

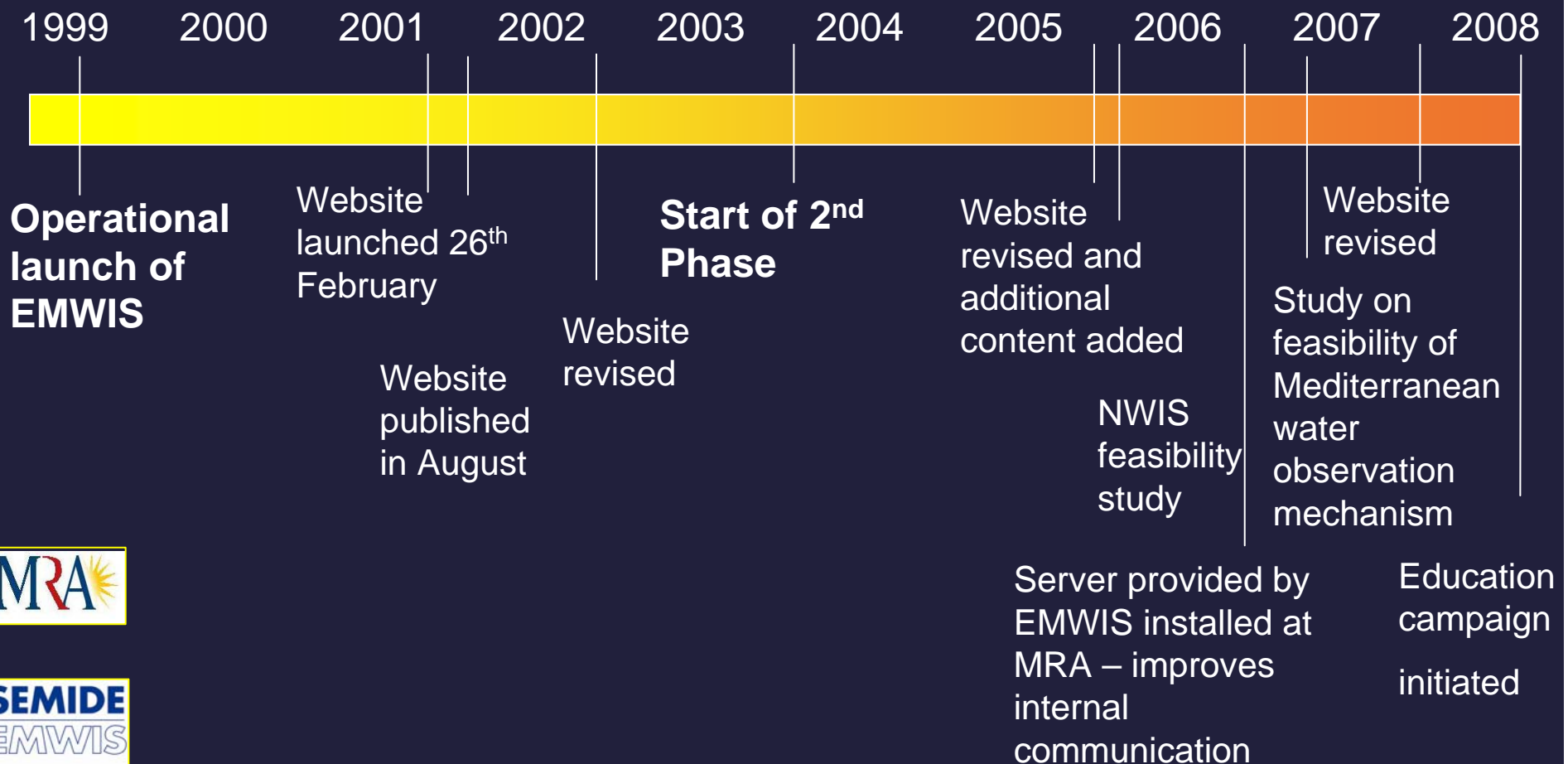


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NFP achievements

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MALTA NFP timeline



Achievements and failures of the NFP

■ Achievements

- Increasing importance of the NFP website
- Focuses on the role of education in water policy
- Help foster the concept of an NWIS
- Contribute to a Common Mediterranean Water Policy

