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Financing Water Security in the Mediterranean: Mobilising Public Financial Institutions for Resilient Territories

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KEY INFORMATION

Date	29 Septembre 2026
Time	2:30pm – 4pm
Room	Circe
Format	Workshop
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SUMMARY

This session will highlight the pivotal role that public financial institutions can play in financing water security across the Mediterranean territories. It will showcase the experience of the DialMed initiative - a unique cooperation platform bringing together Mediterranean Caisses des Dépôts from both the Northern and Southern shores -, and demonstrate that water represents one of the most powerful drivers for regional cooperation.

AGENDA & SPEAKERS

Time	Speaker Name & Title	Organization	Role / Topic
2:30pm – 4pm	Mrs. Lucrétia Letourneur, Project officer “water community” at Banque des Territoires	Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (CDC) France	Moderator
2:30pm – 4pm	Mr. Gil Vauquelin, Director of energetic and ecologic transition at Banque des Territoires	Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (CDC) France	Panelist
2:30pm – 4pm	Mr. Enrico Petrocelli, Head of International Institutional Relations	Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) Italy	Panelist
2:30pm – 4pm	Mr. Mohamed Ben Neji, Director of Cooperation, Marketing and Communication department	Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (CDC) Tunisia	Panelist

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2:30pm – 4pm	Mr. Taoufiq Marzouki Zerouali, Directeur Général Délégué de la Branche CDG Développement	Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion (CDG) Morocco	Panelist
2:30pm – 4pm	Mr. Tarik HAMANE, DG of ONEE (Morocco) & vice-président of IME	ONEE	Panelist
2:30pm – 4pm	Mr. Eloi Granboulan, Business Development Director - Africa	SUEZ	Panelist
2:30pm – 4pm	Mr. Sébastien Valleur, Deputy Head Water & Sanitation Division	Agence Française de Développement (AFD)	Panelist

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

The Mediterranean has become one of the world's foremost climate change hotspots. Accelerating droughts, growing water scarcity, increasing demand driven by urbanisation and economic growth, and the degradation of natural ecosystems are placing unprecedented pressure on water systems across the region.

While local realities differ between the northern and southern shores, the challenges are fundamentally shared: ensuring sustainable access to water, strengthening the resilience of critical infrastructure, safeguarding natural resources, and supporting the economic and social transformations required for climate adaptation.

Water is no longer simply a sectoral issue. It has become a strategic imperative—one that directly affects sovereignty, territorial cohesion, economic competitiveness, and regional stability.

The challenge is no longer to identify technical solutions, but to finance and deploy them at the scale and speed required. Investment needs far exceed the capacity of traditional public budgets, calling for innovative financial instruments, stronger public-private partnerships, and enhanced cooperation among development actors.

In this context, national promotional banks and public financial institutions—including “Mediterranean Caisse de dépôts” — occupy a unique position. As long-term investors, trusted partners of local authorities, and catalysts between the public and private sectors, they are uniquely equipped to structure and mobilise the investments needed to deliver the water transition.

Drawing on their close relationship with territories, these institutions not only finance concrete projects but also help design innovative models that can be replicated across the Mediterranean.

OBJECTIVES

Organised at the initiative of the French Caisse des Dépôts (CDC France) and the Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), this session aims to highlight the pivotal role that public financial institutions can play in financing water security across the Mediterranean.

It will showcase the experience of the DialMed initiative—a unique cooperation platform bringing together Mediterranean Caisses de dépôts from both the Northern and Southern shores (CDC France, CDP Italia, CDG Morocco and CDC Tunisia) to exchange expertise, develop joint approaches, and strengthen institutional cooperation.

Against a backdrop of growing geopolitical fragmentation, the session will also demonstrate that water represents one of the most powerful drivers for regional cooperation. By fostering innovative financing mechanisms and stronger institutional partnerships, Mediterranean countries can accelerate the resilience and sustainable transformation of their territories while reinforcing stability across the region.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Showcase innovative financing solutions and best practices developed by Mediterranean public financial institutions to strengthen water security and climate resilience.
- Foster dialogue between public financial institutions, local authorities, water operators, international organisations and development partners.
- Generate practical recommendations to feed the discussions of the Euro-Mediterranean Water Forum.
- Identify priority areas for regional cooperation on water finance and strengthen DialMed as a platform for knowledge-sharing, strategic alignment and collaboration among Mediterranean public financial institutions.
- Demonstrate that the Mediterranean can serve as a global laboratory for cooperation, innovation and long-term financing in support of water security and climate adaptation. On this occasion, the “CDC Mediterranean Water Community” will be formally launched offering a platform of knowledge sharing between experts from the four Mediterranean CDC (France, Italy, Tunisia, Morocco) and from the water ecosystem.