

In the Mediterranean

# **Global Forum on Green Industry Initiative**



**Regional Activity Centre** for Cleaner Production







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GRECO (Green Competitiveness)

- Integrate environmental challenges in all corporate decisions
- Increase business competitiveness and environmental benefits



- 1. Promote and Transfer to private sector Cleaner Production Techniques
- 2. To encourage and support the maximum number of businesses in:
  - 1. Adopting techniques and good practices
  - 2. Integrating the environment in their strategic objectives
- 3. Involve the governmental authorities to back Green Competitiveness





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- Under the GRECO (Green Competitiveness) Initiative program, CP/RAC has collected and analyzed 100 successful case studies available from companies in the Mediterranean Region that have implemented successful cleaner production solution.
- 176 different CP solutions were identified and analyzed
- Profitability and Environmental benefits increased





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Strategy

Implementation and Dissemination of information regarding CP techniques given emphasis to the experiences contained in the Med Clean Files

- 1. This will be done inter alia through:
  - 1. The 100 Med Cleans Report Publication
  - 2. National Congress
  - 3. Networking Events
  - 4. Web Portal & Auto Audit Project
  - 5. Annual Report & Award
- Implementation of Cleaner Production environmental diagnosis: MOED and working groups on SME : how to introduce the best CP solution
- 3. Seek means for financial assistance to SMEs
- 4. Promoting public-private partnership for green competitiveness

### The project will last 5 years





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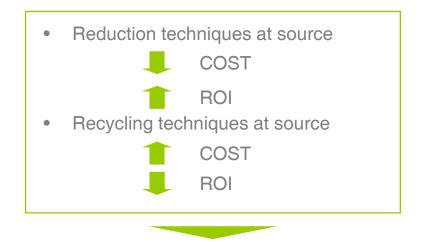
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# What it is? Finding business opportunities through Cleaner Production

The 100 Med Clean Report

- The report is based on the analysis of 100 cases studies available from companies in the Mediterranean countries that have implemented successful cleaner production solutions
- 176 different CP solutions were identified and analyzed
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- The interrelation between CP investments, environmental benefits and profitability, depend on:
  - 1. The nature of the CP introduced
  - 2. The Type of Product
  - 3. The Sector

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#### The aim is to increase the number of cases



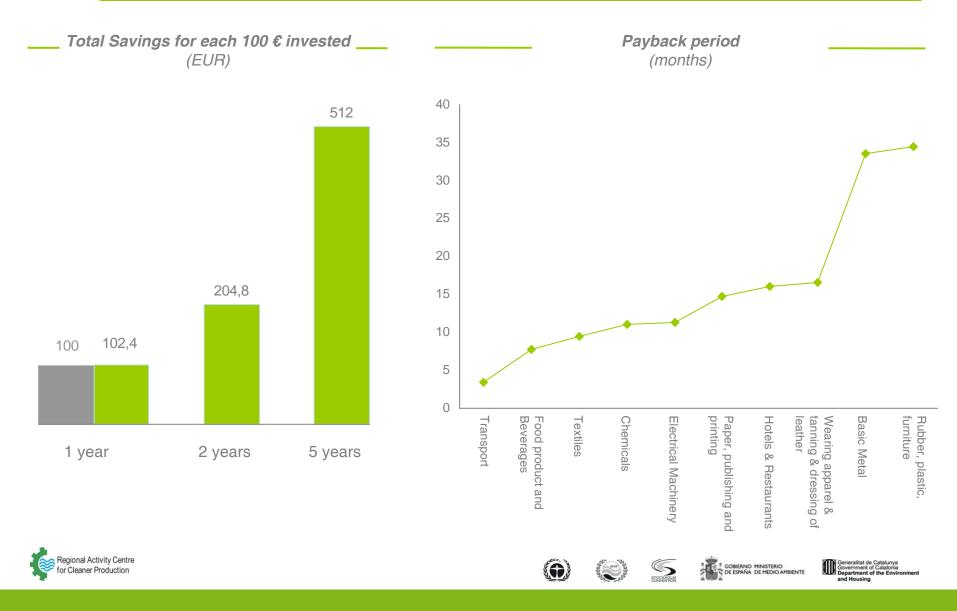




Results



In the majority of the cases was common to see short payback periods and high internal rates of returns





- Good House keeping and organizational measure
- Use of alternative production resources, gas & heat recovery and recycling systems:
- Energy saving measures and organic material recovery and recycling systems.