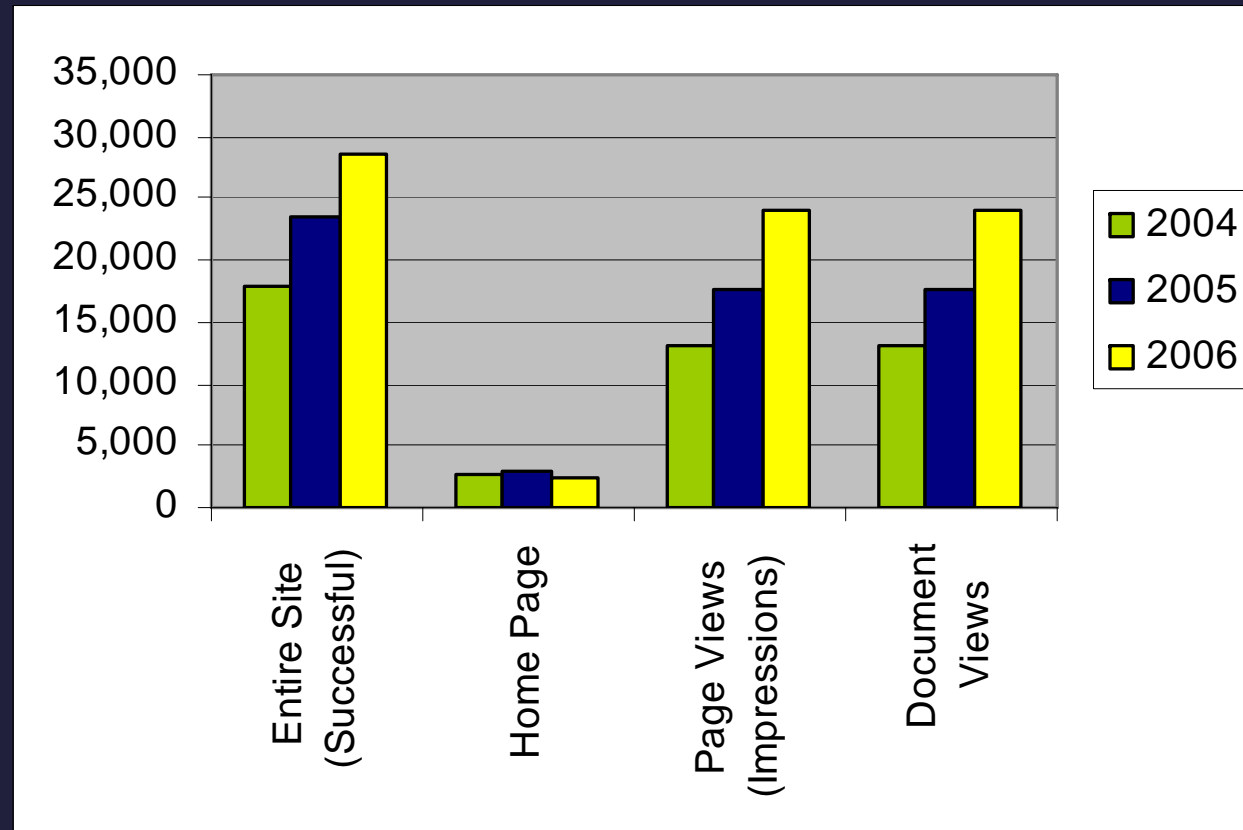
■ Fails to:

- Provide a forum for exchange of experience at the National level
- Achieve MoUs between national organisations to contribute to a NWIS
- Provide sufficient information and therefore is isolated in its attempt to create a national network.



