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Is Groundwater Management the "Forgotten Child" of the Integrated Water Resources Management Family?

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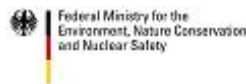
Global Water Partnership Mediterranean

Within the framework of

Petersberg Process Phase II / Athens Declaration Process

and

GEF IW:LEARN, Activity D2



Breaking the ~~Ice~~ Ground

- Ø Start thinking of the policy context
- Ø Breakout groups quickly look at key questions:
 - § Groundwater management in general
 - § Shared groundwater management in SE Europe
 - §start to frame roadblocks to overcome
- Ø Groups report in plenary

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1st Group Questions – GW Management

- Are basic concepts understood by water managers, policy specialists, civil society organizations, parliamentarians, lawyers, etc.?
- Are concepts reflected in framework laws, policies, directives ?
- Are resource maps available at a useful scale/format?
- Is protection and management incorporated in basin management and regional planning?
- Is protection and management implemented?

2nd Group Questions - Integrated Management of Shared GW in SE Europe

- How widely known is UN ECE “First Assessment” report of 51 transboundary aquifers (Oct 07)
 - Karst and alluvial aquifers predominate
 - Some not recognized by one country
 - At least 10 to 15 additional candidates
 - Does not include “boundary” aquifers along the Danube
- Maps useable and available at local level?
- Transboundary nature included in agreements?
- Consultation carried out?
- Shared monitoring & management -- quantity & quality?