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**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AND TARGET ACHIEVEMENTS for the following periods:
June-December 2015 and January 2016–February 2017**

Overarching Theme: GOVERNANCE (including review of the Mediterranean Environment, knowledge, information and communication)			
1.1.2 Effective legal, policy, and logistic support provided to MAP decision making process including advisory bodies meetings			
	Activities June 2015 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported
1.1.2.5. Organize the RACs Focal Points Meetings (MED POL, PAP/RAC, Plan Bleu, REMPEC, SCP/RAC, SPA/RAC)			
1.4.1 Periodic assessments based on DPSIR approach and published addressing inter alia status quality of marine and coastal environment, interaction between environment and development as well as scenarios and prospective development analysis in the long run. These assessments include climate change related vulnerabilities and risks on the marine and coastal zone in their analysis, as well as knowledge gaps on marine pollution, ecosystem services, coastal degradation, cumulative impacts and impacts of consumption and production			
	Activities June 2015 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported
1.4.1.1. Identify the stages of the consumption and	No funds available		

production cycle in the food, housing, goods manufacturing and housing sectors that are critical to coastal and marine ecosystems			
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Core Theme: LAND AND SEA-BASED POLLUTION			
2.1.1 Targeted measures of the regional plans/strategies facilitated and implemented			
	Activities June 2015 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Action of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported
<p>2.1.1.4. Develop 1 action or activity of the SCP AP or its Roadmap contributing to pollution and waste prevention through one of the 4 priority consumption and production areas (food, goods manufacturing, housing, tourism)</p>	<p><u>June –December 2015:</u> <i>Regional Plan on Mercury:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and completed the final version of the "Guidelines on Best Environmental Practices for Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Mercury Polluted sites in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol". Organisation of a training, together with UNEP/MAP, on mercury management and remediation of contaminated sites (Almadén, Spain, 18-19 November 2015) with the objectives to train on the Guidelines on Best Environmental Practices for the Environmental Sound Management of mercury contaminated sites, - 33 participants from 13 countries (Syria, Morocco, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Tunisia, Israel, Egypt, Albania, Bosnia, Italy, Montenegro and Spain) – event organized in the framework of the Horizon 2020 Programme with the collaboration of the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, the CTND and Mayasa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports on the selection process of the pilot activities, Detailed project descriptions of the pilot activities Videos presenting 4 out of the 5 pilot activities (interviews of the selected candidates/companies) Mission reports, audit reports. 	<p>Operational objective 1.1 – action 3 and 4 Operational objective 2.1 – action 13, 14, 15,16</p>

	<p><i>Horizon 2020 Capacity Building / Mediterranean Environment Programme– Activities:</i> Collaboration with UNEP/MAP and UfM for the organization of a regional meeting to review both the Guidelines for ESM of used lubricant oils and the Guidelines on best practices towards a sustainable tannery sector in the Mediterranean (both documents prepared by SCP/RAC) - organization of visits to related industries applying BATs and BEPs in the tannery sector (Badia tanning company and IDR wastewater treatment plant, Igualada) and lube oils recycling (CATOR, Alcover). – Barcelona, 22-24 July 2015</p> <p><i>Preparation of project proposals:</i> Submission of 3 projects proposals for the INTERREG Med call for modular projects, 1 as leader (ACT4LITTER - Joint measures to preserve natural ecosystems from marine litter in the Mediterranean Protected Area and 2 as partner of a consortium (CLUSIN – Mediterranean Clusters for Circular Economy Innovation and SMARTKETS – Smart City Markets – Creating Innovative Urban Clusters around Markets)</p> <p><i>SCP Pilot Projects:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lebanon: development of 4 short specific project proposals related to giving values to co-products of wineries through the composting of organic waste. The Lebanese Ministry of Environment, after conducting interviews and meeting with 		
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	<p>Municipalities and wineries that could be involved in the project, decided to develop the project in the Vall de Bekaa Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria: opening of a call targeting innovative SMEs/cooperatives with at least 2 years of experience (in line with SCP NAPs priorities). <p><u>January 2016-February 2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection of 5 pilot activities supporting the implementation actions of the SCP Action Plan contributing to pollution and waste prevention (giving value to olive oil by-products in Tunisia, composting of wineries organic waste in Lebanon, production of biogas with agriculture waste in Morocco, making new products from discarded dates and from used textile items in Algeria). Identification of key partners for their implementation, kick-off and first on the ground actions. 		
<p>2.5.2 Pilot projects implemented on marine litter, POPs, mercury, and illicit discharges reduced, including through SCP solutions for alternatives to POPs and toxic chemicals and the reduction of upstream sources of marine litter for businesses, entrepreneurs, financial Institutions and civil society</p>			
	<p>Activities June 2015 – February 2017</p>	<p>Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017</p>	<p>Action of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported</p>
<p>2.5.2.1. Undertake ML removal/reduction and</p>	<p><u>January 2016-February 2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation and signature of a PCA with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on eco-innovative solutions to prevent the generation of plastics ending-up as marine litter (for 	<p>Operational objective 2.1 – Actions 14, 15 and 16</p>

