



## Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme

### Regional workshop

#### “How Members of Parliament can better contribute to the effective depollution of the Mediterranean”

Athens, Greece, 22-23 October 2012

### Introduction - The Horizon 2020 Initiative

The “**Horizon 2020 Initiative**” aims to de-pollute the Mediterranean by the year 2020 by tackling the sources of pollution that account for around 80% of the overall pollution of the Mediterranean Sea: municipal waste, urban wastewater and industrial pollution.

Horizon 2020 was endorsed during the Environment Ministerial Conference held in Cairo in November 2006 and is one of the key initiatives run under the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM). The H2020 2007-2013 Road-Map focuses on the following four pillars:

- Identification of projects to reduce the most significant sources of pollution.
- Identification of capacity-building measures to help neighbouring countries create national environmental administrations that are able to develop and police environmental laws.
- Use of the EC’s research budget to develop greater knowledge of environmental issues relevant to the Mediterranean and ensure this is shared.
- Develop indicators to monitor the success of Horizon 2020.

H2020 is made up of the following components: monitoring, reporting and research (RMR); investment; and capacity building. Under each component, a project is currently being run. H2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP) is the project aiming at enhancing the capacities to address pollution problems at institutional and society level. In addition, through the H2020 MEP, a Hot Spot Investment Programme (HSIP) for the West Balkans and Turkey - as complementary to the Mediterranean HSIP (MeHSIP) – has been elaborated. The other two projects currently being carried out under the investment and RMR H2020 components are respectively the MeHSIP and the ENPI Shared Environmental Information System (ENPI SEIS).

### The framework - Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme

Obviously pollution is expected to be substantially reduced through the installation and proper functioning of major infrastructures (e.g. sewage treatment plants), installing pollution reduction technologies in industries, etc. However, this won’t work if institutional and individual capacities are not in place. This is what the H2020 CB/MEP aims to enhance by operating within the existing and developing policy instruments, and supporting the implementation of the commitments undertaken in the framework of the ENP as well as other regional agreements e.g. of the Barcelona Convention, while cooperating, coordinating and synergising with all relevant (EU and other) programmes.

#### Aims and objectives

The main objective of this project is to support the implementation of Horizon 2020 with a special focus on environmental mainstreaming. It aims to address the following problems:

- low political priority given to the environment;
- insufficient integration of environment in the different sector policies (agriculture, tourism, transport or energy) and lack of inclusion of the different actors from local to international level;
- Insufficient capacities and resources at institutional and civil society level.



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More specifically, the purpose is to support the implementation of the Horizon 2020 Initiative Road Map and Work Plan through capacity building and awareness raising activities, and to promote integration of environment issues in other sectors policies.

### Partners

This project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) in consortium with: Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Programme and its Regional Activity Centres and Programmes (UNEP/MAP and its RACs), National Waste Management Agency (ANGed)/ Regional Solid Waste Exchange of Information and Expertise Network in Mashreq and Maghreb Countries (SWEEPNet), Umweltbundesamt GmbH – Austrian Environment Agency (AEA), Lebanese Ministry of Energy and Water - the General Directorate of Hydraulic and Electrical Resources (LMoEW), Hellenic Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate Change, UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE), Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE), Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED), WWF Mediterranean Programme Office (WWF MedPO), Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+), Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA).

### Partner Countries

The Partner countries are: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, [Libya], Montenegro, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, [Syria], Tunisia, Turkey.

## Course Description – “How Members of Parliament can better contribute to the effective depollution of the Mediterranean”

### Introduction to the workshop

This two-day workshop is organised in the framework of the Horizon 2020 CB/MEP program in synergy with the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) and the Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (MedPartnership). It will take place in Athens, Greece on 22-23 October 2012. The working languages are English and French.

### Target group

This capacity building activity is directed to participants from the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, [Libya], Montenegro, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territory, [Syria], Tunisia, and Turkey. There will also be Members of Parliament from various Mediterranean EU countries.

