

10th Meeting of the SCP/RAC National Focal Points

**SCP Action Plan:
Amendments in the 3rd draft
following the National Focal Points guidance**

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**Main amendments integrated in the
second draft of the SCP Action
Plan for the Mediterranean**

Preliminary Chapters (I & II)

Conclusions of the Extraordinary meeting of SCP/RAC National Focal Points on the 1st Draft of the SCP Action Plan and comments from online consultation

- Request to further reflect the contribution to global processes for sustainable development (10-YFP, SDGs) and further elaborate the articulation with the MSSD review and the Ecosystem approach in the Mediterranean (EcAp)
- Request in the definition of the 4 sectors (i) to further specify the economic activities included within each of the 4 priority sectors and (ii) to further detail the relevance of the four priority sectors for the Mediterranean economy as well as the generated environmental impacts and their contribution to the degradation of the coastal and marine areas (to be included as a diagnostic chapter)
- Request to further highlight the links between the priority sectors and environmental, social and economic issues in the transversal issues (II.7.)

Preliminary Chapters (I & II)

Main amendments based of the conclusions and comments

- **Simplification of the structure** (*1.Background and 2.General Provisions*) – Reduction of the number of sections & subsections (from ten to five) and pages.
- **Reinforcement of the background section** (*1.2. SCP in the Global and Mediterranean Policy Agendas for Sustainable Development*) - The SDGs are included in the documents and paragraphs on the articulation with the MSSD and the Ecosystem approach (EcAp) are included
- **Reinforcement of the section on the four priority sectors, renamed Priority areas for consumption and production** (*II.2. Focus of the SCP Action Plan: priority areas of Consumption and Production*).
 - Sections on **impacts on environment and contribution to the Mediterranean economies and to social well being** are added.
 - Links to transversal issues (transport, water, land use, resource and energy efficiency) are highlighted

Vision, objectives and actions (chapter III)

Conclusions of the Extraordinary meeting of SCP/RAC National Focal Points on the 1st Draft of the SCP Action Plan and comments from online consultation

- Agree on several modifications for the **strategic objectives**.
- Suggest to **harmonize the operational objectives** proposed for each of the 4 priority sectors so that their formulation follows a common and simple structure.
- Request to **further develop the suggested actions** in order to (i) **cluster them for reducing their number** and avoid overlapping, (ii) review their formulation so that they are **more action-oriented** and facilitate the identification of projects for their implementation and (iii) consider **roles and responsibilities of stakeholders**

Vision, objectives and actions (chapter III)

Main amendments based on the conclusions and comments

- **Reformulation of the three strategic objectives.**
- **Harmonization of the operational objectives** that have been reduced from four to three in order to follow a common and simple structure similar for each consumption and production priority area (dimensions of knowledge, policy and sensitization)
- **The suggested actions** have been revised in order to **reduce their number, avoid overlapping, be more action oriented** and facilitate the **identification of projects** for their implementation. A **new section** presenting a series of **actions applicable to all priority areas** (section 3.3.5) has been added with the aim of creating an overarching framework of actions beyond each specific area.

Implementation and monitoring mechanisms (chapter IV)

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Stakeholders to be involved

- Agree that **further definition of the stakeholders to be involved** in the implementation of the actions is needed as well as the specification of their role.
- Request to **include the public institutions** as SCP concerned stakeholders and to **further address and integrate SCP specific actions relevant to public services** (e.g. green public procurement, energy efficiency, etc) along the SCP Action Plan and for each economic sector and its corresponding operational objectives.