<p>ML prevention (SCP) pilot projects</p>	<p>UNEP/MAP to implement ML prevention activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of experts for a study on eco-innovative solutions to prevent the generation of plastics ending-up as marine litter (for private sector and CSOs) and kick-off of the study • Expression of interest's requests to countries interested in developing policy measures for the ban of plastic bags and related EPR schemes • Kick-off meeting of the ACT4LITTER project (INTERREG Med) -Joint measures to preserve natural ecosystems from marine litter in the Mediterranean Protected Area (SCP/RAC is leader and MedPAN, MIO-ECSDE, IAT and SSSUP are partners) • Support for the preparation of an INTERREG Med project proposal to fund the Plastic Busters UfM labelled project (SCP/RAC as partners of a consortium led by ISPRA (Italy) – will be in charge of marine litter prevention activities) • Preparation and signature of a SSFA with UNEP/MAP to implement toxic chemicals prevention activities • Selection of experts for a study on eco-innovative solutions to prevent the generation of toxic chemicals in mass consumption products (for private sector and CSOs) 	<p>private sector and CSOs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the selection process of 1 pilot project • 5 letters of expression interest from countries interested in developing policy measures for the ban of plastic bags and related EPR schemes • Work plans with the selected countries. <p><u>Project proposal of the ACT4LITTER project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the kick-off meeting and SC meetings • List of 125 potential measures to address marine litter issues in Mediterranean MPAs in particular those that promote prevention upstream • Project proposal of the INTERREG Med PlasticBusters MPAs project (preserving biodiversity from plastics in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas) • Study on eco-innovative solutions to prevent the generation of toxic chemicals in mass consumption products (for private sector and CSOs) • Report on the selection process of 1 pilot project 	<p>Operational objective 2.2 – actions 17 and 18</p> <p>Operational objective 2.3 – Action 23 and 24</p>
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2.6.2 Networks and initiatives of businesses, entrepreneurs and civil society providing SCP solutions contributing to alternatives to POPs and toxic chemicals and to reduce upstream sources of marine litter supported and coordinated			
	Activities June 2015 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Action of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported
<p>2.6.2.1. Organize training and support programme to promote intrapreneurship in selected SMEs and CSO to implement innovative solutions to prevent the generation of waste ending up as marine litter and the shift to safe alternatives to POPs and toxic chemicals</p>	<p><u>January 2016-February 2017:</u></p> <p>Eco-design and Eco-innovation Capacity Building Pilot (Turkey & Western Balkans): providing a training module to enhance corporate capacity on eco-design and eco-innovation. These concepts are considered key strategic approaches to achieve competitive advantage and growth, bring savings, thanks to increasing resource efficiency and productivity, reduce risks related to raw materials' scarcity, attract investors' interest and stay ahead of future environmental legislation. The training module is applicable to different groups of beneficiaries, such as SMEs, technical advisers in local banks, or technical staff in municipal/government institutions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a specific methodology and a set of training materials adapted to the knowledge and level of understanding of the trainees and/or the needs of the final beneficiaries (targeted corporates); • Prepare and deliver a pilot training of trainers (ToT) (selected country: Montenegro), and the training will be delivered at the occasion of a Roundtable on SCP, organised by the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism. The training will also serve as a means of (i) raising awareness of public authorities, SMEs and other stakeholders on the topics eco-design and eco-innovation, thus contributing to the implementation of the National Strategy on Sustainable development 2030, and (ii) identifying real needs of local businesses related to mainstreaming the application of SCP tools (e.g. eco-design, eco-innovation); • Execute a mapping exercise (selected country: Turkey), identifying (i) main challenges and opportunities related to eco-innovation, arising from current regulations, funding programmes, etc. and (ii) local companies implementing remarkable eco-design solutions. The mapping exercise will assess the potential market for eco-design and eco-innovation lending in the Turkey, with focus on how investments can help companies to comply with environmental regulations and relevant export requirements. 	<p>Operational objective 2.1 – Action 15, 16, 23</p>

