

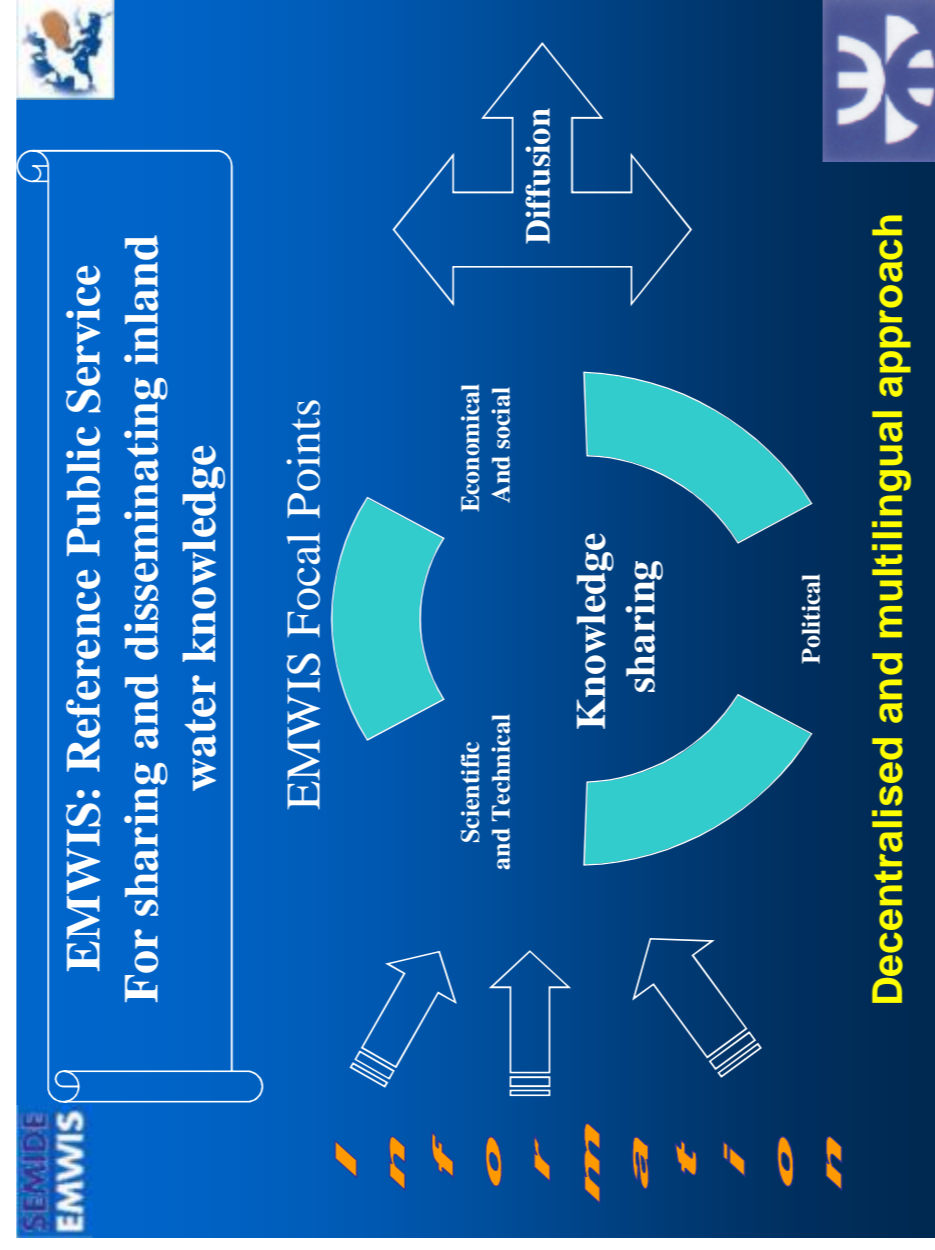
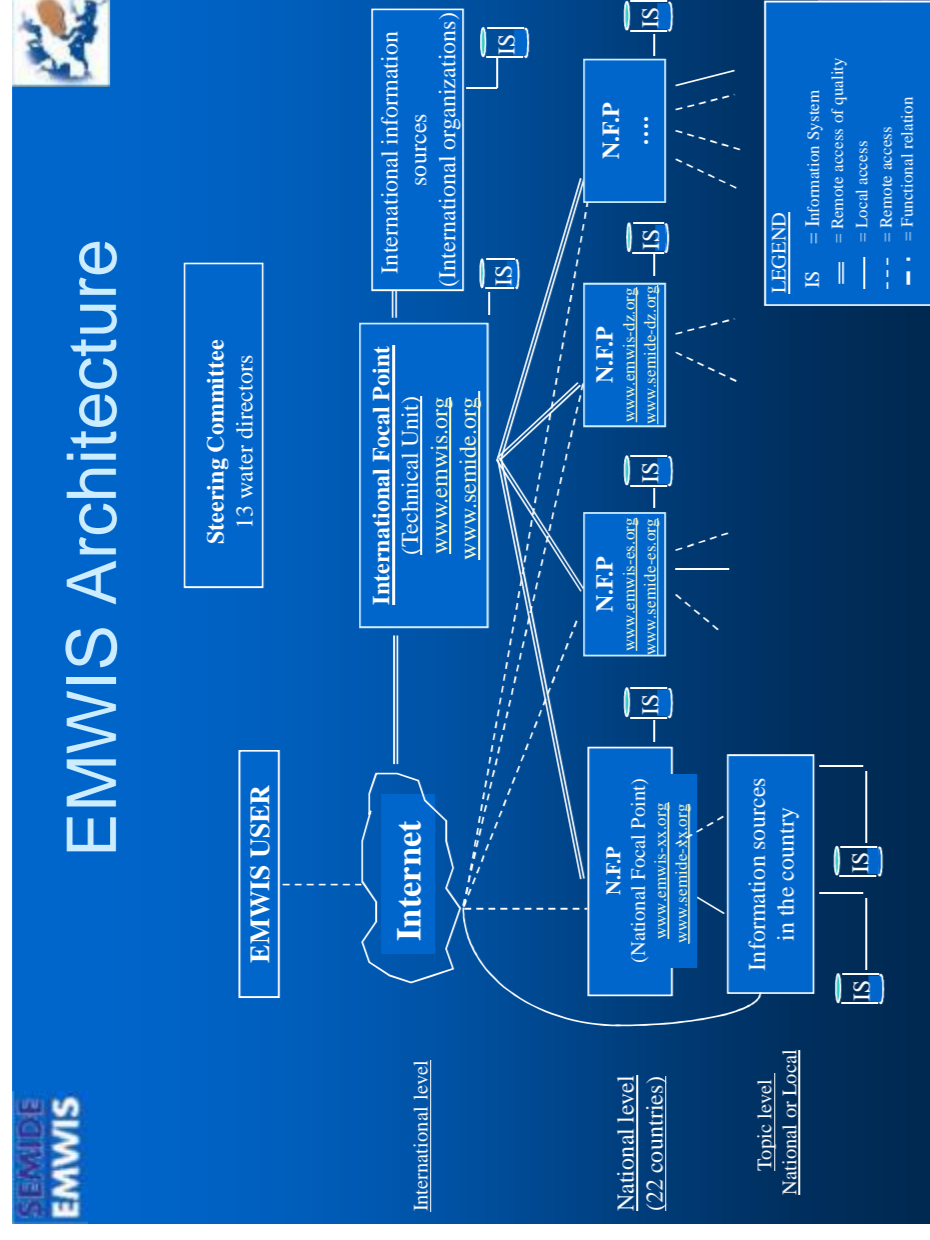
SEMIDE EMWIS Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know how in the water sector

Objectives

To create a tool for cooperation between the European and Mediterranean countries whose aim is to:

- Facilitate access to the existing information on know-how;
- Develop the sharing of information to enable anyone to make known his activities, his topics of interest ...;
- Create common products and cooperation programmes to develop available information and to promote the collection of the lacking information.

In the water sector



Strong Political Background

1985 Euromed Partnership

1996 Euromed Ministers Initiate EMWIS

1999 EMWIS operational launch

2005 Activities on data management Thematic working groups

2008 Union for the Mediterranean Water Ministerial conference Long Term Water Strategy initiated

Focus on know-how sharing

- 11 years of operation
- 22 countries
- About 60 000 visitors per month

Confidence between water authorities

Feasibility studies of National Water Data management Systems (voluntary approach)

Joint Process working groups (Water Framework Directive & EU Water Initiatives)

- Open to civil society and research
- Initiating pilot projects/activities



Online services

National portals

www.semide.org

Common taxonomy (multilingual water resources)

Clearing house for EU programs and initiatives
Regional water projects

Monthly eNews Flash in Arabic, English and French

Thematic forums/folders
Ground water, water scarcity, Water scarcity, satellite images, etc.

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