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The Priority Actions Programme, conceived, established and confirmed at the intergovernmental meetings in Split 1977, in Monaco 1978, in Geneva 1979, and in Cannes 1981 as one of the most important activities in the development of the Mediterranean Action Plan, and of co-operation between Mediterranean countries, has been passing through certain stages more or less influenced by the availability of financial resources either from UNDP, individual agencies of the UN system or, more recently, from the Mediterranean Trust Fund. In spite of great efforts of UNDP, UNEP, individual countries and PAP/RAC, these difficulties have prevailed obstructing the activities within the MAP to develop as they should.

#### Progress Report on Approved PAF Activities

The 1977 Split meeting identified six PAF fields where immediate action was required: renewable sources of energy, aquaculture, human settlements, management of water resources, tourism and soil protection.

With an overall co-ordination of the UNEP Co-ordinating Unit, the preparatory steps for the implementation of these activities were organized by the UNDP/UNEP Joint Unit for Co-operative Projects in the Mediterranean and by the PAP Centre in Split.

A large number of bodies and specialized organizations of the UN system /WHO, UNCHS, ILO, UNESCO, UN/DTCDD, FAO, IMCO/ have been involved in the preparation and implementation of various PAF activities.

Since the 1981 Cannes meeting, the following has been done on the priority actions, in spite of the fact that they have been allocated only very small resources by MTF:

#### Human Settlements

With the assistance of the MAP Co-ordinator and the UNDP/UNEP Co-ordinating unit, the PAP/RAC organized in Geneva /May 1981/ an intergovernmental meeting for the second phase of the human settlements priority action and for the preparation of relevant project documents. The meeting,

which was participated by the representatives of WHO, UN/DTCD, ILO and UNESCO, discussed the following draft project documents:

1. Human settlements and integrated planning and management of the coastal zones in the Mediterranean Basin.
2. Evaluation of Government policies dealing with hinterland-coastal migration in the Mediterranean region.
3. Rehabilitation and renewal of coastal historic settlements and their centres.
4. Appropriate technology for liquid and solid wastes collection and disposal in Mediterranean human settlements.
5. Comprehensive environmental health planning in Mediterranean metropolitan areas.

All activities covered by the above project documents were to be based on pilot projects. Financial resources needed for the projects would have to be shared between MTF, UNEP, interested Mediterranean countries and international funds. These draft project documents should be submitted to all Mediterranean countries for consideration.

#### Soil Protection

The PAP/RAC prepared a draft project outline for preparatory activities leading to a Mediterranean co-operative intercountry project on soil protection and sent it to FAC for consideration and comment, but due to the restricted financial resources expected consultations with FAO have been postponed.

#### Other PAP Fields

The PA Program considered at the Cannes meeting had proposed various activities on Tourism and Water Resources Management, but, again, for the unfavourable financial situation of MTF further steps in these two PAP fields have not been undertaken.

A New Concept of the Priority Actions Programme

At the initiative of the PAP/RAC and at the invitation of the UNEP Co-ordinating Unit a review meeting of the Priority Actions Programme was held in Geneva on 3-4 November 1981. The meeting was attended by the representatives of UNEP Co-ordinating Unit, UNEP Industrial Office, UNDP Regional Office for Europe, Yugoslav PAP Focal Point, Yugoslav authorities and PAP/RAC. The activities in all PAP fields were reviewed. This has led to the knowledge that the national, bilateral, multilateral and international projects recently accomplished, those under way or planned and, in particular, their obtained and expected results make the greatest capital Mediterranean countries possess and should employ in their future co-operation on the Priority Actions Programme.

Therefore, a transfer of experiences gained through these projects from one Mediterranean country to another, with the assistance of the entire UN system, should be the basis of a future regional co-operation on the PAP. The MTF financial resources which were proposed in the MAP budget for the Programme, and which alone are insufficient to finance regional projects, could be used to activate the transfer of experiences and results. This, however, would require a larger involvement of the countries, efficient co-operation with UN organizations, as well as co-operation of all parts of the MAP /MEDPOL, Blue Plan/.

Accordingly, each priority action would be based on the existing /completed or on-going/ national, regional and international projects related to the subjects of the Priority Actions Programme, which could, with an additional co-ordination and minimum additional funds, be processed to become applicable to similar situations in the Mediterranean.