Core Theme: BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS			
3.2.2. Guidelines and other tools for the conservation of endangered and threatened Mediterranean coastal and marine species, key habitats, for non-indigenous species control and prevention as well as the management of marine and coastal protected areas developed/updated and disseminated			
	Activities June 2015 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported
3.2.2.8. Prepare the 1st methodological tool to mainstream SCP in the management of a SPAMI area	<p><u>January 2016 – February 2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kick-off meeting of the ACT4LITTER project (INTERREG Med) - Joint measures to preserve natural ecosystems from marine litter in the Mediterranean Protected Area (SCP/RAC is leader and MedPAN, MIO-ECSDE, IAT and SSSUP are partners) Support for the preparation of an INTERREG Med project proposal to fund the Plastic Busters UfM labelled project (SCP/RAC as partners of a consortium led by ISPRA (Italy) – will be in charge of marine litter prevention activities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Project proposal of the ACT4LITTER project</u> Minutes of the kick-off meeting and SC meetings List of 125 potential measures to address marine litter issues in Mediterranean MPAs in particular those that promote prevention upstream Project proposal of the INTERREG Med PlasticBusters MPAs project (preserving biodiversity from plastics in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas) 	<p><u>Operational objective 2.1</u> – <u>Actions 13 and 14</u></p> <p><u>Operational objective 2.2</u> – <u>Action 17 and 18</u></p>
3.3.1 NAPs for the conservation of Mediterranean endangered and threatened species and key habitats and on species introductions and invasive species developed/updated			
	Activities June 2015 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	
3.3.1.3. Assist one country in integrating SCP action/s in a key	<p><u>June-December 2015:</u></p> <p>Development of training material based on the Toolkit for policy makers on how to mainstream SCP into key economic sectors</p>		

<p>area of consumption and production (food, housing, goods manufacturing, tourism) in the updating/development of a NAP</p>	<p>for the Mediterranean (trainers' manual, power-point presentations and support material for interactive exercises).</p> <p><u>January 2016-February 2017:</u> No funds available</p>		
<p>3.5.2 Training and awareness-raising programmes on SCP solutions contributing to the conservation of the ecosystems and biodiversity delivered to businesses, entrepreneurs, financial institutions and civil society</p>			
	<p>Activities June 2015 2016 – February 2017</p>	<p>Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017</p>	<p>Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported</p>
<p>3.5.2.1. Organize trainings and awareness raising activities on SCP solutions contributing to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems</p>	<p>No funds available</p>		

Cross-Cutting Theme: SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION			
6.1.1 Selected actions of the SCP Action Plan directly contributing to prevent, reduce and eliminate marine pollution and protect/enhance biodiversity and ecosystems as well as address climate change in the marine and coastal areas of the Mediterranean identified and implemented			
	Activities June 2015 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported
6.1.1.1. Develop 1 action or activity of the SCP AP or its Roadmap contributing to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems through one of the 4 priority consumption and production areas (food, goods manufacturing, housing, tourism)	<p><u>June-December 2015:</u> Opening of a call targeting innovative SMEs/cooperatives with at least 2 years of experience (in line with SCP NAPs priorities) in Tunisia, on the ground mission for the selection of the projects.</p> <p><u>January 2016 – February 2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of 2 pilot actions supporting the implementation of the tourism chapter of the SCP Action Plan and contributing to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems (Consolidating an eco-tourism tour operator and consolidating an eco-tourism site) • Identification of key partners for their implementation, kick-off and first on the ground actions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports on the selection process of the pilot activities, • Detailed project descriptions of the pilot activities • Videos presenting the 2 pilot activities (interviews of the selected candidates/companies) • Mission reports, audit reports. • Publications capitalizing on the results of the projects • Final workshops focusing on the replication strategy. 	<p>Operational objective 3.1 – Actions 26 and 29</p> <p>Operational objective 3.3 – Actions 34 and 35</p>
6.1.3 Methodological tools for SCP mainstreaming in the priority areas of consumption and production of the Regional Action Plan on SCP - tourism, food, housing and goods manufacturing implemented and new ones developed for other sectors			
	Activities June 2015 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported

