

## PROJECT SYNOPSIS

Project Title:	Institutional and Social Innovations in Irrigation Mediterranean Management
Project Number:	Euro-Mediterranean Regional Programme for Local Water Management ME8/AIDCO/2001/0515/59763-P016
Country:	Egypt, France, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Spain and Palestine <sup>1</sup>

- Overall objective(s):**
- **Promoting an integrated and balanced management of water resources by conciliating respect of the environment and economically viable irrigated agriculture**
- Specific project objective(s):**
- Overcoming current contradictions associated with local water management in Mediterranean catchment areas through innovative institutional solutions, based on an understanding of six key axes: social, institutional, historical, agricultural, territorial and hydrological
- Main activities:**
- Facilitating the coordination between water managers and other actors in each river-basin
  - Strengthening institutional capacities and training in irrigation water management,
  - Promoting a better understanding of the key axes through project partners networks,
  - Identifying solutions to problems of water conflict,
  - Developing Organisation System of Information and Research of Irrigation Societies (OSIRIS) that will underpin the different axes of ISIIMM
  - Exchanging of information and transfer of know-how
- Planned outputs:**
- Building a common knowledge and comprehension of social and institutional irrigation management and creating adapted institutional tools,
  - Creating new perspectives for irrigation development policies and for innovation at local level through guidelines and documents that synthesise the 11 ISIIMM pilot-basin cases
  - Creating OSIRIS (database, GIS) and communication products
  - Training and dissemination through website and distance learning
- Project activities:**
- A Animation and project management**
- 1. Activity 1 : General coordination**
    - 1.1. Animation and management
    - 1.2. Organisation and management of the Steering Committee and kick Off meetings
    - 1.3. National work teams implementation

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<sup>1</sup> Palestine should participate to ISIIMM if the political situation permits it and with agreement of European Commission

- 1.4. Project methodological guide
- 1.5. Methodological seminar
- 1.6. International scientific committee
- 1.7. Phases 2 and 3 adaptation prevision

## **B Collection and organisation of knowledge (Phase 1)**

### **2. Activity 2: First level of knowledge**

- 2.1. Documentation collection
- 2.2. Basic geographical and social mapping
- 2.3. Local actors networking
- 2.4. First documentation analysis
- 2.5. Complementary documentation collection at Coordination Unit level
- 2.6. External experts TORs elaboration
- 2.7. Experts profiles and CVs targeting and criteria for selection
- 2.8. Synthesis and horizontal approach (national and international experts)
- 2.9. National and river-basin synthetic reports elaboration
- 2.10. National detailed reports elaboration

### **3 Activity 3: Local seminars**

- 3.1. Local seminars in Egypt
- 3.2. Local seminars in Morocco
- 3.3. Local seminars in Italy
- 3.4. Local seminars in Lebanon
- 3.5. Local seminars in Spain
- 3.6. Local seminars in France
- 3.7. Local seminars in Palestine

## **C Users and stakeholders mutual learning activities (Phase 2)**

### **4 Activity 4: Training and exchange of experience seminars**

- 4.1. Objectives and strategy setting up to develop new institutional rules for water management under scarcity conditions
- 4.2. Mountain high watershed management
- 4.3. Mediterranean deltas management
- 4.4. Mediterranean underground water tables management
- 4.5. Mediterranean watershed co-ordination institutions - cases of northern side
- 4.6. Mediterranean watershed co-ordination institutions - cases of south-eastern side
- 4.7. Mediterranean watershed co-ordination institutions - cases of south-western side
- 4.8. Mediterranean federation of users' organisations

### **5 Activity 5: OSIRIS system**

- 5.1. OSIRIS system elaboration
- 5.2. Documentation inventory
- 5.3. In countries OSIRIS system presentation
- 5.4. EMWIS Collaboration for database

### **6 Activity 6: Film production**

- 6.1. Technical and format options and requirements
- 6.2. Introduction to ISIIMM issues
- 6.3. Water management in France
- 6.4. Others film synopsis in preparation

- 6.5. Complementary funding research for film production
- D Knowledge dissemination and new tools implementation (Phase 3)**
- 7 Activity 7: Implementation of new institutional tools**
- 7.1. Institutional tools development
- 7.2. Institutional tools implementation
- 8 Activity 8: Small pilot projects for better water management**
- 8.1. Pilot projects identifying
- 8.2. Pilot projects implementation
- 9 Activity 9: Information and communication**
- 7.1. Didactic tools elaboration (news letter, guidelines, book)
- 7.2. Publication (news letter, guidelines, book)
- 7.2. Dissemination (OSIRIS, films)
- 7.3. Press reviewing
- 7.4. Information
- 7.5. EMWIS Collaboration in information and communication issues

**Target group(s):**

- Public authorities and rural municipalities,
- River-basin authorities,
- Water users organisations (WUOs)
- Environment and development NGOs,
- Local and regional development organisations

**Project start date:**

Date of the contract: 1 May 2003

**Project duration:**

48 months