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Sustainable Financing of the Regional Seas Programmes

Mediterranean Action Plan

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Main fields of activity

- ❖ **Land-based pollution**
- ❖ **Sea-based pollution**
- ❖ **Biodiversity**
- ❖ **Integrated Coastal Zone Management**
- ❖ **Environment/Development integration
(Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable
Development)**





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Horizontal issues

- ❖ **Follow up and development of legal aspects of MAP (Convention and Protocols)**
- ❖ **Reporting**
- ❖ **Compliance and Enforcement**
- ❖ **Information and Public Participation**





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Financial management of MAP Sources of funds

- ❖ **Mediterranean Trust Fund**
- ❖ **Host country counterpart contribution**
- ❖ **EU voluntary contribution**
- ❖ **International donors (GEF, FFEM, EU, etc.)**
- ❖ **Additional contributions from Parties**
- ❖ **UNEP contribution**





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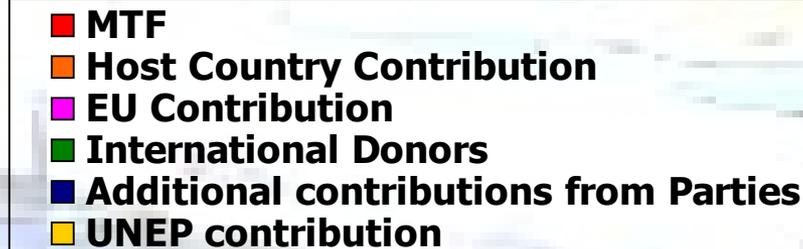
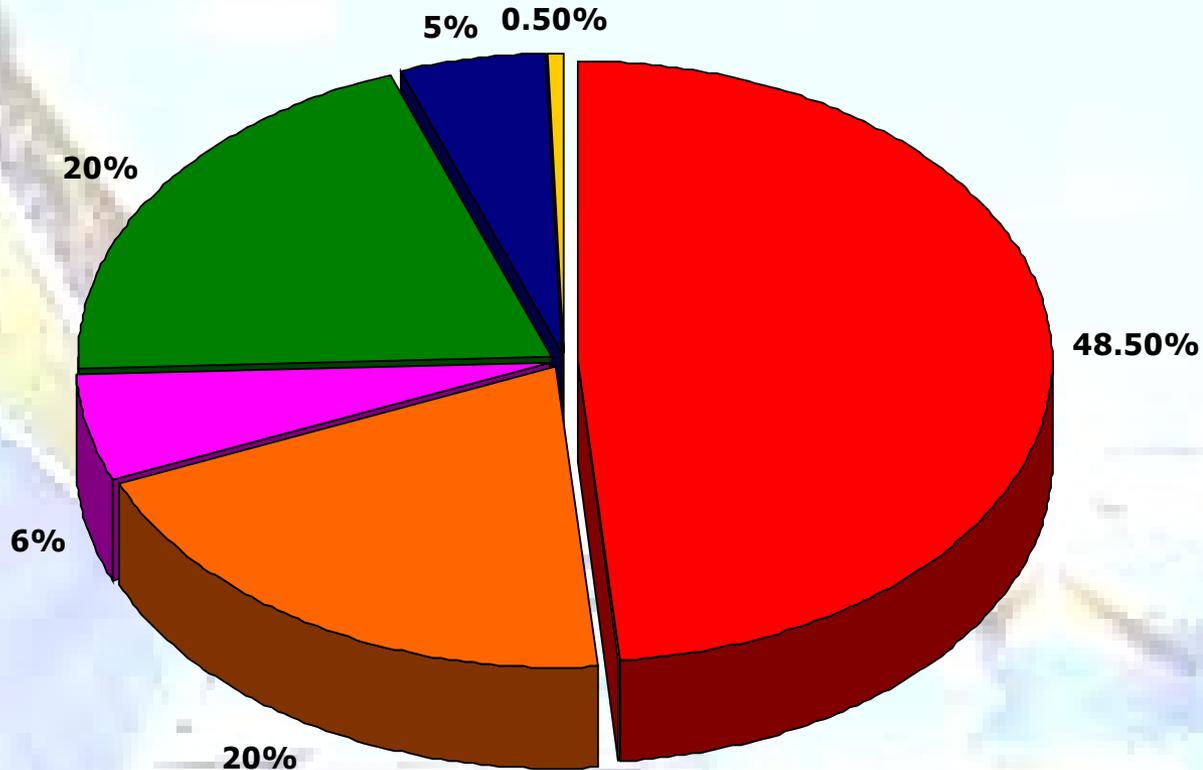
Financial management of MAP Sources of funds for 2002-2003