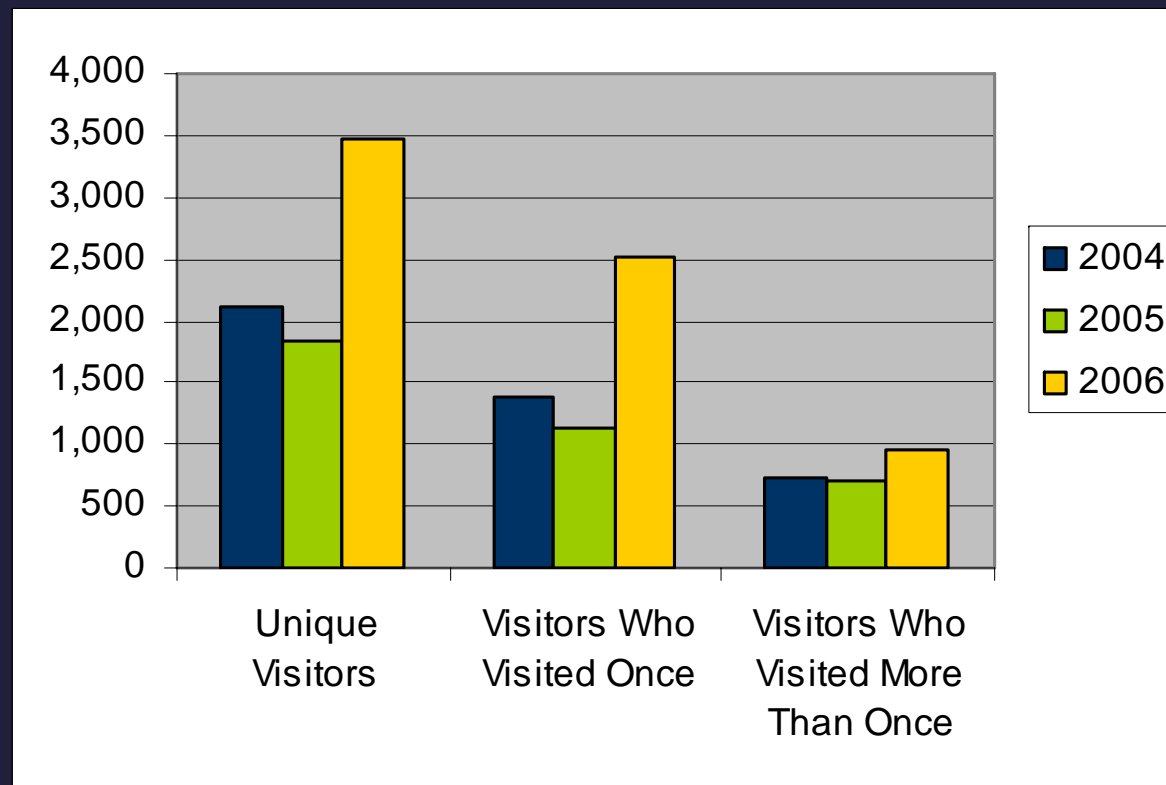
NFP website statistics

■ General statistics : Hits and Page Views



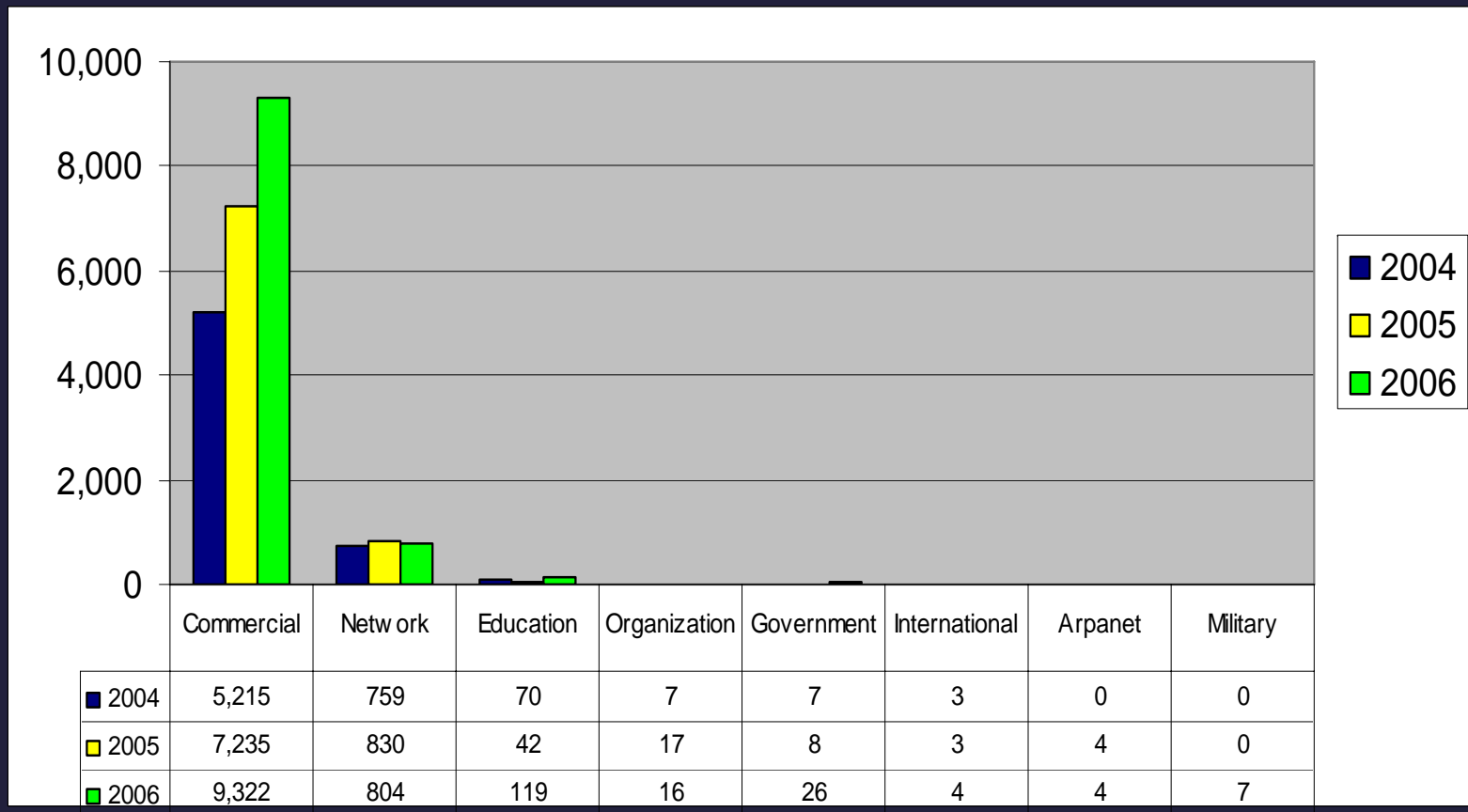
NFP website statistics

■ Visitors



NFP website statistics

■ Organisation breakdown



Website and information management



- Students make use of the geological, geomorphologic and historical contexts provided.
- The MEPA has also utilised information provided by the NFP as a means of informing the public on the natural resources present on the islands and has included texts from the EMWIS NFP in its own website.