<p>6.1.3.1. Organize trainings on methodological tools to integrate SCP in tourism, food, housing and goods manufacturing</p>	<p><u>January 2016 – February 2017:</u> Planning of SCP activities to be developed under the SWIM H2020 Supporting Mechanisms project (H2020 initiative – Capacity building component) – expert support for public authorities to develop specific SCP instruments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Identity Forms detailing the specific tasks to be developed under each activity • Planning of activities 	<p>Operational objective 2.1 – Actions 13 and 14 Operational objective 2.2 – Actions 18, 19, 20 Action 47 (applicable to all priority areas)</p>
<p>6.2.1 SCP Action Plan indicators aligned with MSSD relevant work, identified, selected and factsheets developed</p>			
	<p>Activities June 2015 – February 2017</p>	<p>Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017</p>	<p>Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported</p>
<p>6.2.1.1. Establish the Technical Working Group on SCP indicators and definition of tasks</p>	<p><u>January 2016 – February 2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of existing SCP indicators • Development of a first set of SCP indicators • Online consultation with SCP NFP • Organisation of a joint SCP/RAC - PB/RAC expert meeting on MSSD Dashboard and SCP indicators (Barcelona, Spain, 17 October 2016) back to back with SwitchMed Connect • Mapping of SCP indicators availability at country level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st, 2nd and 3rd draft of the SCP set of indicators • Methodological notes • Mapping of the SCP indicators availability for all the Med • Joint decision on the SCP indicators and MSSD dashboard to be submitted to the CPs. 	<p>Action 47 and 49 (applicable to all priority areas)</p>
<p>6.3.1 Training and support programme for green entrepreneurs and civil society as SCP drivers</p>			
	<p>Activities June 2015 – February 2017</p>	<p>Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017</p>	<p>Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported</p>

