

Nominated STOCKHOLM CONVENTION Centre

The **Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)** strives to protect the environment and to foster development in the Mediterranean Basin. It was adopted in Barcelona (Spain) in 1975 by Mediterranean States and the EC, under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Its legal framework is made up of the Barcelona Convention (1976, revised in 1995) and seven Protocols covering certain specific aspects of environmental protection. The Action Plan is built up around an Athens-based Coordinating Unit, the MED POL Programme and six Regional Activity Centres.

The **Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production (CP/RAC)**, based in Barcelona-Spain, was established in 1996. Its mission is to promote mechanisms leading to sustainable consumption and production patterns in Mediterranean countries. The CP/RAC activities are financed by the Spanish Government once they have been submitted and approved by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and by the Bilateral Monitoring Commission made up of representatives from the Spanish and Catalan Governments.



For further information please refer to:



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The Stockholm Convention arises from the United Nations' objective to rid the world of POPs by restricting and ultimately eliminating their production, use, release and storage.

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support of the WEOG Countries (Western European and Other Groups), which comprise the EU, Japan, the USA, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, Norway and New Zealand. Regional Centres are willing to assist developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to fulfil their obligations under the Convention by providing capacity building assistance and transferring technology.

Being aware of the increasing concern about the impacts of some chemicals on the environment and human health and at the same time fulfilling its new task as centre for Stockholm Convention, CP/RAC has developed a specific work plan to address sound management of chemicals for the biennium 2008 / 2009 with the following objectives:

- ▶ To put the Stockholm Convention into practice.
- ▶ To encourage the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants.
- ▶ To disseminate the use of cleaner production technologies.
- ▶ To encourage the sound management of chemicals and waste to foster pollution prevention.

Thanks to its previous experience working with chemicals, the CP/RAC has been recognized as "Nominated Centre for the Stockholm Convention"

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT CP/RAC IS IMPLEMENTING, DIRECTLY RELATED THE CONVENTION, ARE:

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NIPs

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Resources

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Synergies

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BFRs

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PCBs

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Programme