Proposed Activities for the 1982-1983 Period

In accordance with the new concept of the Priority Actions Programme the following activities are proposed within the 1982-1983 period:

PAP General

- /i/ Compilation, sorting out and sistematization of data on existing and on-going projects in the field of aquaculture, renewable sources of energy, human settlements, soil protection, water resources and tourism, as well as of data relative to institutions and experts in Mediterranean countries dealing with these fields.
- /ii/ Meeting of PAP Focal Points /October 1982/ to review the past work on the PAP and to agree in detail upon the Programme in the subsequent periods.
- /iii/ Issuing of a monthly bulletin.

Water Resources Management

- /i/ Sea transport of fresh water. Evaluation of information and experiences and technological problems; comparative economic and technical analyses of different modes of transport and desalination processes.
- Seminar: Evaluation of results.

Human Settlements

- /i/ Review and analysis of existing integrated planning and management methods and tools on the basis of expert, agency and national reports.
- Workshop: Analysis of existing methods and tools; evaluation of different planning and management practices.

/ii/ Consultant support.

- Participation in 3 on-going projects by consultants and experts.
- Compilation and processing of results obtained through on-going projects to become applicable to similar situations in the Mediterranean.
- Seminar: Evaluation of results.

/iii/ Earthquake areas.

- Survey and analysis of experiences on earthquake consequences in human settlements.
- Identification of the existing state documents necessary for an efficient intervention in human settlements in case of catastrophe.
- Preparation of recommendations for interventions and organization of life in human settlements after an earthquake.
- Sistematization of planning and reconstruction principles for settlements under earthquake risk, using experiences of specialized institutions.
- Seminar: Evaluation of principles and recommendations.

/iv/ Comprehensive environmental health planning in Mediterranean metropolitan areas.

- Preparation of guidelines /on the basis of the WHO Athens Project/.
- Seminar on environmental health planning.

Soil Protection

- Survey and analysis of current methods of protection; existing and planned use of soils /Ecoteque Méditerranéen and similar systems/.
- Identification of major factors that have an impact on the protection and quality of soils.

- Identification of problems which could be considered as elements of a co-operative project; formulation of project document.
- Expert meeting to consider and accept the project document.

#### Tourism

- Comparison of current tourist demand and supply in space and time in Mediterranean tourist regions.
- A system analysis survey of the effects of tourism from the economic, socio-cultural and environmental point of view.
- Determination of tourist carrying capacity.
- Identification of elements for integrated tourism planning.
- Strategy for an optimum tourism policy.



<u>Budget</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
	/in US \$/	
<b>Priority Actions Programme - General</b>		
/i/ Systematization of data	30,000	28,000
/ii/ Meeting of PAP Focal Points	8,000 <sup>+</sup>	
/iii/ Bulletin	2,000	2,000
	40,000	30,000
<b>Water Resources Management</b>		
/i/ Sea transport of fresh water; evaluation of experiences and comparative analysis	70,000	70,000
- Seminar		10,000 <sup>+</sup>
	70,000	80,000
<b>Human Settlements</b>		
/i/ Review and analysis of existing planning and management methods and tools	20,000	
- Workshop	15,000 <sup>+</sup>	
/ii/ Consultant support to on-going projects	30,000	6,000
- Processing of results		8,000
- Seminar		10,000 <sup>+</sup>
/iii/ Earthquake areas - analysis and survey	15,000	
- Identification of needed documents	10,000	
- Recommendations		16,000
- Planning principles		10,000
- Seminar		10,000 <sup>+</sup>
/iv/ Comprehensive environmental health planning - guidelines		30,000
- Seminar		10,000 <sup>+</sup>
	90,000	100,000
<b>Soil Protection</b>		
- Analysis of methods	10,000	
- Identification of factors	25,000	
- Identification of problems	5,000	30,000
- Expert meeting		10,000 <sup>+</sup>
	40,000	40,000

Budget /continuing/1982 /in US \$/ 1983

## Tourism

- Tourist demand and supply	50,000	
- System analysis survey		50,000
- Determination of carrying capacity		25,000
- Determination of tourism policy		25,000
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	50,000	100,000
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TOTAL PAP ACTIVITIES	290,000	350,000
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Additional costs will be borne in local currency by the host country.