MEPA screen shots utilising EMWIS MALTA NFP info and maps



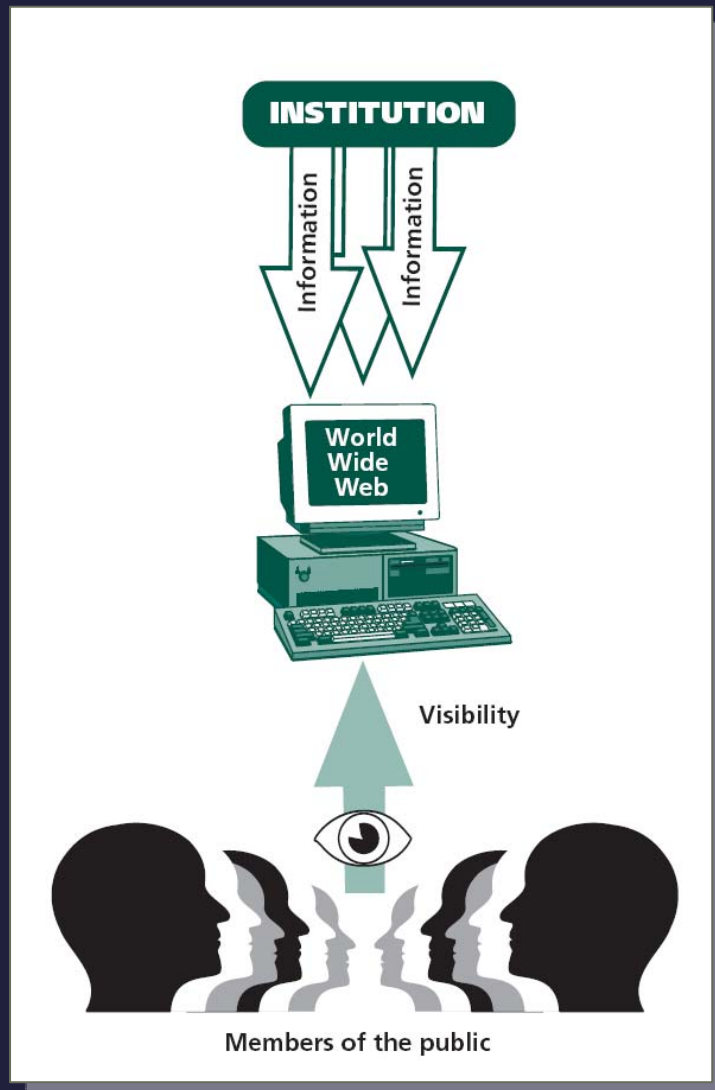
NWIS Contents of the report

- There still remain difficulties in the exchange of water information due to:
 - ❖ lack of standard operation procedures for the collection of information across authorities,
 - ❖ unclear roles and responsibilities,
 - ❖ no standard data exchange formats and structures,
 - ❖ the unavailability of computerised information systems,
 - ❖ the lack of human resources
 - ❖ problems related to data readiness, availability and reliability.