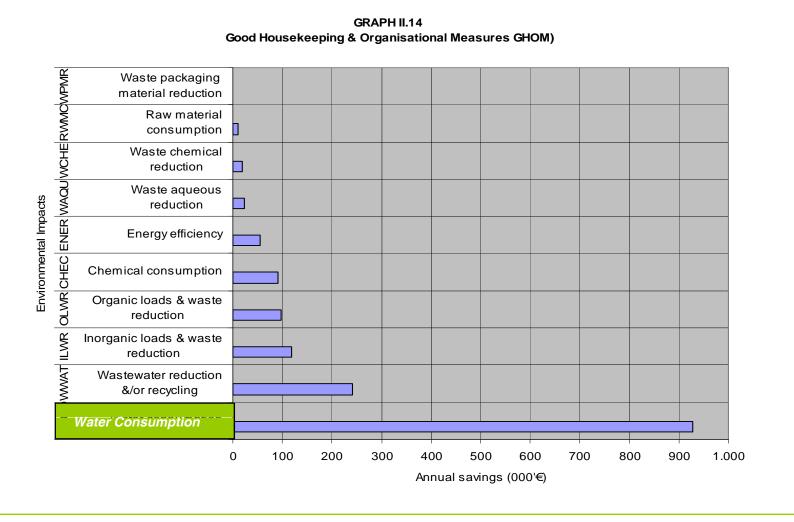




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## Example Cleaner production assessments in a car battery manufacturer's



problems at the facility

Nineteen pollution prevention

opportunities were detected



#### **INVESTMENT € 0 ..... SAVINGS € 125.000**

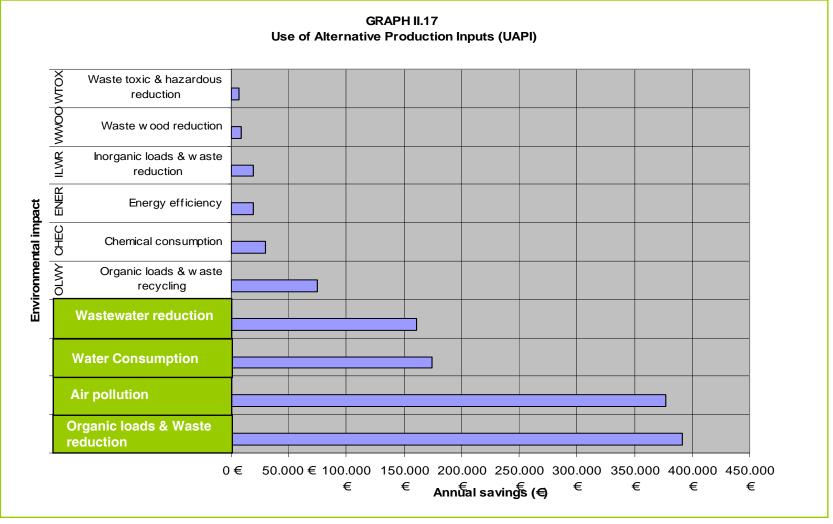




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#### Example

Reduction of the cost by 47% in a Edible oil Egypt company

There were number of pollution

problems at the facility

Decided to make a cleaner

production assessments to

identify actions

Five pollution prevention

 opportunities were identify during
 the audit process

 Use of liquid caustic soda:

Environmental benefit:
Reduced losses of caustic
soda, levels of corrosion &
better working conditions.

