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Report of the First Steering Committee Meeting of the EU-funded Marine Litter MED II Project

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Introduction

1. The First Steering Committee meeting of the EU-funded Marine Litter MED II project took place via videoconference, on 20 September 2021, at the kind invitation of the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and its Programme for the Assessment and Control of Marine Pollution in the Mediterranean (MED POL). The Marine Litter MED II project is funded by the European Union's (EU) Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENV).
2. The overall objective of the Marine Litter MED II project is to reduce and prevent the generation of marine litter in the Mediterranean through an expanded implementation of key reduction and prevention measures as provided for in the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean. This will be achieved through: (a) expanding the implementation of selected key marine litter reduction and prevention measures both in terms of geographical scope and impact; (b) contributing to the development of IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 towards making it operational at country level; and (c) contributing in achieving the reduction environmental targets as agreed by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona in 2016 during COP 18 as reaffirmed during COP 21 and referred to in its Naples Ministerial Declaration.
3. The Project Steering Committee reviewed: the progress achieved, revised workplan and budget, updated communication and visibility plan, and potential synergies with other projects and initiatives.

Participation

4. The Marine Litter MED II project Steering Committee Meeting was attended by representatives of Algeria, Israel, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia, as well as the European Commission DG ENV, the Mediterranean Action Plan/Barcelona Convention Secretariat (UNEP/MAP) along with the following Mediterranean Action Plan regional activity centres: the Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC), the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (SPA/RAC) and the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC).
5. The full list of participants including contact details is attached as **Annex I** to the present report.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda

6. The Steering Committee Meeting of the EU-funded Marine Litter MED II project was opened on Monday, 20 September 2021 at 10:00 (Eastern European Time), by the UNEP/MAP Coordinator and European Commission DG ENV Senior Expert in charge of the Project.
7. Ms. Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator, welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of the Marine Litter MED II project. She thanked the European Commission for the continuous support and contribution provided on issues related to the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and for strengthening marine litter management around the region. Ms Hema made special reference to the importance of this project in addressing both land- and sea-based sources, involving the whole MAP System (i.e. the Coordinating Unit and MAP Components), and most importantly for taking stock of the successful implementation of the previous phase of the project with the scope to expand the implementation of key reduction and prevention measures, and to establish harmonized approaches as well as regional coordination mechanisms for marine litter prevention and management. Ms. Hema emphasized the Secretariat's efforts in overcoming the problems and delays attributed to the COVID-19 Pandemic. She stressed the importance of the participation of countries' representatives to the Project's Steering Committee, with the aim of strengthening project ownership at country level; contributing with their feedback; and streamlining their specific needs and priorities.

8. Mr. Michail Papadoyannakis, Senior Expert at the European Commission (DG ENV) thanked UNEP/MAP and MED POL for organizing and hosting the meeting and welcomed the broad participation. He stressed on the importance of the Marine Litter MED II project for the region, as it targets a litter free Mediterranean which will have a positive impact for the citizens in all countries around the Mediterranean. Mr. Papadoyannakis made special reference to the paramount importance for beneficiary countries to execute and expand implementation of the pilots planned in the framework of this project. He stressed the importance to take stock of the lessons learned from the previous phase of the project in order to ensure that problems encountered during the first phase of the project are avoided.

9. The Project Steering Committee reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda. The Meeting Agenda is included in **Annex II** to the present report.

10. The working languages of the Meeting were English and French. Simultaneous interpretation was available during the Meeting.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

11. Recalling the Terms of References (ToRs) and relevant mandate of the Steering Committee Meeting included in the project document, the MAP Coordinator invited all participants for a *tour de table* which allowed all participants to briefly introduce themselves to each other and to the organizations which they represent.

