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UNEP GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem

First Strategic Partnership (MedPartnership) Steering Committee (SPSC1) Meeting / Inception
Workshop
17-19 February 2010, Budva, Montenegro

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Together for the Mediterranean Sea



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM

THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP INCEPTION WORKSHOP/FIRST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Hotel Maestral, Milocer (Budva), Montenegro, 17 – 19 February 2010

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2010

- 09:00 - 09:30 **Registration of the participants**
- 09:30 – 09:45 **Opening of the meeting and welcome addresses**
The meeting will be opened by the co-chairs, the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Morocco) and Ms. Maria Luisa Silva, the MAP Deputy Coordinator and Officer-in-Charge.
- 09:45 – 10:00 **Election of officers**
The meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the members of the Steering Committee two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.
Decision: *The meeting's officers elected*
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Adoption of the agenda of the meeting**
The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Project Management Unit was distributed to the participants. The meeting may wish to adopt the proposed agenda and timetable amended as appropriate. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available in all plenary sessions throughout the meeting.
Decision: *Agenda of the meeting adopted*
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Introduction to the meeting: Objectives, structure of the meeting, method of work, expected results**
The Meeting may wish to decide that it should meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. subject to adjustments as necessary. The participants will be given information on the purpose, objectives, structure, organization, method of work and expected results of the meeting (Mr. Ivica Trumbic).
Decision: *Meeting's objectives, structure and work methods approved and note taken on expected results*
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Brief presentation of the GEF project and status of the project's implementation**
The GEF project's objectives, structure and expected results will be presented, including how the project will be implemented, how its major components are organized, and what progress has been made up to date. The activities during the Inception Phase of the project will be presented. Major changes in the project's structure and contents brought about during the Inception Phase will be elaborated, Reasons for these changes will be explained (Mr. Ivica Trumbic).
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**



- 11:30 – 13:00 **Intervention by the countries and donors**
The GEF eligible countries' representatives, as well as representatives of other Mediterranean countries present at the meeting, are expected to present their understanding of the GEF project's objectives, reflect on the presentation of the project, express their expectations of the project and confirm their support to the project. Donors will inform participants on their views on the project. Their suggestions and proposals to improve the project's implementation will be welcome. Countries may also present their position on the current and new priorities in the context of the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem as well as longer term perspective on the management of issues that are tackled by the project, i.e. how they see the continuation of the project's activities beyond its life span. GEF representative may give its view on how the project's objectives and outcomes fit into wider perspective of the GEF International Waters focal area (Countries' and donors' representatives).
- 13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch break**
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Introduction to the Draft Inception Report and major findings**
The Draft Inception Report will be presented with a view of informing the members of the Steering Committee on its structure, objectives, background and expected impacts. The process of the preparation of Inception Report will be presented. The Report is an important document, particularly having in mind the time elapsed between the adoption of the Project Document and the present moment. The decisions taken during the meeting leading to its amendments will form the basis for the finalization of the Inception Report (Mr. Ivica Trumbic).
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Complementary initiatives in the Mediterranean Region**
Other initiatives in the Mediterranean region relevant and complementary to the project will be briefly presented. The objective is to make GEF eligible countries informed on the benefits synergy with these projects could bring. These projects are also presented in the Draft Inception Report (Project partners).
- 15:30 – 16:00 **The “Sustainable Med” programme and its relationship with the Strategic Partnership**
Sustainable Med is a major new initiative of the World Bank in the Mediterranean Region and one which is directly related to the implementation of the project. The objectives, activities and expected results will be presented, specifically with an emphasis on the investment projects, as the Sustainable Med has replaced the Investment Fund, which was originally conceived in the Project Document. Relationships of Sustainable Med with the project will be elaborated in more detail. This aspect will also be elaborated in the Inception Report (World Bank).
- 16:00 - 16:15 **Coffee break**
- 16:15- 18:00 **Presentation of project activities and their revisions by the project's partners: Activities, overall workplan (including detailed first annual workplan) and overall budget (including detailed first annual budget), discussion and adoption**
The partners will present a developed plan of their activities, outcomes and outputs envisaged throughout the course of the entire project, as well as a detailed account of the first year's programme. The presentation of the respective partners' budgets will be given. Special reference will be made to the changes in the partners' programmes and budgets. The Steering Committee will be asked to extend the duration of the project to the end of August 2014. (Project partners, Mr. Ivica Trumbic, Ms. Virginie Hart, Mr. Giorgos Petridis).



- 18:00 **Presentation of the “Strategic Partnership” video**
A 4-minutes video, initially presented during the 16th Contracting Parties Meeting in Marrakech, was edited and will be shown (INFO/RAC).

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2010

- 09:00 – 11:00 **Presentation of project activities and their revisions by the project’s partners (continued)**
Same as above
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 13:00 **Presentation of project activities and their revisions by the project’s partners (continued)**
Same as above
Decision: *Revised project programme and budget approved; Extension of the project’s duration to the end of August 2014 approved.*
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Coordination of actions between Regional Component and Investment Fund/Sustainable Med**
Modalities of coordination of actions between the SP Regional Component and the Sustainable Med (formerly Investment Fund) will be presented. This is a vehicle through which the project proposals, particularly those whose practices will be replicated as part of the Replication Strategy, will be channeled towards potential financing. Details of the process will be clearly elaborated. Also, a summary of experiences of the projects in the current Sustainable Med list of investments will be presented (World Bank and PMU).
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Roles, functions, and responsibilities of project stakeholders and project’s National Focal Points**
The success of the project depends on the capacity of its stakeholders to get involved. As a first step, their roles, functions and responsibilities will be discussed and approved (Ms. Virginie Hart).
Decision: *Terms of References approved*
- 16:00 - 16:15 **Coffee break**
- 16:15 – 17:00 **Monitoring & Evaluation Plan**
The revised Monitoring and Evaluation Plan will be presented, including the amendments to the Log-frame. Participants will be invited to comment on the monitoring and evaluation plan (Ms. Virginie Hart).
Decision: *Revised Monitoring and Evaluation Plan approved: Midterm evaluation scheduled for the end of 2011*
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Reporting of co-financing of the project**
Specific template to report co-financing of the project will be presented, together with the revised table on co-financing. The project partners, donors and countries will be invited to reconfirm their co-financing pledges (Mr. Ivica Trumbic, Ms. Virginie Hart and Mr. Giorgos Petridis).
Decision: *Revised co-financing plan approved*



- 17:30 – 17:45 **Presentation of the project's web site**
Redesigned project's web site will be presented. Countries as well as other stakeholders will be invited to actively participate in the web site maintenance and use (INFO/RAC).
- 17:45 – 18:00 **Date and place of the next SPSC and SPCG meetings and any other business**
Discussion and proposals on the date and place of the next meetings of SPCG and SPSC. Information on the next GEF International Waters Conference, to be held in the Mediterranean Region in 2011, will be given (Mr. Ivica Trumbic).
Decision: Date and place of next SPCG and SPSC approved.
- 18:00 – 18:30 **Conclusions and recommendations**
Meeting's co-chairs will propose conclusions and recommendations. The participants will be informed that all the decisions of the meeting will serve as the basis for the finalization of the Inception Report. They will also decide on the deadline for the finalisation as well as on the final Inception Report approval procedure.
Decision: Conclusions and recommendations adopted.

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2010

- 9:00 – 13:00 **Field trip to Kotor**
Preparation of the report
Lateral meetings among project partners
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00 - 16:00 **Adoption of the report**
- 16:00 **Closure of the meeting**