<p>6.3.1.1. Organize training and support programme for green start-ups</p>	<p><u>June –December 2015:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Partners for the development of the training programme addressed to Green Entrepreneurs have been selected in all the 8 countries targeted by SwitchMed in accordance with National Focal Points. SCP/RAC has developed an innovative methodology to support Green Entrepreneurs in developing their green business models. The new methodology has been developed adapting the Business Model Canvas and the Lean Start-Up approaches to SCP’s goals and life cycle assessment. The training materials are publicly available in English, French, Arabic and Hebrew on the SwitchMed website (www.switchmed.eu/en/corners/start-up/training-materials). 123 Local Trainers in the 8 countries have been identified and trained according to the training methodology. The 84 best Local Trainers have been selected for the development of the training programme for Green Entrepreneurs. From is launching (April 2015), the Green Entrepreneurship training programme has received 3,961 applications in the 8 countries targeted by SwitchMed (Morocco, Algeria, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An innovative Green Entrepreneurship Training Methodology and Incubation Methodology have been developed. At least 2,000 Green Entrepreneurs have been trained in 8 countries (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Palestine and Lebanon). At least 200 Green Entrepreneurs received individual coaching to improve their Green Business Model. At least 30 Green Entrepreneurs have been supported with coaching and technical assistance (Incubation services). 9 Green Business are awarded with financial support. The Switchers (www.theswitchers.eu), the website presenting stories from Green Entrepreneurs and Eco-innovation Civil Society Initiatives, has identified 150 case studies. Synergy Workshops to identify main challenges and opportunities for Green Entrepreneurs and Civil Society eco-innovation initiatives have been organized in the 8 countries and National White Papers on Promotion of Green Entrepreneurship and Grassroots Social and Eco Innovations have been published. 	
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	<p>Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Palestine and Lebanon).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the beginning of the training programme, a total of 1,556 Green Entrepreneurs have been selected and trained in the 8 countries in the framework of 79 workshops (286 in Morocco, 130 in Algeria, 322 in Tunisia, 161 in Egypt, 199 in Jordan, 150 in Israel, 205 in Palestine and 103 in Lebanon). Through the trainings, the 1,556 Green Entrepreneurs have received support to develop and test their Green Business Models. • Out of the 1,556 trainees, 153 Green Entrepreneurs have been selected and received an individual coaching aimed to improve their Green Business Models and have been admitted to apply to the incubation phase. • SCP/RAC has developed the methodology for the incubation phase (a methodological guide and complementary tools have been created to support Local Mentors and Green Entrepreneurs in the 8-month incubation process aimed to create and execute their Green Business Plan and launch their green businesses). • The Local Mentors for the incubation phase have been selected and hired (a 		
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	<p>total of 16 experts: 2 per country).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of the 153 Green Entrepreneurs coached and eligible to apply for the incubation phase, 142 submitted their Green Business Canvas. • From all the applicants, 25 Green Entrepreneurs have been selected with the support of a “High Level Jury” and the incubation phase is ongoing (5 GEs in Tunisia, 4 in Morocco, 3 in Algeria, 3 in Palestine, 3 in Egypt, 3 in Israel, 3 in Jordan and 1 in Lebanon). • A study on Crowdfunding in the Southern Mediterranean region as a tool for supporting Green Entrepreneurs and Eco-Innovation initiatives has been held. The study analyses more than 3,400 projects submitted from the southern Mediterranean countries to 36 crowdfunding platforms during the period 2009-2015 and the opportunities for green entrepreneurship and ecological innovation initiatives. • A Crowdfunding Guide for Green Entrepreneurs and Social Initiatives for Ecological Innovation has been developed. • A new web-platform presenting stories from Green Entrepreneurs and Eco-innovation Civil Society Initiatives on 		
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	<p>inclusive business solutions has been developed: The Switchers (www.theswitchers.eu). More than 120 case studies have been identified and selected as Switchers and the website has received more than 20,000 visits from his launching in October 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synergy Workshops to identify main challenges and opportunities for Green Entrepreneurs and Civil Society eco-innovation initiatives have been organized in Lebanon (17/09/2015), Tunisia (23/03/2016) and in Morocco (25/05/2016). In all the countries, the Synergy Workshops counted with the participation of a huge number of stakeholders and organizations (green entrepreneurs, civil society organizations, Ministry of Environment, private actors supporting entrepreneurs, financial actors, international organizations supporting Lebanese entrepreneurs, etc.: 24 organizations in Lebanon, around 100 stakeholders in Tunisia and approximately 100 actors in Morocco). Prior to the workshop, relevant stakeholders have been interviewed. On the basis of the interviews and the outcomes of the workshops, National White Papers on Promotion of Green Entrepreneurship and Grassroots Social and Eco Innovations are being drafted. 		
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<p>6.3.1.2. Organize training and support programme for CSO's initiatives on SCP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mapping of CSOs and change agents has been completed in the 8 countries targeted by SwitchMed (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Palestine). As a result of the mapping, Local Partners for the CS' programme have been selected in all the countries. • SCP/RAC has developed the training methodology for the CSO's programme to support SCP and eco-innovation initiatives among civil society and grassroots actors. • The selection process of CSO's Local Trainers has been carried out and 16 trainers have been selected (2 per country) and trained. • The call for the National Workshop for Civil Society Ecological Innovation Initiatives has been launched in the 8 countries (573 applications have been submitted). The workshops have been carried out in 4 countries -Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Lebanon- (with a total of 74 trainees) and are planned in the rest of the countries -Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Palestine- for March 2017. • All the trainees of the CSO National Workshops have had the opportunity to apply for the supporting phase of the programme and the 2 best Civil Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Workshops for Civil Society Ecological Innovation Initiatives have been held in the 8 countries training at least 150 representatives of CSO's initiatives • 16 Civil Society Ecological Innovation Initiatives have been supported in the 8 countries (2 per country). 	
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	Ecological Innovation Initiatives have been selected in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Lebanon (8 initiatives). The supporting phase is ongoing.		
6.4.1 Establishment of networks and initiatives of businesses, entrepreneurs, civil society, providing SCP solutions promoted			
	Activities June 2015 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported
6.4.1.1. Scale up the SCP solutions in the Mediterranean	<p><u>January 2016 – February 2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft strategy for scaling up of sustainable manufacturing pilots in 8 North African countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Developed a framework in collaboration with UNIDO to identify scaling up perspectives and leverage points that is offered as inspiration for strategy development. Available at this link: http://bit.ly/22Vae7R</i> ○ <i>Conducted Scaling Up Workshops that took place during the SwitchMed Connect 2016 for identifying the next steps. Presentations and the country specific outcomes of both workshops are available at this link http://www.switchmed.eu/en/switchmed-connect/switchmed-connect-2016/Industry_Track_2</i> • Towards the preparation of Green Entrepreneurship Programme Scaling Up Study, an initial analysis i.e. a benchmarking exercise was done reviewing the services of 19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final strategy for scaling up of sustainable manufacturing pilots in 8 North African countries • Final strategy for scaling up of newly established green start-ups in 8 North African countries (Green Entrepreneurship Programme Scaling Up Study) 	Actions 48 and 49 (applicable to all priority areas)