Agenda item 3: Progress on Marine Litter MED II Project Implementation:

12. The MED POL Programme Management Officer, Mr. Mohamad Kayyal and UNV Project Manager, Mr. Christos Ioakeimidis, presented the Working Documents UNEP/MED WG.516/2 “Progress Report on Project Implementation” and UNEP/MED WG.516/3 “Updated Work Plan and Budget 2021-2022”, and informed the Project Steering Committee of the progress achieved since the commencement of the project in September 2020. Their presentations covered the following topics:

a. Progress on the project implementation:

- a) Countersignature of the SSFA with SPA/RAC in April 2021 and the release of the first instalment in June 2021.
- b) Organization of a series of meetings from SPA/RAC with the focal points of Lebanon and Tunisia.
- c) In-depth consultations carried out bilaterally (i.e., between UNEP/MAP MED POL and SPA/RAC) and at regional level (i.e. Integrated CORMON Meeting, Dec. 2020; CORMON ML, Mar. 2021).
- d) Review and validation of the Regional Operational Strategy for Monitoring IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 (UNEP/MED WG.490/5) by the Contracting Parties during the CORMON Marine Litter Meeting (30 March 2021).
- e) Implementation progress at country level relevant to IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 for the following countries:
 - Lebanon: (i) SPA/RAC supported to further advance and make operational the monitoring of IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 based on the Regional Operational Strategy; (ii) 2 national experts have been contracted by SPA/RAC; and (iii) the National Operational Strategy for Candidate Indicator 24 was completed on 31/8/2021;
 - Tunisia: 3 online meetings were convened with national coordinators in Tunisia of EU-funded projects (i.e., INDICIT II, COMMON, and Life Marine turtles), as well as the Director of INSTM (National Institute for sciences and technologies of the sea). The purpose of these meetings was to discuss possible synergy between the

Marine Litter MED II Project and their ongoing activities that are involving the national stranding network as well as the rescue sea turtles center.

- f) Preparation of draft Small Scale Funding Agreements by UNEP/MAP and MED POL and sharing with the 7 beneficiary countries for comments in August 2021 (the SSFAs are expected to be signed in September-October 2021).
- g) Discussions pertinent to the implementation of the Adopt-a-beach and Fishing-for-Litter pilots at regional level during the presentation of the project at the Integrated CorMon Meeting in December 2020.
- h) Final processing of SSFA with SCP/RAC and submission to UNEP's Partners Portal in early September 2021.
- i) Implementation progress at country level relevant to Single-Use Plastics (SUPs) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for the following countries:
 - Tunisia: Consultations are undergoing in order to conceive the communication tools on the ban decree on single-use plastic bags. The tools are expected to be finished by September 2021. It was agreed with the Ministry that the Marine Litter MED II project would contribute by implementing a campaign in different locations and the organization of a press conference.
 - Lebanon: Consultations took place with the Ministry of Environment to define the scope of action of Marine Litter MED II, and to maximize the synergies with WES project. It is decided to work on single-use plastic bags as a first priority. Work is expected to start in the 4th quarter of 2021.
 - Morocco: SCP/RAC is also implementing a WES national activity in Morocco in relation to EPR on plastic (PET) bottles. The outcome will be a roadmap to implement EPR and will serve to detail the scope of the contribution of ML MED II in 2022.
- j) Finalization of ToRs is in progress for an external regional consultant as well as national consultants¹ to support the Project Management Team with the scope to facilitate the implementation of the pilot projects focusing on ports and marinas, building on the outcome of the first phase of the project.
- k) Preparation of a draft SSFA with the Black Sea Commission (BSC) by UNEP/MAP and sharing with BSC for comments since January 2021. The approval of the SSFA was received in Sept. 2021 and the SSFA is already registered under UNEP's Partner Portal and is expected to be countersigned in September 2021. Moreover, a letter from UNEP/MAP Coordinator was sent in January 2021 to the BSC Executive Director.
- l) In the framework of the overall project management activities, the following was undertaken:
 - i. Successful preparation, submission, and approval of the annual 2020 project progress report;
 - ii. Successful preparation and submission of the 2020-2021 ENRTP/GPGC Traffic Light Reports;
 - iii. The selection of the project manager has been completed and the project manager is expected to come on board as of 1 October 2021;
 - iv. A UNV marine litter specialist is supporting the project at interim (April – December 2021);
 - v. Drafting and preparation of all legal agreements with all implementing partners (i.e. MAP Components, beneficiary countries, Black Sea Commission);
 - vi. Development of Project's stand-alone page embedded at UNEP/MAP website: <https://www.unep.org/unepmap/what-we-do/projects/MarineLitterMED-II>

¹ The ToRs for the national consultants aim to support the SSFAs with the beneficiary countries which are under final negotiation and preparation.

