Progress of the development process for the SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean

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Development process of the SCP
Action Plan and Roadmap for Implementation
Starting point

Mandate:

December 2013, COP 18 of the Barcelona Convention, the Contracting Parties adopt a Decision on the Development of an Action Plan on SCP in the Mediterranean and:

- **Request** the Secretariat to prepare [...] with the support of the SCP/RAC and timely and constant involvement of relevant National Focal Points, **a Mediterranean SCP Action Plan including the corresponding Roadmap**, addressing the Region’s common priorities for sustainable development [...];

- **Further request** that the Action Plan be designed as a **dynamic and forward-looking framework, integrating the potential of the different policy instruments and measures addressing targeted human activities** which have a particular impact on the marine and coastal environment and related transversal/cross-cutting issues;

- Urge the Secretariat to ensure that the Action Plan proposes a **set of actions to work in synergy with and complement existing regional and national policy frameworks** addressing the shift to sustainable patterns of consumption and production and in particular the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

Funding to support the process through the SwitchMed initiative (EU funded)
4 phases of the development process

1. Preliminary phase
2. Preparatory phase
3. Consultation phase
4. Validation phase
1. PRELIMINARY PHASE
2013

The Contracting parties of the Barcelona Convention request MAP Secretariat, with the support of SCP/RAC to prepare an SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean

2. PREPARATORY PHASE
Jan-Sept 2014

Preparation of a baseline report on the role of SCP tools/instruments for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

Preparation of an SCP Policy Toolkit on how to mainstream SCP into key economic sectors in the Mediterranean

Definition of the structure of the SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean

3. CONSULTATION PHASE
Oct 2014-March 2015

The Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD)
(Extraordinary meeting of the MCSD on the MSSD review and the SCP Action Plan)

On-site consultation with government's representatives (Extraordinary meeting of the SCP/RAC National Focal Points)

On-line consultation through the SWITCH-Med platform

On-site consultation with regional stakeholders (Regional stakeholders' consultation meeting on the Sustainable Consumption and Production Action Plan for the Mediterranean)

Preparation of a consultation paper to collect feedback of Mediterranean key SCP stakeholders

Conference of Parties of the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution

4. VALIDATION PHASE
April-Dec 2015

ORDINARY MEETINGS of the
- Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD)
- SCP/RAC National Focal Points
- UNEP/Map Focal Points

Validation of the SCP Action Plan
Progress made since last SCP/RAC Extraordinary meeting on 25-26 November 2014 in Barcelona

• Integration of the comments and amendments issued from the Extraordinary SCP/RAC National Focal Points Meeting and online consultation (more than 240 comments from 20 countries)

• Elaboration of a structure for the Roadmap for implementation

2nd Draft of the SCP Action Plan integrating a template of the Roadmap for implementation (Mid-February)
Preparation of the 3rd draft of the Action Plan and 1st draft of roadmap (February-April 2015)

INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

- Presentation of the progress made in the Conference on the Review of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), 17-18 February in Malta
- Online consultation of the SCP/RAC National Focal Points from mid-February 2015 through early-March 2015 (more than 100 comments from 10 countries)
- Online consultation of the MAP National Focal Points from March through early-April 2015 (7 comments from 2 countries)
Preparation of the 3rd draft of the Action Plan and 1st draft of roadmap (February-April 2015)

ELABORATION PROCESS

• Compilation, analysis and integration of comments on the Action Plan by SCP/RAC, MSEG and CU

• Two meetings of the Mediterranean SCP Expert Group (MSEG) in Malta (19 February) and in Barcelona (20 March) to work on the elaboration of the Roadmap for implementation

3rd Draft of the SCP Action Plan and 1st Roadmap finalized end of April
Next steps
Validation of the SCP Action Plan and Roadmap for implementation

CONSULTATION PROCESS (MAY-JUNE 2015)

• Presentation of and working session on the Action Plan and Roadmap for implementation at the 10th meeting of SCP/RAC National Focal Points in Madrid, 1-3 June

• Information on the progress made at the 16th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), in Marrakech, 9-11 June 2015
Validation of the SCP Action Plan and Roadmap for implementation

ELABORATION PHASE (JUNE-JULY 2015)

• Compilation of the comments and amendments issued from SCP/RAC National Focal Points Meeting (deadline: 19/6)

• Elaboration of the final version of the SCP Action Plan and Roadmap for Implementation

Final version of the SCP Action Plan and Roadmap for implementation (end of July)
Validation of the SCP Action Plan and Roadmap for implementation

ENDORSEMENT PHASE (AUGUST 2015 – FEBRUARY 2016)

• Final document submitted to MAP NFP (27 July)
• Review during the Meeting of the MAP NFP (October 2015)
• Final submission to the adoption by the Conference of Parties of the Barcelona Convention (COP19), Feb 2016

Endorsement of the Action Plan at COP 19
Thank you
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