❖ Mediterranean Trust Fund	48.5%
❖ Host country counterpart contribution	20%
❖ EU voluntary contribution	6%
❖ International donors (GEF, FFEM, EU, etc.)	20%
❖ Additional contributions from Parties	5%
❖ UNEP contribution	0.5%



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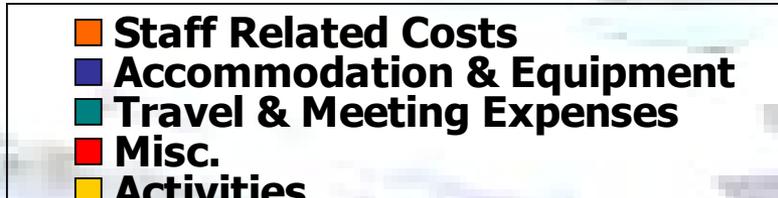
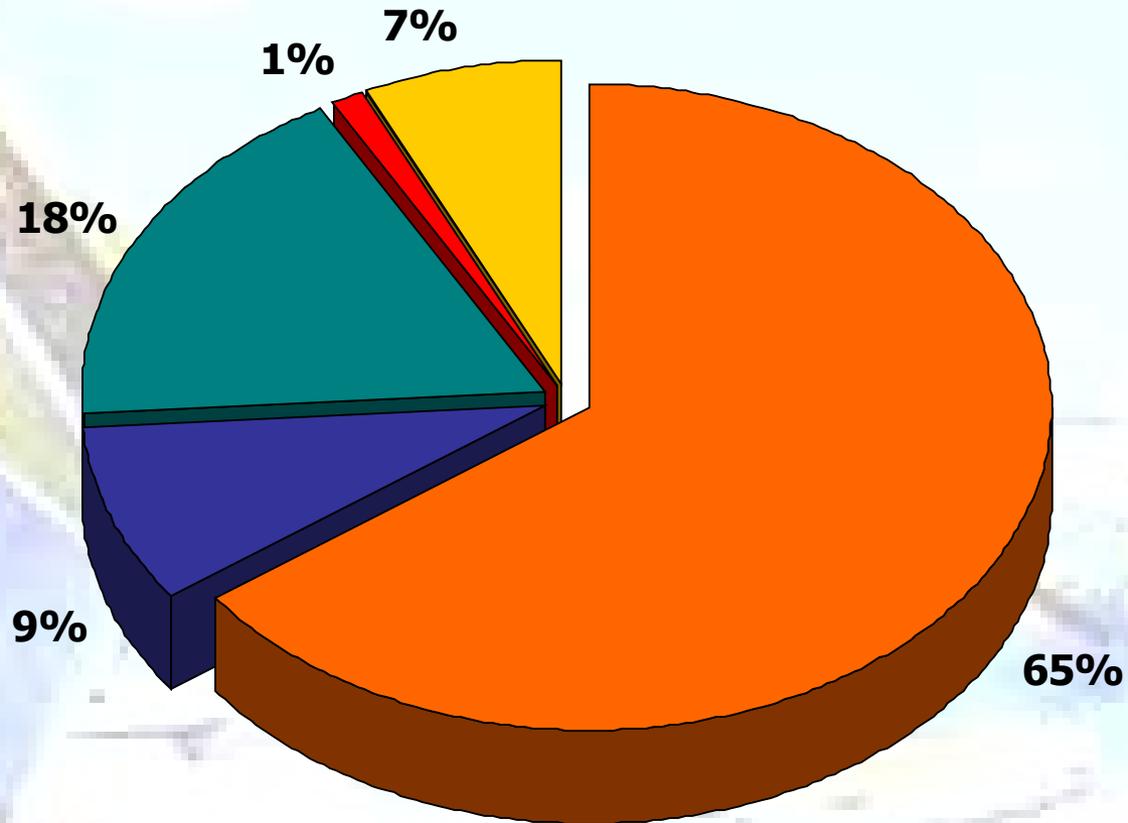
Cost as a Percentage of the Budget for 2002-2003