- vii. Participation to ENRTP/GPGC Trainings pertinent to several aspects of project implementation;
- viii. Preparation of a brochure and communication products prepared centrally from UNEP/MAP;

b. Updated workplan and budget:

- a) Presentation of the revised workplan and budget for 2021 – 2022 by the Secretariat as reflected in document UNEP/MED WG.516/3 “Updated Work Plan and Budget 2021–2022”.
- b) Approval of the revised workplan and budget by the Project Steering Committee emphasizing the need to accelerate some of the activities to ensure the project activities are implemented in a smooth manner.
- c) Detailed discussion regarding the execution of the project’s pilots, stressing the importance for working closely with the respective counterparts as well as enhancing good coordination at country level.

13. In response to the presentation of the Secretariat, several Contracting Parties took the floor and raised a number of issues, including following:

- Israel expressed to the Project Steering Committee its priority to work on riverine input, and its willingness to join the work pertinent to IMAP Candidate Indicator 24 provided that relevant funds will be or would become available.
- Morocco referred to the execution of the AaB pilots including the need for the great preparatory work required at country level and stressed the need to have available a period of implementation to accommodate at least 4 surveys within a year, and thus the need to have the legal agreements operational till the beginning of 2023.
- Tunisia acknowledged the need to have a specific update for all project’s activities that are envisaged in the country.

14. The Secretariat brought to the attention of the Project Steering Committee that delays in the execution of the project’s activities are also attributed to COVID-19 Pandemic, as well as that relevant travel restrictions may affect the timeline of the national activities.

15. The MAP Coordinator drew the attention of the Steering Committee to the importance of a regular and coordinated effort at country level for implementation of project activities among different institutions responsible for different aspects of marine litter management.

16. The Meeting’s final conclusions and recommendations concerning this agenda item are presented in **Annex III** to this report.

Agenda Item 4: Updated Communication and Visibility Plan 2021 – 2022

17. The Secretariat presented an updated version of the project communication and visibility plan (UNEP/MED WG.516/4) including specific information on its objectives and target groups, the regular communication activities, and the required resources. Special attention was provided by the Secretariat on the proposed innovative communication activities.

18. Several Contracting Parties took the floor, welcomed and endorsed the updated communication and visibility plan and commended the Secretariat’s efforts towards introducing innovative communication activities and streamlining project’s aspects and goals into simple-language communication messages.

19. The Meeting’s final conclusions and recommendations concerning this agenda item are presented in **Annex III** to this report.

Agenda Item 5: Any Other Business

20. No other business was raised under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations

21. The Meeting reviewed the draft conclusions and recommendations and adopted them as revised and presented in **Annex III** to this report.

Agenda Item 7: Closure of the Meeting

22. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the Meeting was declared closed at 14:30 on Monday, 20 September 2021 by the Coordinator of -UNEP/MAP Coordinator.

Annex I
List of Participants

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Annex II
Agenda of the Meeting

Agenda of the Meeting

Monday, 20 September 2021

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Annex III
Conclusions and Recommendations / Conclusions et recommandations

Appendix 1

Conclusions and Recommendations

On 20 September 2021, the First Steering Committee Meeting of the EU-funded Marine Litter MED II Project was held by videoconference. The meeting was organized by UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL Programme). The Meeting was attended by representatives of Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, EU DG ENV, MAP Components (SCP/RAC, SPA/RAC and REMPEC), in addition to UNEP/MAP Coordinating Unit/MED POL.