- Despite the fact that the NWIS report stated that all stakeholders were eager to establish a NWIS in Malta, several authorities raised the point that an Environmental Information System should be set up instead.



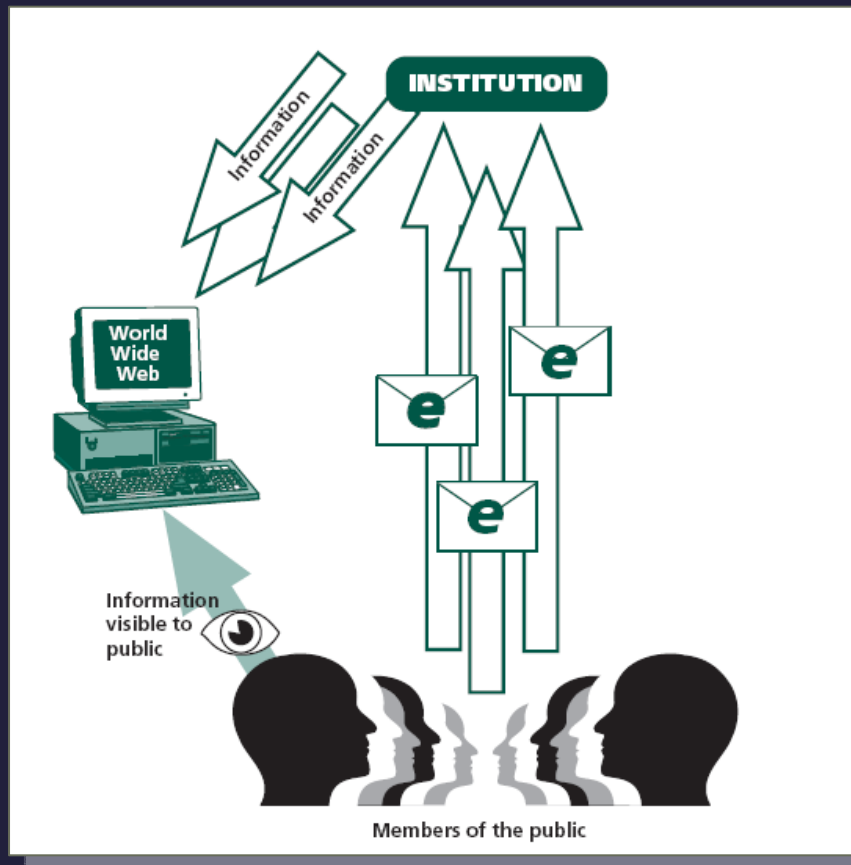
Status of NFP site



1. Visibility

i.e. putting information, ideas, decisions or debates on display for people who might seek them out.