	<p>entrepreneurship support programmes (Available at this link: http://bit.ly/2lcB9f9) showing a detailed picture of entrepreneurship programmes and organisations operating in the space and the various funders, networks and innovators feeding into the sector.</p>		
<p>6.4.1.2. Establish the Mediterranean Green Impact Investing Network</p>	<p><u>June-December 2015:</u> The first mission of the Green Impact Investing Network to Egypt (16-19 August) completed. The mapping and the findings made available in the report available at this link http://www.switchmed.eu/en/corners/impact-investors/actions/actions/MENA-Touring</p> <p><u>January 2016 – February 2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with the European Federation of Ethical and Alternative Banks (FEBEA), further missions of the Green Impact Investing Network completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mission to Morocco from May 19th to May 25th</i> ○ <i>Mission to Tunisia from June 20th to June 24th</i> ○ <i>Mission to Lebanon from 23 to 29 Nov</i> • The mapping and the findings made available in the report available at this link http://www.switchmed.eu/en/corners/impact-investors/actions/actions/MENA-Touring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of financial needs of green entrepreneurs • Development of new services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to finance guidebook ○ National dialogues between financing institutions and entrepreneurs: Green entrepreneurs meet investors in 8 North African countries ○ Crowdfunding campaign support ○ Regional award for grants • Conceptualisation of an innovative regional impact fund targeted at the needs of the green start-ups and entrepreneurs (a survey is being done to collect the specific financing needs at the time of the writing of this report). 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In total, 100+ organisations providing access to finance for green start-ups and entrepreneurs were interviewed and invited to join the Green Impact Investing Network (GIIN). - • Consultation sessions on possible services and products of the Green Impact Investing Network organised at the SwitchMed Connect 2016. Summaries of these meetings are available at these links: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/switchmed-connect/switchmed-connect-2016/Finance_Track_2_closed_participation and http://www.switchmed.eu/en/switchmed-connect/switchmed-connect-2016/Finance_Track_2 		
<p>6.4.1.3. Identify SCP AP facilitators and start developing their tasks to reach and engage key stakeholders (governments, businesses, financial agents, civil society and academia) to support the implementation of the SCP AP and its roadmap with special focus on actions addressing alternatives to POPs, and toxic</p>	<p><u>June – December 2015:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site consultation meeting on the SCP Action Plan with the SCP/RAC National Focal Points during the 10th SCP/RAC NFP Meeting (Madrid, 1-3 June 2015). • Preparation of the final draft of the SCP Action Plan and its Roadmap and submission to the Ordinary Meeting of the MAP Focal Points (Athens, 13- 16 October 2015) during which the national representatives endorsed it through a formal Decision to be submitted for endorsement by the Contracting Parties at COP19. • Presentation of the draft SCP Action 		<p>Action 49 (applicable to all priority areas)</p>