## **INVESTMENT € 0 ..... SAVINGS: € 75.000**

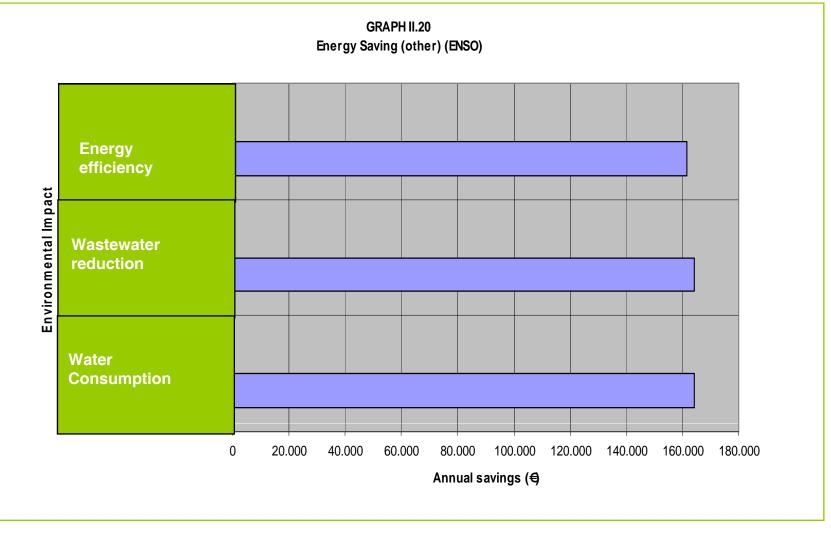




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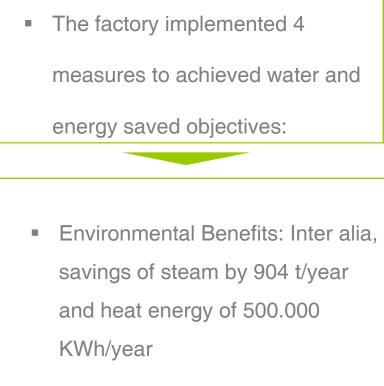




#### Example

Reduction of water & energy consumption in a diary Croatia industry

The main aspects to improve were: in drinking water of the pollutant load of energy consumption KWh/year



### INVESTMENT € 31.051 ..... SAVINGS € 328.008





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Action Plan



The aim is to disseminate GRECO INITIATIVE in the Mediterranean Region

- **Publish the REPORT** that demonstrates how a company can increase profitability while investing in environment:" **Green Competitiveness in the Mediterranean: Finding business opportunities through cleaner production**".
- **GRECO Congress:** The objective is to disseminate the GRECO report results among private and public sector in the Mediterranean Region, including seeking for financial support to SMEs (IFC) and visibility in the media.
- The DIGITAL PLATFORM: Provide access to relevant information.





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- The PR activities: create the necessary networking over the country that will give to SMEs higher access to information on green competitiveness
- Auto- Audits: integrated in the Digital platform, will provide SME's relevant information for implementing CP solutions.
- Technical Assistance Workshops: capacity building by sector
- Implementation of **MOED** and working group methodology on SME





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The aim is to disseminate GRECO INITIATIVE in the Mediterranean Region

Biannual Contest will take place

to highlight the most innovative

and successful case

The efforts will be recognized

given the companies visibility in

the countries

The winner will be published on

the GRECO ANNUAL REPORT

Share successful cases with

others and motivate new comers

Free Audit and the best

environmental technique

implementation

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Two Mediterranean organizations

- UMCE-BusinessMed: Union of Mediterranean Confederations
- ASCAME: Association of Mediterranean chambers of Commerce and Industry







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# **OPPORTUNITIES**

We face a positive situation due
to the increasing importance of
the environmental world wide
agenda (Presidents like Obama/
Sarkozy...) and the initiative: *"Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean"*

# **CHALLENGES**

Absence of Awareness in

Industries/Institutions.

• Lack of Political / Governmental

Commitment.

• Lack of Financing / Economical

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Incentives.







- Publication of the 100 Med Clean Cases
- GRECO INITIATIVE Report :
- Brand Registration among Mediterranean Region
- Business Plan agreed for the next 5 years
- Morocco and Egypt National Congress
- PR & Communication tools
- Brochure for small and medium companies
- A Summary of the Greco Initiative Report addressed to SME's
- Greco Initiative Web site: Its on going
- National Congress: Turkey and Algeria on second half 2009
- The first CB (capacity Building) meeting in Morocco (October 09) and Tunisia (dec 09)





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There is a "green" opportunity we can't lose.....

Thinking GLOBAL



Increase the economic growth in the countries while

decreasing environmental impacts.





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