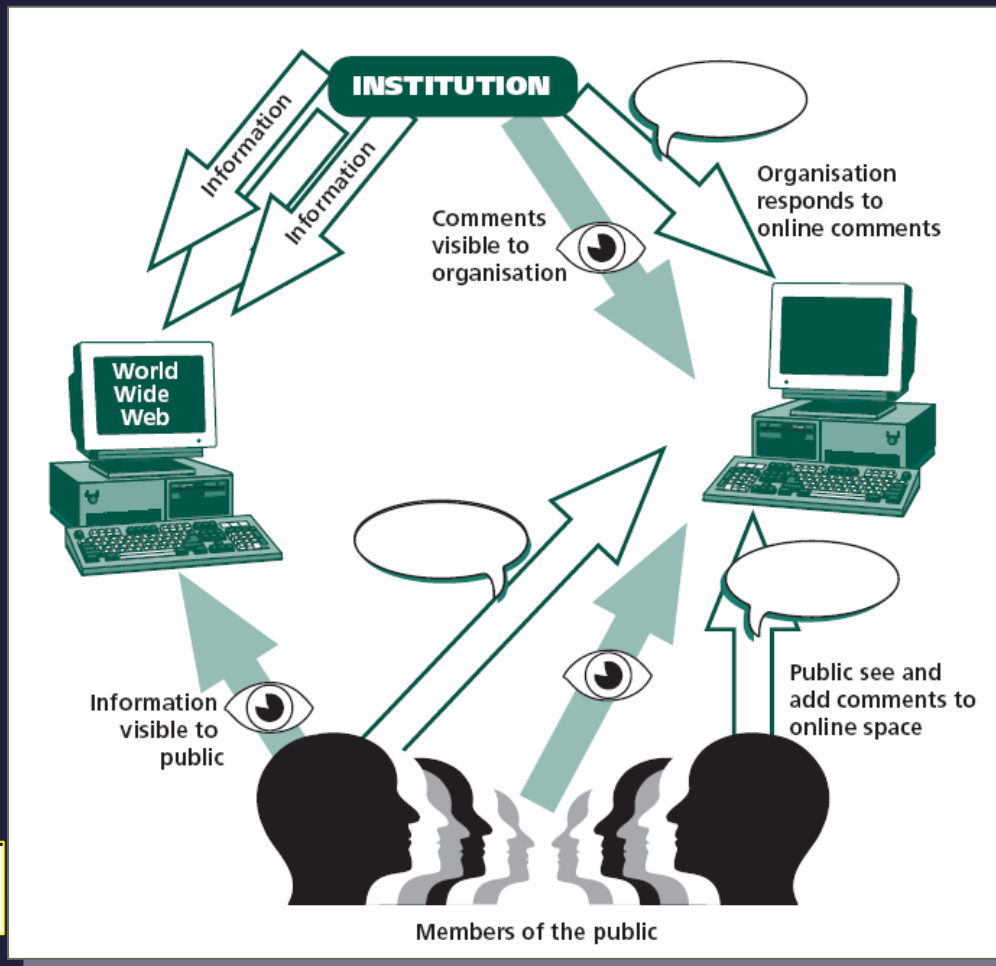
Development of the NFP (Proposal)



2. Communication

i.e. actively addressing and conveying a communication to a recipient

Optimal and expected development



4. Debate

i.e. continuing dialogue between multiple participants, where each communication is (potentially) audible or visible to all other participants

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GeoNetwork- The portal to spatial data and information - Windows Internet Explorer

http://81.255.115.229/catmedwip/srv/en/main.search?extended=on&remote=off&hitsPerPage=800&attrset=geo&selre

Live Search

Site Revisions GeoNetwork- The portal t...

Abstract The detailed geological map is copied from the Geological map created by the Oil Exploration Directorate, Office of the Prime Minister. It shows all geological strata formations of the five major lay...more...

Keywords HYE, Malta


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 **Water Catchments of the Maltese Islands**

Abstract A map showing the main water catchments in the Islands.

Keywords HYE, Malta

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 **Water Courses in the Maltese Islands**

Abstract The creation of a data layer showing the extent of the water courses in the Maltese Islands. Water courses reflect the position of all dry river valleys in the Maltese Islands and are no means to be ...more...

Keywords HYE, Malta

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 **Quarried areas in the Maltese Islands**

Abstract Polygonal vector layer showing location of quarried areas, both hard and soft stone quarries, in the Maltese Islands.

Keywords ENV, UD, Malta

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 **Topographical layer of the Maltese Islands**

Abstract A vector level showing topography and contours in the Maltese Islands

Keywords Malta

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Regional Water Observation Mechanism – Main Conclusions

- WISE information system – need to utilise it
- Reason - different information systems that target the specific needs of the different authorities can cause data confusion and inconsistency.
- Problem with too many water information systems – need to be integrated into one whole
- Can't commit to a regional observation mechanism if national data management is poor
- Attention has to be paid to users rights and access
- Priority topics of a RWOM
 - essential topics which require comprehensive data systems and coherent data structures



Regional Water Observation Mechanism

– Main Conclusions

Particular attention has to be paid also to the means by which data is presented to the public since ideally the RWOM should be a Decision Support Tool to different entities. And a mechanism whereby different countries can share experiences in different fields of water management

Topics of main interest are experiences in non conventional water sources, climate change adaptation

- Sharing the development of processing tools and experiences

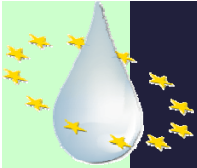


Awareness campaign



- Creation of a teachers resource Pack to integrate water knowledge into the national curriculum
- There are 10 proposed activities for each subject.
- In collaboration with Eco-School project, an NGO and EMWIS
- Targets Primary Schools
- Would need to link this with a much larger campaign at a wider scale





Thank you!