The Meeting reviewed the working documents WG.516/1 to WG.516/4 (Provisional Agenda, Progress report, workplan and budget and communication plan). Further to its deliberations, the Meeting reached the following conclusions:

1. The Meeting thanked the European Commission for the continuous support and contribution streamlined through the EU-funded Marine Litter MED II Project, and most importantly for further supporting and strengthening the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and the key reduction and prevention measures as identified through the National Action Plans and supported during the first phase of the project. It stressed the importance of active participation from beneficiaries and need to capitalize from lessons learned from the previous ML MED Project; the meeting was also reminded of the existence of a mechanism of reallocation of resources, if necessary, to allow fulfilment of the project outputs.
2. The Meeting acknowledged progress made, including technical and administrative set-up for project implementation, while taking note of delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and in appointing project coordinator. The Meeting was further assured that there is room for project activities to be implemented as originally planned by mid-2023 and that this will be done, provided the COVID situation will not impact implementation of activities on the ground by the countries.
3. The Meeting acknowledged work undertaken on preparation of the legal instruments and requested that the Small-Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) with SCP/RAC is concluded as soon as possible. The Meeting requested the preparation of a specific table summarizing the activities carried out in the framework of at least the EU-funded Marine Litter MED, Marine Litter MED II and WES projects; this is particularly important for output 2D, given the variety of beneficiaries, activities and targeted plastic products in ongoing and past projects.
4. The Meeting requested that the SSFAs targeting scale-up and expansion of the implementation of pilot projects of selected marine litter reduction and prevention measures at national and local levels are signed by mid-October, and that the first instalment is disbursed to the beneficiary countries by end November 2021.
5. The Meeting took note of Israel's and Morocco's expressed interest to contribute to the work pertinent to IMAP Candidate Indicator 24. Relevant budgetary implications as well as possibilities will be explored in due course.

6. With regard to regional expert support addressing marine pollution from sea-based sources is recruited latest by end of November 2021. The Secretariat requested from the beneficiary Countries to provide their input on the draft SSFAs shared in August 2021 as soon as possible, as well as to officially nominate the project's focal points.
7. The Meeting requested the Secretariat to communicate with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM-FAO) with the aim of exploring means and ways for further collaboration, coordination and support for implementation of the project's activities, in particular for the Fishing-for-Litter pilots and the FAO guidelines for gear marking.
8. The Meeting approved to the adjusted project workplan and budget as well as the communication and visibility plan proposed by the Secretariat.
9. The Meeting requested the Secretariat to seek the organization of a side event in UNEA-5 to present the project as a success story and promoting the role and contributions of UNEP/MAP and RSCs in a future legal instrument to address marine litter pollution.
10. The Meeting agreed that implementation of pilot projects should be accompanied by publicity materials in summer seasons for ensuring widespread and effective dissemination of project messages to the public.
11. The Meeting agreed to hold light steering committee meetings mid-way between formal in-person steering committee meetings (i.e., six months after the official SC Meeting). These light committee meetings would include a short report on progress made. No interpretation would be organized. The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held in March 2022.
12. The Meeting requested that the Regional Activity Centers and particularly MED POL would establish close communication channels with the focal points in beneficiary countries, to ensure timely support and response. All national project focal points would be copied to these communications in order to ensure that information shared, and lessons learned are disseminated amongst all project partners.

Appendix 2

Conclusions et recommandations

La première réunion du comité de pilotage du projet Marine Litter MED II financé par l'Union Européenne s'est tenue par visioconférence, le 20 septembre 2021. La réunion était organisée par le Secrétariat du PNUE/PAM (Programme MED POL). La réunion a réuni des représentants de l'Égypte, d'Israël, du Liban, du Maroc, de la Tunisie, de la DG Environnement de l'Union Européenne, des de l'Unité de Coordination PAM/PNUE et de ses composantes, le programme MED POL, le CAR/CPD, CAR/ASP et le REMPEC.

La réunion a examiné les documents de travail UNEP/MED WG.516/1 à UNEP/MED WG.516/4 (l'ordre du jour provisoire, le rapport d'état d'avancement de la mise en œuvre du projet Marine Litter MED II, le programme de travail et budget mis à jour 2021-2022, le plan de communication et de visibilité mis à jour 2021-2022). A l'issue de ses délibérations, la réunion est parvenue aux conclusions suivantes :

