Parallel session

WATER
Most important issues to focus on

• Developing capacities in risk assessment, planning and adaptation through adequate good governance, stakeholders / societal engagement”

• Good governance to ensure equity in water allocation, sustainable water management and institutional reinforcement.

• Holistic but competitive research and innovation in water quantity management and use efficiency, and management of non conventional waters.
Main challenges to be addressed

• Ensuring water management for all ecosystem functions and food security. Political willingness is needed to ensure a multi-sector and multi-scale approach.

• Strengthening societal and water users empowerment, improving dialogue as well as mutual trust among institutions, researchers and society.

• Building a regional co-ownership on water resources management, from challenges identification to financial and implementation synergies
Priorities for action – key next steps

• Adopting the Mediterranean Water Strategy and Action Plan which will provide the financial and instrument framework for the future.

• Partnerships to create conditions for competitive research in water use efficiency, use of non-conventional waters, risk management.

• Regional join funding for trans-basin cooperation and regional water innovation programme.