❖ Staff related costs (incl. Consultant services)	65%
❖ Accommodation and equipment	9%
❖ Travel and Meeting Expenses	18%
❖ Misc. (audit, bank charges etc.)	1%
❖ Activities	7%



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Cost as a Percentage of the Budget for 2002-2003





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Financial sustainability of national activities is at present based on:

- ❖ Estimation of cost of implementation by countries of programmes and measures proposed
- ❖ Involvement of national stakeholders (including private sector) at onset of activities to ensure national ownership
- ❖ Assistance to countries (legal, technical, institutional) to create ground for long-term implementation of activities
- ❖ Identification and testing of innovative financial instruments at national level
- ❖ Preparation of pre-investment studies for national and international financing of projects





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Success stories

- ❖ **A Coastal Area Management Project in the Bay of Split that mobilized national investments and loans for Euro 176 million - Kastela Bay Project**
- ❖ **The adoption of the Strategic Action Programme for land-based pollution that mobilized GEF and other partners in a US \$ 12 million project**
- ❖ **Several projects financed by EU**
- ❖ **Several activities financed by countries, e.g.:**
 - ❑ **US \$ 500,000 from Italy to improve data processing and analysis (1995)**
 - ❑ **Us \$ 200,000 from Spain for NSSDs (2005)**





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Financial sustainability: future prospects

- ❖ **Strengthening sense of ownership of countries by involving all stakeholders in planning and implementation of activities (e.g. in the long-term implementation of NAPs for land-based pollution)**
- ❖ **Assisting countries in preparing projects for external financing (e.g. creation of a clearing house mechanism, facilitation of bilateral cooperation)**
- ❖ **Mobilizing EU funds for investments through projects with common objectives (e.g. the SAP MED and the 2020 EU “depollution” initiative)**
- ❖ **Preparing projects that integrate problems, issues, solutions and their financial dimension (e.g. the new GEF Strategic Partnership)**





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The new GEF Strategic Partnership

Is based on:

- ❖ **good results of the present GEF Project**
- ❖ **encouraging results of implementation of SAP MED**
- ❖ **adoption and launch of SAP BIO**
- ❖ **prospects for a new ICAM Protocol**
- ❖ **need for an integrated multidisciplinary approach**





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The new GEF Strategic Partnership

Objectives

To implement agreed actions for the sustainable management of the environmental resources of the Mediterranean basin

Two interlinked Components:

- ❖ Regional component (managed by UNEP)**
- ❖ Investment fund (managed by the World Bank)**





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The new GEF Strategic Partnership

The regional component

- ❖ **To implement the legal, institutional and policy reforms, which are necessary for the implementation of SAP MED and SAP BIO and their related NAPs, in order to achieve the agreed targets**
- ❖ **To develop an adequate human capacity for legal/institutional set up, reforms and harmonization of policies**





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- ❖ **To provide technical and financial support in implementing selected priority actions identified in SAP MED and SAP BIO and their NAPs**
- ❖ **To address groundwater issues in coastal regions, particularly in arid and karst areas, through use of demonstrations projects and vulnerability assessments**
- ❖ **To develop a long term sustainable financing capacity of countries to implement SAP MED and SAP BIO**





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The Investment Fund

The main objective of the Fund is to facilitate the countries of the Mediterranean in implementing priority transboundary pollution reduction and habitat protection measures identified in the NAPs and SAP BIO and contribute to reversing the degradation of the marine ecosystems and freshwater basins





Thank You

