



The Strategy on WEF E Nexus in the Source to Sea Continuum and progress towards its Action Framework

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The WEFE Nexus Strategy in Med S2S

- **The Strategy aims to** enable the mainstreaming of system-thinking and the application of the WEFE Nexus approach in the Mediterranean Source to Sea continuum within improved and integrated governance structures at different levels.
- **The Strategy provides** a comprehensive strategic framework to support countries in strengthening policy and action integration across WEFE sectors and to promote leveraging of financial resources towards sustainability and climate-resilience objectives across borders.

- **Under the auspices of**
UfM, UNEP-MAP, and EU



- **Technical drafting led by**
GWP-Med, EU WES (BCA) Project, PRIMA



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- The Strategy is structured around 3 Goals:
 1. Appropriate institutional arrangements, policies, and cooperation frameworks are established at country and regional levels
 2. Efficient and effective planning, financing and implementation of management and technical solutions
 3. Informed decision-making based on enhanced science-based knowledge, engagement of capacitated stakeholders, and increased public awareness
- In service of the 3 Goals, the Strategy unfolds in 8 Objectives and 40 Directions for Action

A Framework of Action for the Strategy operationalization: key principles

- Shift from **'Nexus thinking'** to **'Nexus doing'** in the Mediterranean
- Strengthen institutional capacities to **improve project preparation and accelerate access to climate financing** by supporting meaningful participation in regional WEFE initiatives
- Reflect **countries' needs and priorities**
- Link to **goals of UfM and the Barcelona Convention**
- Align regional processes, like **Pact for the Mediterranean** and **EU Water Resilience Strategy**
- Mobilise key partners, including PRIMA-supported **WEFE Nexus Community of Practice** (WEFE4Med and WEFE4Med Booster)
- Enhance engagement of **Energy and Agriculture** sectors in a WEFE approach



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Regional contributions to the Action Framework along four priorities

○ **WEFE Nexus Governance:**

- Rapid Assessment of WEFE Nexus in Med (13 countries) | GWP-Med in GEF MedProgramme
- Detailed Assessment for Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco (2025-2026, in synergy with EU WES-BCA, GWP-Med and PRIMA
- Online Course on WEFE Nexus for national policy-makers and experts | GWP-Med in GEF MedProgramme

○ **WEFE Nexus Financing:**

- WEFE Nexus and GCF financing : Regional Training with UfM, GCF, AWC, Egypt, June 2025)
- WEFE Nexus and EU financing: Regional Training with UfM, EU DG MENA, Sida, GWP-Med, Athens, Dec 2025)
- Regional consultation on WEFE Nexus Financing & Private Sector Engagement for Climate Resilience | WES-BCA, EU, GWP-Med, partners
- 1st MED-RISE events at the Cairo Water Week | EU, UfM, GWP-Med, EU WES-BCA

○ **WEFE Nexus & Non-Conventional (Desalination, Wastewater Treatment & Reuse):**

- Regional Consultation (Nicosia, Nov 2025; EU JRC Assessment; follow ups) | EU JRC, PRIMA WEFE4Med, Cyl

○ **WEFE Nexus & Digital Transformation:**

- Regional Consultation (Lisbon, Jun 2024; Malta, Feb 2025) and online in 2025 and 2026 GWP-Med, UfM, IME
- 3 PRIMA/H2020 projects (led AQUAOUNT-CMCC),

The Action Framework: next steps

- **Barcelona Convention and UfM RPW** to provide light monitoring, assess progress and strategically orient towards further action for achieving the set goals
- UfM RPW to work **with MSs and partners** to elaborate framework of actions, engaging other sectors and promoting financing for WEFE investment and capacity building
- Be based on a **Why-What-How approach**
- **Elaborate and finalize Action Framework** : Describe context; purpose; technical contents; key partners and roles; timeframe; means of implementation; indicators; monitoring; learning
- Utilise **opportunities for consultation** and presentation in 2026: Euro-Med Water Forum in Rome, Cairo Water Week, UN Water Conference in Abu Dhabi
- Considered for comments and **approval by** UfM RPW and UNEP MAP MCSD in **2027**

Key recent and upcoming regional & international events

- UfM Ministerial Meeting on Water, 28 September 2026, Rome
- Euro-Med Water Forum, 29 September-2 October 2026, Rome
 - Workshop on WEFE Nexus Community of Practice (PRIMA WEFE4Med), 30 Sept
 - Workshop on the WEFE Nexus Strategy and Action Framework, 1 Oct
- Cairo Water Week, 25-29 October 2026, Cairo
 - 1st MED-RISE Conference: Mobilising Private Investment across the WEFE Nexus 26 Oct
 - UfM Task Force on Water Financing, 27 Oct (by invitation)
 - 1st MED-RISE Experts Roundtable and Investment Clinic, 27 Oct (by invitation)
- UN Water Conference, 8-10 December 2026, UAE
 - Side Event on the WEFE Nexus Strategy and Action Framework, 9 Dec

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