The activity is specifically designed for:

- Members of Parliament from the above countries who are active in promoting environmental protection and sustainable development
- Representatives of Ministries of Environment
- NGOs and journalists working on H2020 priority areas and also with a background in campaigns or projects involving Members of Parliament and elected officials in general

### Objective of the workshop

The workshop aims to inform Mediterranean Members of Parliament about the Horizon 2020 Initiative to depollute the Mediterranean by the year 2020 and the existing regional fora and platforms which currently facilitate Members of Parliament to make an impact on environmental issues and in promoting commonly agreed priorities for the region. The workshop will also provide the opportunity for the exchange of experiences and ideas on how Members





of Parliament can enhance their involvement in the implementation of the H2020 priorities at regional and national levels (identification of the needed modalities, synergies, etc.).

**Preliminary overview of the workshop:**

The main pillars or issues covered during the sessions of the workshop are:

- What is Horizon 2020?
- What is the general political and socio-economic setting within which it must achieve its objectives?
- Horizon 2020 and other complementary regional processes and projects: making the link with Mediterranean Parliaments apparent
- National experiences/challenges with focus on successful cases with significant impact on the depollution of the Mediterranean: brief structured interventions by Members of Parliaments
- Maximising impacts through the regional frameworks of MPs collaboration in the region: Panel discussion with representatives of:
  - European Parliament (Environment Committee)
  - Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
  - Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)
  - Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD)
- Bringing science closer to Mediterranean Parliaments
- Open dialogue of the participating Members of Parliament and regional bodies with Mediterranean Journalists and NGOs.

The workshop also includes a Sitting of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament with the participants of the Workshop at the Hellenic Parliament.






## How can Members of Parliament better contribute to the effective depollution of the Mediterranean?

**Day 1: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October**

**Acropolis Museum, Auditorium, 15 Dionysiou Areopagitou Street**

	08:20	Departure from hotel lobby (on foot)	
	08.30-09.00	Arrival at the Museum, Security check and registration	
Session 1: Opening of the Workshop	09:00-09:30	<p><b>Welcome addresses and opening words by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team Leader of H2020 CB/MEP, Prof. M. Scoullos</li> <li>- Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Environment and Water of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM), S. Schennach</li> <li>- Executive Secretary and Coordinator of the UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan-Barcelona Convention, M.L. Silva Mejias</li> <li>- Chairperson of the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD), E. Panariti</li> </ul>	
Session 2: Challenges and Options	09:30-10:45	<p>“Setting the Framework” presentation by the Team Leader of H2020 CB/MEP followed by a panel discussion on the challenges and options in keeping environmental protection high on political agendas in the Mediterranean: PA-UfM (S. Schennach), UNEP/MAP (M.L. Silva Mejias), League of Arab States (N. Wafa), RAED (E. Adly), Global Footprint Network - Mediterranean Programme (A. Galli), COMPSUD (N. Geordiadis), COMJESD (Z. Himmich)</p>	Presentation and Panel discussion
	10:45-11:00	Coffee break	
Session 3: The Horizon 2020 Initiative	11:00-11:15	The Horizon 2020 Initiative to depollute the Mediterranean by addressing the major polluting sources: urban wastewater, municipal solid waste and industrial emissions, Prof. M. Scoullos and Dr. Emad Adly	Presentation
	11:15-11:30	The investment component of the Horizon 2020 Initiative – funding infrastructures that contribute to the depollution of the Mediterranean, Vasilios Nikitas	Presentation
	11:30-11:45	Questions and Answers	Plenary Forum
Session 4: Other complementary regional projects and Initiatives	11:45-12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem, the "MedPartnership", (UNEP/MAP/GEF and Partners), Virginie Hart</li> <li>- Sustainable Water Integrated Management Support Mechanism (SWIM-SM), Vangelis Constantianos</li> <li>- Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into National Strategies to Implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean, (UNEP/MPA/GEF and Partners), Virginie Hart</li> <li>- The Mediterranean Educational Initiative for Environment and Sustainability (MEdIES), Vicky Malotidi</li> </ul>	Presentations
	12:45-13:00	Questions and Answers	Plenary Forum
	13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
Session 5: Tackling the issues at stake at national level	14:00-15:30	Contributions of Members of Parliament on the basis of the morning sessions: innovative responses/actions and practical, on-the-ground recommendations/solutions (NGOs and journalists are also welcome to contribute with brief questions/positions/proposals)	Plenary Forum
	15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
Session 5 (cont'd): Tackling the issues at stake at national level	16:00-17:30	Contributions of Members of Parliament on the basis of the morning sessions: innovative responses/actions and practical, on-the-ground recommendations/solutions (NGOs and journalists are also welcome to contribute with brief questions/positions/proposals)	Plenary Forum
	17:30-18:00	Wrap up and prelude for next day's morning session at the Hellenic Parliament	
	18.00-19.00	Guided Tour of the Museum - The Highlights (EN & FR)	

