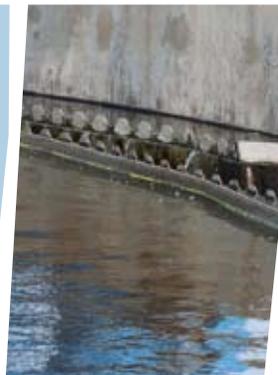
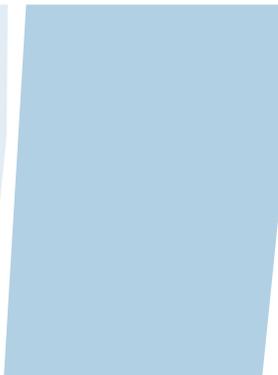
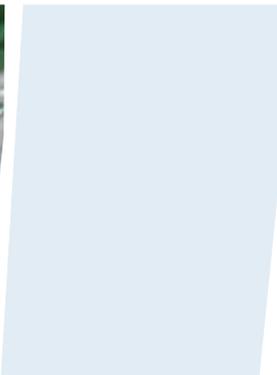
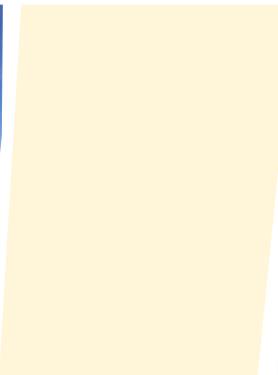




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Welcome to the FEMIP Conference



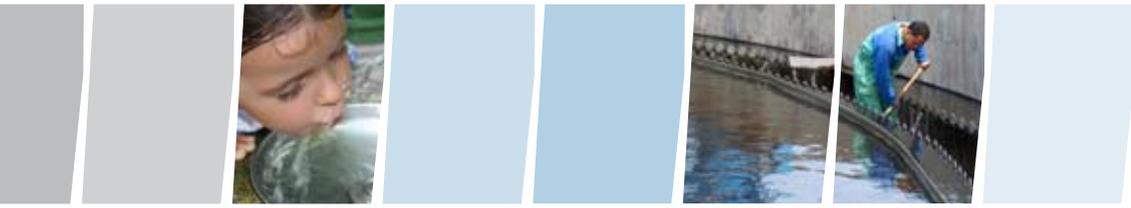
Philippe de Fontaine Vive
EIB Vice-President

The EIB and the Principality of Monaco welcome you to the Sixth FEMIP Conference, which we have organised together under the heading of "Sustainable Water Financing and Climate Change in the Mediterranean". This is the second FEMIP Conference hosted by Monaco, the previous one having taken place in November 2006 on the subject of finance for Euro-Mediterranean transport networks, another priority of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership.

This 2009 FEMIP Conference should be seen in the context of the high profile currently enjoyed by the issue of water. A ministerial conference held in December 2008 in Amman (Jordan) established guidelines for preparing a Mediterranean Water Strategy, which will be submitted to the Heads of State and Government at the end of 2010. From 16 to 22 March 2009, the World Water Forum in Istanbul was attended by over 20 000 participants. Also on the agenda is the Ministerial Conference on the Environment in Croatia at the end of the year.

The Principality of Monaco, as a founder member of the Union for the Mediterranean, and FEMIP, the financial arm of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, are pleased to be able to join forces to contribute towards the definition of a Mediterranean Water Strategy and thus create a common vision, among partners, on the future of water in the region.

Worldwide, over 1.1 billion people do not have access to drinking water. The Millennium Development Goals aim to halve by 2015 the percentage of the population that has no access to a supply of drinking water or sewerage system on a sustainable basis. And improving access to water and sewerage services in the Mediterranean countries will require additional finance. Support for environmental protection is one of the six priorities set out in the EIB's 2009-2011 Corporate Operational Plan. To that end, the EIB is participating in sewerage and water management projects both inside and outside the European Union that will help to protect and safeguard the environment. Moreover, these projects foster regional development and economic and social cohesion. Over the last five years, the EIB has stepped up its lending operations in this key sector to an average annual volume of EUR 2.1 billion.



Sustainable Water Financing and Climate Change in the Mediterranean

Access to water has always been a major challenge for the Mediterranean region. Especially in the partner countries hit by water shortages, FEMIP plays a very active role in the water sector. Between 2003 and 2008, it granted loans totalling EUR 692 million for schemes to improve people's access to water resources. It also participates through other channels in the debate on the environment in the Euro-Mediterranean region. FEMIP contributes actively to the Horizon 2020 initiative, which is intended to tackle the principal sources of Mediterranean pollution in the partner countries by 2020. For the Mediterranean area, FEMIP has conducted an assessment of the repercussions of climate change on the environment and its direct consequences for human activities. It has commissioned a study to identify and eliminate the obstacles that prevent wastewater from being used more widely in agriculture.

