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MedWet

L'initiative pour les zones humides méditerranéennes  
The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative  
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**Joint projects to be developed and  
executed under MedWet**

# A brief history

## 1992-2002

- Set up and development of MedWet through a succession of large projects (Mainly funded by EU, GEF, FFEM)

## 2002-2007

Development of the MedWet Secretariat

Assumption: funding from overheads of projects developed by the MedWet Secretariat.

MedWet Secretariat successfully developed some projects focused on technical issues... but

- Poor level of funding for the Secretariat, creating a recurrent cash flow problem.
  - MedWet Secretariat had to second the work to organisations with technical skills
- MedWet Secretariat should not further develop and be the leader of technical projects.  
But
- should assist and facilitate the development of projects by members on the MedWet Initiative.
  - The Secretariat should develop and lead projects focused on its key functions: **Networking** and **Communication**.

# A brief history

## 2007-2017

- No major project developed by the MedWet Secretariat
- MedWet promoted the Agadir Commitments, where a number of organisations committed to develop activities and projects in a various fields related to the MedWet Strategy. However, these Agadir Commitments have not been given any consideration during the last 3 years.
- Bridge funding from the Mava Fondation allowing the Secretariat to develop new funding sources – including through project development – over this period.
- MedWet/Com12 (Paris 2016):
  - MedWet countries are not ready to increase their contributions,
  - MedWet Secretariat should focus its efforts on developing projects focused on its core functions: **Networking** and **Communication**.

# Recent actions

## ***Networking***

- EU ENI CBC Med “CONNECT Med project” : Network of Ramsar sites managers / Coastal wetlands resilience toward climate change

## ***Communication***

- Contribution to implementation of MAVA strategy
- Communication campaign on the value of coastal wetlands (lead)
- Partner of 4 other MAVA funded project (communication component)