<p>chemicals, upstream sources of marine litter and the protection of biodiversity and coastal marine ecosystems</p>	<p>plan during the 16th Meeting of the MCSDD (Marrakech, 9-11 June 2015) and during the 5th Meeting of the Ecap Coordination Group (Rome, 14-15 September 2015) in order to ensure a good articulation and synergies between the different processes.</p> <p><u>January 2016 – February 2017:</u> No funds available</p>		
<p>6.4.2 A Mediterranean SCP Hub for knowledge exchange and networking fully operative and performing as connector and lever for new partnerships and initiatives providing SCP solutions</p>			
	<p>Activities January 2016 – February 2017</p>	<p>Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017</p>	<p>Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported</p>
<p>6.4.2.1. Facilitate exchange among Mediterranean stakeholders working on SCP solutions</p>	<p><u>June –December 2015:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mediterranean SCP Hub web platform (www.switchmed.eu) receiving at average 3,000 visits per month (max 5,230 October 2015). Annual visits 27,841. • The Social Action Network platform has grown reaching to 1,000+ members. • Social networks performance: Twitter 600 followers, FB 2,230 likes, Linked-In 305 members. • 5 SCP related newsletters published reaching to 1,000 stakeholders. • 15 SCP workshops and side events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mediterranean SCP Hub web platform (at average 3,000 visits per month) • The Social Action Network platform has grown reaching to 1,500+ members. • Social networks: Twitter 1000+ followers, FB 4500+ likes, Linked-In 800+ members. • In total 8 SCP related newsletters published reaching to 1,500 stakeholders. • In total 30+ SCP workshops and side events organized. • Draft agenda of the regional SCP gathering, SwitchMed Connect 2018. 	<p>AAction 49 (applicable to all priority areas)</p>

