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## Regional project towards a Water Knowledge Platform

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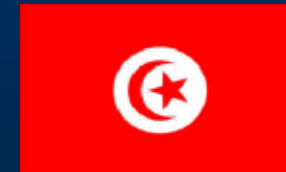
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# Background

- **Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial meeting on Environment, 2006: building integrated National Environmental information systems**
- **UfM Ministerial declaration on water, Dec'08: strong focus on water information**
- **Mandate of the UfM secretariat to provide a direct response to this Ministerial request**
- **1st consolidated concept note end 2012**
  - Shared vision with Med countries and regional initiatives: Arab League, EEA, UNEP-MAP
- **Joint proposal with MWPW for UfM labelisation end 2013:**
  - Ability of harmonised NWIS to provide the foundation for developing a white paper
  - Input from the MWPW on data needs for IWRM

# UfM Projects | Project Lifecycle

UfM, a one stop shop for project promoters.



# Vision for the Future

1. **Water resources management planners and water regulators find raw or aggregated information they need in a National Water Information System**
2. **Water actors produce information at local level for their own needs using international standards**
3. **They use tools to register data and to do their own job at the same time**
4. **The registered data is available for others via harmonized interfaces, internet technology and homogeneous referencing system**
5. **The national IS satisfies by the way international reporting obligations and provides factual data for local, national or regional multi-stakeholders dialogue**