1. La réunion a remercié L'Union européenne pour son soutien et sa contribution continues notamment par le biais du projet Marine Litter MED II sur les déchets marins. Elle a aussi souligné l'importance de son soutien au renforcement et à la mise en œuvre du plan régional sur la gestion des déchets marins en Méditerranée et les principales mesures de réduction et de prévention telles qu'identifiées dans les plans d'action nationaux au cours de la première phase du projet. La réunion a mis en évidence la participation active des bénéficiaires et la nécessité de capitaliser sur les enseignements tirés du projet Marine Litter MED précédent. Il a également été rappelé à la réunion l'existence d'un mécanisme de réaffectation des ressources pour permettre la mise en œuvre du projet ; si nécessaire.
2. La réunion a reconnu les progrès accomplis, y compris l'organisation technique et administrative mise en place pour la mise en œuvre du projet, tout en prenant note des retards causés par la pandémie du COVID-19 et dans la nomination du coordinateur du projet. La réunion a en outre été assurée que les activités prévues dans le cadre du projet pourraient être mises en œuvre comme prévu initialement d'ici la mi-2023, à condition que la situation COVID n'affecte le déroulement des activités sur le terrain dans les pays.
3. La réunion a pris acte des travaux entrepris dans le cadre de la préparation des instruments juridiques et a demandé que l'accord de financement à petite échelle (SSFA) avec le CAR/CPD soit conclu dès que possible. La réunion a demandé la préparation d'un tableau spécifique résumant les activités menées dans le cadre des projets Marine Litter MED, Marine Litter MED II et WES financés par l'Union européenne ; ceci est particulièrement important pour le résultat 2D, étant donné la variété des bénéficiaires, des activités et des produits plastiques ciblés dans les projets en cours et passés.
4. La réunion a demandé que les accords de financement à petite échelle ciblant l'intensification et l'expansion de la mise en œuvre de projets pilotes de mesures sélectionnées de réduction et de prévention des déchets marins aux niveaux national et local soient signés d'ici la mi-octobre, et que la première tranche soit versée aux pays bénéficiaires à la fin novembre 2021.

5. La réunion a pris note de l'intérêt exprimé par Israël et le Maroc de contribuer aux travaux relatifs à l'indicateur candidat IMAP 24. Les implications budgétaires pertinentes ainsi que les possibilités seront explorées en temps voulu.
6. En ce qui concerne le soutien d'experts régionaux traitant de la pollution marine d'origine marine, le recrutement sera finalisé plus tard fin novembre 2021. Le Secrétariat a demandé aux pays bénéficiaires de fournir leur contribution dès que possible sur les projets d'accords de financement à petite échelle leur ayant été envoyés en août 2021, ainsi que de nommer officiellement les points focaux du projet.
7. La réunion a demandé au Secrétariat de communiquer avec la CGPM dans le but d'explorer les moyens et le potentiel d'une collaboration, d'une coordination et d'un soutien accru pour la mise en œuvre des activités du projet, en particulier pour les projets pilotes de pêche aux déchets et les directives de la FAO pour le marquage des engins.
8. La réunion a approuvé le plan de travail et le budget ajustés du projet ainsi que le plan de communication et de visibilité proposé par le Secrétariat.
9. La réunion a demandé au Secrétariat concevoir l'organisation d'un événement parallèle à l'ANUE-5 pour présenter le projet comme une réussite et promouvoir le rôle et les contributions du PNUE/PAM et des RSC dans un futur instrument juridique visant à lutter contre la pollution par les déchets marins.
10. La réunion a convenu que la mise en œuvre de projets pilotes devrait être accompagnée de matériel publicitaire pendant les saisons estivales pour assurer une diffusion large et efficace des messages du projet au public.
11. La réunion a convenu de tenir des réunions informelles du comité directeur à mi-chemin entre les réunions formelles du comité directeur en personne (c'est-à-dire six mois après la réunion officielle du CP). Ces réunions informelles du comité incluraient un bref rapport sur les progrès accomplis. Aucune interprétation ne serait organisée. La prochaine réunion du comité directeur aura lieu en mars 2022.
12. La réunion a demandé que les Centres d'activités régionales et en particulier le MED POL établissent des canaux de communication étroits avec les points focaux dans les pays bénéficiaires, afin d'assurer un soutien et une réponse en temps opportun. Tous les points focaux nationaux du projet seraient copiés sur ces communications afin de s'assurer que les informations partagées et les leçons apprises soient diffusées parmi tous les partenaires du projet.