	<p>organized. A few examples are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ouishare Fest organised by the Collaborative Economy Network Ouishare on 20th – 22nd May 2015 in Paris. http://2015.ouisharefest.com/ SwitchMed organized a workshop under the theme “How to help developing countries to grow collaborative economy initiatives and social innovation?” in collaboration with the MENA Ouishare team. More information at this link: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/news/news-1/join-us-in-the-ouishare-fest-to-foster-knowledge-and-discuss-on-entrepreneurs-and-collaborative-economy</i> ○ <i>High-level Conference on Fostering Women’s Participation in Economic life organized by the UfM from 19th to 21st May in Barcelona. The Green Entrepreneurship demo sub-component participated in the session ‘Green Economy for women empowerment’: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/news/news-1/switchmed-a-business-case-at-the-conference-on-fostering-women2019s-participation-in-economic-life?searchterm=ufm</i> ○ <i>European Development Days organized by the EU DG DevCo on 3rd - 4th June 2015 in Brussels. SwitchMed Networking Facility in collaboration with SWITCH-Asia Programme organized and run a workshop entitled “Financing the SWITCH to Green SMEs across Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean” Summary can be found here:</i> 		
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	<p>http://www.switchmed.eu/en/news/news-1/financing-the-switch-to-green-smes-across-asia-africa-and-the-mediterranean-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8th Annual Conference Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED) from 16th to 17th November in Beirut, Lebanon. SwitchMed Green Entrepreneurship demo sub-component participated in the session 'Innovative Entrepreneurships for sustainable lifestyle' as a moderator: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/news/news-1/participating-to-the-session-innovative-entrepreneurships-for-sustainable-lifestyle-at-the-afed-conference ○ Disruptive Innovation Festival took place online over three weeks from 2nd - 20th November. The SwitchMed Connect session 'Circular Economy Enablers in the Mediterranean' was featured at the DIF on 19th November: https://www.thinkdif.co/emf-stage/switchmed-connect-circular-economy-enablers-in-the-mediterranean and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cKfGLMVtu4 and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TEVfKt5R5w ○ Connecting Actors for Sustainable Development in the Context of the United Nations 2030 Agenda organized by the Regional Office of the European Forest Institute (EFIMED) from 10th November to 11th November in Barcelona. SwitchMed Programme activities were promoted at the event: 		
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	<p>http://www.switchmed.eu/en/news/news-1/join-us-to-get-to-know-how-sustainable-management-of-forests-can-contribute-to-the-sustainable-development-goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>MedLab Entrepreneurship Forum organized by the Young Entrepreneurship Foundation from 16th to 17th November in Rabat, Morocco. The Green Entrepreneurship demo sub-component activities were presented at the forum:</i> http://www.switchmed.eu/en/news/news-1/switchmed-will-speak-on-how-to-support-entrepreneurs-to-develop-their-business-Concepts-at-the-medlab-forum ○ <i>SMART City Expo World Congress organized by Fira Barcelona on 17th to 19th November in Barcelona. SwitchMed Networking Facility moderated a session entitled 'When Ethics Meet Economy' and presented the Programme:</i> http://www.switchmed.eu/en/news/news-1/working-ahead-for-more-ethical-businesses-in-urban-areas-switchmed-at-the-smart-city-expo-world-congress ○ <i>Mediterranean Week of Economic Leaders organized by ASCAME from 25th to 26th November in Barcelona.</i> http://www.medaeconomicweek.org/ <i>The Green Entrepreneurship regional coordination team and the Networking Facility attended the Women Entrepreneurs Forum and the Islamic Finance Forum respectively.</i> ○ <i>Mediterranean Experience of Eco-Tourism organized by</i> http://www.meetnetwork.org/. <i>SwitchMed policy component participated at the</i> 		
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	<p> <i>event:</i> http://www.switchmed.eu/en/news/news-1/final-conference-of-the-201cmediterranean-experience-of-eco-tourism201d-project </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual newspaper providing an overview as well as facts and figures of policy efforts, private sector engagement and civil society initiatives towards sustainable consumption and production published: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/media/A-Collection-of-Our-Four-Publications • The first edition of the SwitchMed Connect took place on 29th-30th October 2015 with more than 400 participants. The summary is online: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/switchmed-connect/switchmed-connect-2015 • The map of regional stakeholders, initiatives and projects working to support actions towards SCP completed. • Established and working to establish further strategic partnerships with 15 organizations by the end of 2015: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/Partners/Type-of-partnership • Open innovation platforms for scaling up green businesses in the Mediterranean study concluded that 		
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	<p>innovative services can well boost the technical and financial support for the green businesses. The study is available in the e-library: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/e-library/open-innovation-platform_desk-research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scaling up collaborative economy business models study explored leverage points to scale up sharing economy business models and found that access to finance and trust building as main leverage areas. The study is available in the e-library: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/e-library/scaling-up-collaborative-business-models-in-mena <p>January 2016 – February 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for proposals for the preparation of the SwitchMed Connect 2016: 110 proposals received On 18-19-20 October, SwitchMed Connect 2016 took place with more than 360 registrations, 36 sessions and more than 100 speakers. The event website includes all necessary information on sessions and speakers: http://switchmedconnect.com/en/agenda/ All summaries of the 36 SwitchMed Connect sessions are available at this link: http://www.switchmed.eu/en/switchm 		
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	<p>ed-connect/switchmed-connect-2016. The event video is available at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcRBqdNJDvw&t=57s.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback survey carried out: 100 responses received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 87% of those surveyed said that their expectations were met; ○ 73% said that the overall quality of the content was excellent or very good; ○ 85% said they made connections. • The Mediterranean SCP Hub web platform • The Social Action Network platform • Social networks performance • SCP related newsletters published • SCP workshops and side events organized 		
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Cross-Cutting Theme: CLIMATE CHANGE			
7.1.1 Climate Change Adaptation main activities identified and mainstreamed into the implementation of existing regional strategies, regional action plans and measures			
	Activities January 2016 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported
7.1.1.7. Develop a Methodological tool to implement SCP strategies addressing Climate Change adaptation	No funds available		
7.1.2 Selected actions of the SCP Regional Action Plan directly contributing to address climate change in the marine and coastal areas of the Mediterranean implemented			
	Activities January 2016 – February 2017	Expected main deliverables for the biennium 2016-2017	Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported
7.1.2.1. Organize trainings on SCP actions in the housing, tourism, food and goods manufacturing sectors contributing to address Climate Change	No funds available		

Summary of the Actions of the Regional Action Plan on SCP supported by the activities developed by SCP/RAC during the 2016-2017 biennium:

Legend:

	Covered
	Not covered

Action nº	Covered during the 2016-2017 SCP/RAC PoW?	Action nº	Covered during the 2016-2017 SCP/RAC PoW?	Action nº	Covered during the 2016-2017 SCP/RAC PoW?
Food, fisheries and agriculture		Tourism		Actions applicable to all priority areas	
1		26		47	
2		27		48	
3		28		49	
4		29		50	
5		30		51	
6		31			
7		32			
8		33			
9		34			
10		35			
11		36			
12		Housing and construction			
Goods Manufacturing		37			
13		38			
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