*Dinner is not organised for October 22nd*



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<b>Day 2: Tuesday 23rd of October – morning session</b> <i>Sitting of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament with the participants of the Workshop</i> <b>Hellenic Parliament, Senate Hall (first floor), 2-4 Vas. Sofias Str</b>			
	09.15	Departure from hotel lobby (by bus)	
	09.30-10.00	Arrival to the Hellenic Parliament and security check	
	10.00-11.00	Guided Tour of the Hellenic Parliament and Coffee Break	
Session 1	11.00-11.45	<b>Welcome addresses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>President of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament, Dr. Dionysia – Theodora Avgerinopoulou</b></li> <li>- <b>Hellenic Parliament representative</b></li> <li>- <b>Deputy Minister of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dimitris Kourkoulas</b></li> <li>- <b>General Secretary of the Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Ms. Maro Evangelidou</b></li> <li>- <b>Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Mr. G. Orfanos</b></li> <li>- <b>Chairperson of COMPSUD, Ms. Elena Panaritis</b></li> </ul> <b>Introductory presentation on the framework, objectives and aspirations of the meeting, Prof. Michael Scoullos, Secretary General of COMPSUD</b>	Short opening remarks
Session 2	11.45-12.45	Framework Setting presentation by Prof. Michael Scoullos Brief country interventions by the Members of Parliament on challenges, successes and lessons learned in terms of water scarcity in relation to wastewater treatment and water recycling as well as solid waste management, including marine litter, in the backdrop of current socio-economic developments in the Mediterranean region.	Brief interventions and plenary discussion
	12.45-13.00	Coffee Break	
Session 3	13.00-14.00	Framework Setting presentation by Dr. Alessandro Galli of the Global Footprint Network-Mediterranean Programme Brief country interventions by the Members of Parliament on challenges, successes and lessons learned in terms of cleaner industrial production and the promotion of a green economy through greening of sectors such as tourism, agriculture, etc.	Brief interventions and plenary discussion
Session 4	14.00-14.15	Wrap-up and Conclusions	

<b>Day 2: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October – afternoon session</b> <b>Historical Central Building of the University of Athens, "Alkis Argyriadis" Amphitheatre</b> <b>30 Panepistimiou Ave., Entrance from Riga Feraiou str. (on the left of the main entrance)</b>			
	14:30-15.30	Light Lunch at the Historical Central Building of the University of Athens	
Session 5	15:30-16.00	The MedPartnership iPad Application by Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer	Short presentations and plenary discussion
	16.00-16:30	Bringing Science into Parliaments – how can Parliamentarians be properly informed about the latest scientific developments? by Prof. Michael Scoullos	
Session 6	16:30-17:00	Wrap-up and Conclusions of the Workshop	
COMPSUD Session	17:00-19:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COMPSUD in a changing Mediterranean</li> <li>- Elections of the new COMPSUD Board</li> <li>- The next meeting of COMPSUD (COMPSUD 10)</li> <li>- Other administrative issues</li> </ul>	<i>All participants are welcome</i>
	19:00-21:30	Dinner at the Kostis Palamas Bulding of the UoA (48 Academias Str. and Sina str.)	