However, we still have a long way to go and the measures needed to introduce a Mediterranean Water Strategy are by no means straightforward. The interest generated by this issue is clearly reflected in the wide range of speakers and participants assembled here in Monaco today to swap

experiences: representatives from the Member States, the partner countries, multilateral organisations, the private sector, the academic world and NGOs.

We are therefore convinced that the FEMIP Conference will help us to review our policy on water in the Mediterranean countries and that the conclusions that will be arrived at concerning the challenges facing us in the years ahead will prove fertile and instructive.

With our warmest thanks to the speakers who have kindly agreed to help us in this project, we wish you an enjoyable stay in Monaco and fruitful discussions.



Philippe de Fontaine Vive



Jean-Paul Proust



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Minister of State of the Principality of Monaco

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Sunday, 10 May 2009

- 19.00** **Cocktail Dinner**
in the **Belle Epoque Hall of the Hôtel Hermitage**
(Square Beaumarchais, Monte Carlo) hosted by the Principality of Monaco at the invitation of Jean-Paul Proust, Minister of State



Monday, 11 May 2009

08.30 – 09.00 **Reception of participants and coffee**

09.00 – 10.00 **Inaugural session**

HSH Prince Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco

- **Alain Tabourian**, Minister of Energy and Water, Lebanon
- **Rut Bízková**, Deputy Minister of the Environment, Czech Republic
- **Loïc Fauchon**, President of the World Water Council
- **Philippe de Fontaine Vive**, EIB Vice-President, responsible for FEMIP

10.00 – 11.30 **Session 1 – Sustainable cost recovery and financing of water services**

Chair:

- **Maurice Bernard**, Manager of the Water and Sanitation Division, Agence Française de Développement

Introduction:

- **Monica Scatasta**, Water Programme Coordinator 2007-2008, OECD

Panel:

- **Ahmad Masa'deh**, Ambassador of Jordan to the European Union, Belgium, Norway and Luxembourg
- **Mourad Ben Mansour**, Assistant Manager of Economic and Tariff Studies of SONEDE, Tunisia
- **Andrianarison Rakotobe**, Director of Water and Sanitation Department, AfDB
- **John Maguire**, Team Leader for the EC Danube and Black Sea Investment Facility

This session will address issues related to available financial resources, the borrowing capacity of recipients and the role of pricing in order to attract investment and draw lessons for the Mediterranean region.



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11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.30 Session 2 – Water scarcity and climate change in Mediterranean countries

Chair:

- **Michael Scoullios**, Chairman of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) and the Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

Introduction:

- **Hachmi Kennou**, Executive Director of Institut Méditerranéen de l'Eau (IME)

Panel:

- **Henk van Schaik**, Programme Co-ordinator International, Co-operative Programme on Water and Climate
- **N. Vijay Jagannathan**, Sector Manager (Water), Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank
- **Jochen Harnisch**, Climate Change Policy Coordinator, KfW Development Bank
- **Peter Gammeltoft**, Head of Protection of Water and Marine Environment Unit, Directorate General for the Environment, European Commission
- **Gidon Bromberg**, Israeli Director, Friends of the Earth Middle East

On the basis of the first results of the study "Climate Change and Energy in the Mediterranean" financed by the FEMIP Trust Fund, and the expected EC White Paper, the experts in this session will discuss issues related to water scarcity and climate change in the Mediterranean and examine possible solutions to existing challenges related to mitigation and adaptation for the region.

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 16.30 Session 3 – How can the private sector contribute to improved water efficiency?

Chair:

- **René Van Berkel**, Chief of Cleaner and Sustainable Production Unit, UNIDO

Introduction:

- **Céline Kauffmann**, Water Investment Project Manager, OECD

Panel:

- **Gérard Payen**, President of the International Federation of Private Water Operators (AquaFed)
- **Jose Rene D. Almendras**, President of Manila Water Company, Philippines
- **Joaquim Poças Martins**, CEO of Águas do Porto, Portugal
- **Vasile Ciomos**, President of the Association of Romanian Water Utilities, Romania

This session will envisage a framework for improving water efficiency and examine sector-specific investment priorities as well as schemes that offer the most potential for attracting private sector involvement in the implementation of priority projects.

16.30 – 16.45 Closing statement

- **Daniel Zimmer**, Associate Director, World Water Council

16.45 – 17.00 Conclusion

- **Philippe de Fontaine Vive**, EIB Vice-President, responsible for FEMIP

Conference format

The conference will be **interactive**. After the opening session, which will provide a broad outline of the topics to be discussed, each session will be introduced by an expert in the field, and a panel will then comment briefly on the subject, before opening the floor to discussion with the participants.

Discussion documents prepared by the speakers will be posted on the FEMIP conference website (www.eib.org/femip/conference).

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