

Subject: Dissemination of IPEMED's projects on water
to EMWIS National Focal Points

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Institut de Prospective Economique du Monde méditerranéen (institute of economic forecasting for the greater Mediterranean – IPEMED) is a trans-Mediterranean association established under French law. IPEMED is an independent body that acts on a North-South parity basis in all its bodies; its goal is to foster integration between the North and South shores of the Mediterranean by economic means.

This document draws on proposals formulated by IPEMED's networks of experts, business leaders and public officials from both shores of the Mediterranean. The aim is to elaborate structure-giving projects that will have a real impact on populations by mobilizing civil society stakeholders, with a particular focus on enterprise. In the field of water as in other areas, IPEMED reaches the dissemination phase of its proposals.

Our proposals focus on establishing a political framework to escalate water issues to the highest level. This could be achieved through the coordination of existing international bodies, in order to set up a Mediterranean Centre for Water Expertise and eventually a Mediterranean Water Agency. This Agency could ultimately coordinate implementation of priority programmes: achieve universal access to drinking water and sanitation, implement conservation-based water management, depollute the Mediterranean and develop new sources of water.

We expect comments, criticisms and improvements of this document.
We expect that North-South discussion about projects will prevail over politicking concerns. The civil societies must build this union of projects for the greater Mediterranean; we all have a central role to play for that purpose.

Thank you for your contributions,

Yours sincerely,



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