Reporting, monitoring mechanisms and indicators

- Recommend the **definition of a simple reporting format** based on appropriated indicators to be included **& clarify roles concerning reporting, monitoring mechanisms, indicators and the elaboration of a communication strategy.**
- Suggest to review the identification of a **set of progress indicators for the actions** included in each sector of the Action Plan, which could be adopted at a later stage. This might include **the creation of a working group.**

Implementation and monitoring mechanisms (chapter IV)

Main amendments based on the conclusions and comments

- The section on stakeholders (moved to Chapter IV) is reinforced with **further definition of the stakeholders and their role in the implementation of the actions**
- A reporting format is defined recalling the decision (IG21/7) of the Contracting parties in the COP Istanbul and aligned with the existing MAP reporting system under the Barcelona Convention and its protocols. A specific section on SCP will be integrated in the MAP reporting system.

Main amendments integrated in the third draft of the SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean

Preliminary Chapters (I & II)

Main amendments based of comments received

- The **background section** (chapter 1) is reinforced and reorganized (two to four subsection)
- New section on **Rationale for the regional plan (1.1)** with a focus on challenges that hinder the shift towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production
- Section on **SCP in the Global Agenda for Sustainable Development (1.3)** is reinforced with :
 - Adaptations on the SDGs paragraph (as they might not remain as they are now)
 - Further emphasis on the synergies between the UfM and UNEP MAP (MoU)
 - Further emphasis on the leading role of the European Commission as a leading player in the field of policy for sustainable patterns of consumption and production (2008 SCP/SIP action plan, roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe, Single Market for Green Products Initiative and Communication on the circular economy)
- **SCP Tools section** previously in chapter 3 moved to 1.4. for more coherence

Vision, objectives and actions (chapter III)

Main amendments based on comments received

- The **Vision** (III.1) and **Strategic Objectives** (III.2) remain unchanged
- **Number of modifications** (based on more than 50 comments) on the wording and content of the operational objectives and suggested actions of the four consumption and production priority areas in order to further harmonize and simplify
- **Harmonization of the wording and numeration**: use of verbs for the actions, terminology (BAT & BEPs, etc.), numeration of operation objectives and actions, etc.
- **Adaptations and modifications in the actions – In Food, Agriculture and Fisheries**- OO1.2. integrates now distributors and retailers; Action 1. of OO3 is adapted to create synergies with UNCTAD Regional Green Export Review (RGER) initiative ; etc. Reformulation of the operation objectives and reduction and simplification of the number of actions of **Housing and construction**.

Implementation and monitoring mechanisms (chapter IV)

Main amendments based on comments received

- Reformulation of the Section on **Major Stakeholders for the implementation** (4.1) for a clearer understanding of the role played by the different players
- The section of **Support to implementation** (4.3) is further developed and highlights the crucial role of the strategic partnership EU-UNEP/MAP-UfM with the collaborative mechanisms and platforms for creating synergies (SwitchMed, Med RESCP project), second phase of the Horizon 2020 initiative)
- The **Timeframe and evaluation section** (4.5) now integrates a mention on the need to put in place a Technical Working Group on SCP Indicators by the Contracting parties as suggested during SCP/RAC NFP Extraordinary Meeting in Barcelona. Its mandate will be subject of a proposal to be submitted for consideration and approval by the Contracting Parties.

Implementation and monitoring mechanisms (chapter IV)

Main amendments based on comments received (ii)

- The **Communication section (4.6.)** has been further developed detailing responsibilities and emphasizing the potential synergies with existing initiatives (Mediterranean HUB for knowledge and networking on SCP, SCP Social Action Network, etc.).
- Following the discussion of the Mediterranean SCP Group of Experts (MSEG), it is suggested to appoint a small group of **SCP Ambassadors**, with experience and network in SCP areas for identified target stakeholders, to be tasked with **reaching out and lobbying those stakeholders in order to foster their engagement for the adoption of SCP in the Mediterranean region** (national and regional) through different forms of support and actions. The mandate and mission of these ambassadors **will be subject of a proposal to be submitted to the attention of the Contracting Parties for their consideration and approval.**
- A new section on **Overall Oversight for Implementation (4.7.)** is created and integrates the **creation of a SCP Steering Committee** to follow up on the effectiveness of SCP actions carried out in the framework of the SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean.

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Thank you

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