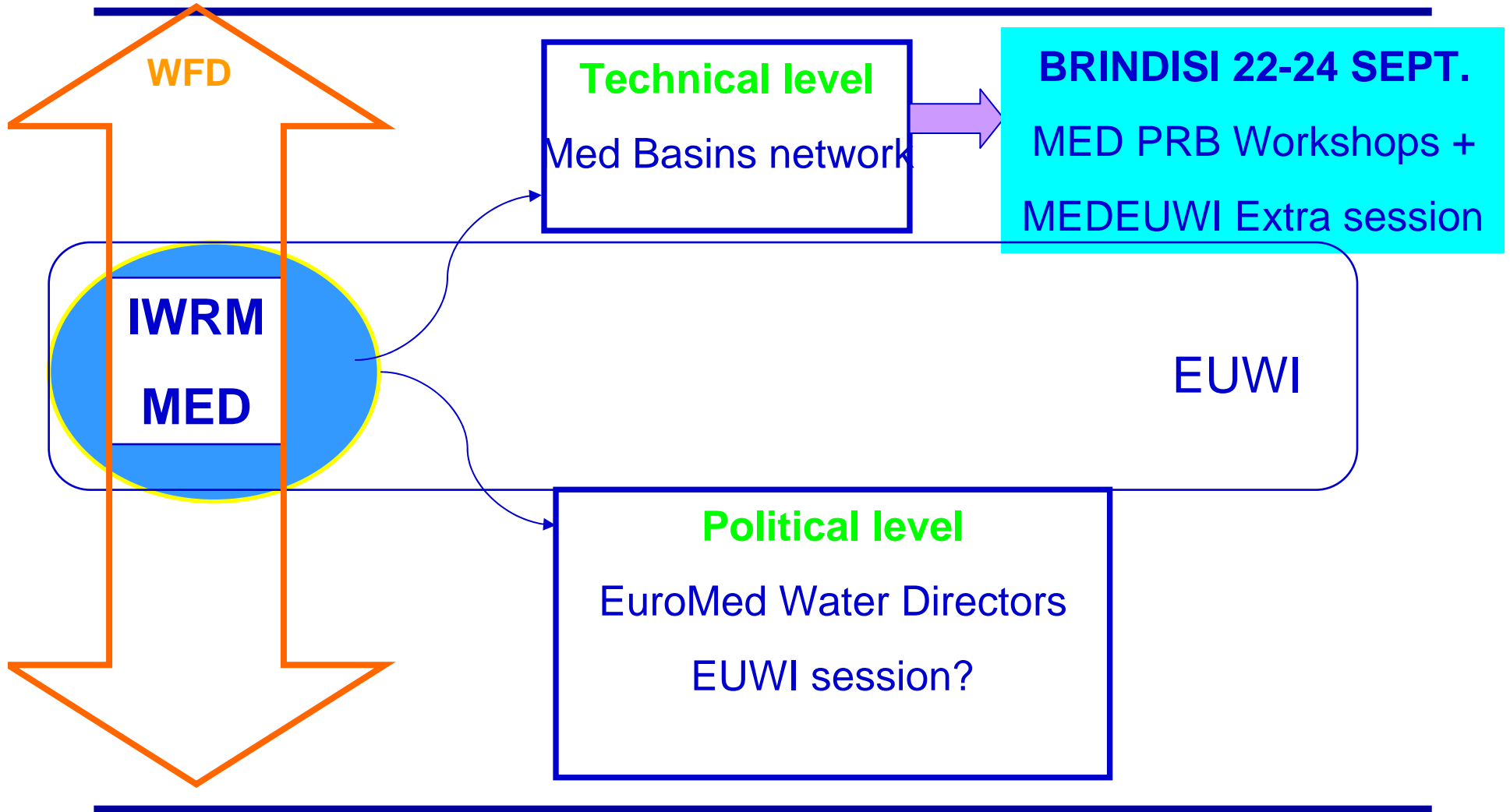
IWRM WSS

Extreme events

Water in Agriculture



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EUWI - Background



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- **EU contribution to the water-related Millennium Development Goals** [MDGs](#)
 - **5 main Targets** [KEY ELEMENTS OF THE EUWI](#)
 - **4 Regional Components** [EUWI Regional Components](#)
 - **3 levels of Action** [EUWI Framework](#)



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MDGs



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- Halve, by the year **2015**, the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water
 - Halve, by the year **2015**, the proportion of people who do not have access to basic sanitation
 - Develop integrated water resources management and efficiency plans by **2005** [Return](#)



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KEY ELEMENTS OF THE EUWI EU WATER INITIATIVE

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- Reinforce political commitment to action
 - Promote better water governance arrangements
 - Improve co-ordination and co-operation
 - Encourage regional and sub-regional co-operation on water management
 - Catalyse additional funding [Return](#)



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EUWI Regional Components



Leaders

- **AFRICA**
 - Water Supply & Sanitation
 - IWRM
 - **EECCA:** Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia
 - **MEDITERRANEAN** countries
 - **LATIN AMERICA**
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|--------------|----------------|
| <i>EU</i> | <i>Partner</i> |
| DK | Lesotho |
| F | Egypt |
| EC | Russia |
| GR | |
| SP, P | Mexico |

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