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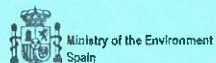
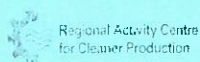
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Third National Focal Points Meeting  
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## REPORT





## **Introduction**

1. The Third Meeting of the Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production (RAC/CP) National Focal Points (NFP) was held in the Hotel Catalonia in Barcelona from 22 to 23 March 2001.

## **Participants**

2. All the National Focal points were invited to attend the meeting. Representatives from the following Contracting Parties attended the meeting: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, European Community, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Morocco, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Turkey.
3. The RAC/CP NFP for the MAP Co-ordinating Unit was also present.
4. Representatives from the following Contracting Parties were absent: Albania, Algeria, Monaco, and Slovenia.
5. The list of participants is attached as Annex I to this report.

## **Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting**

6. Ms. Esther Monfà from RAC/CP, declared the Third Meeting of RAC/CP National Focal Points opened and welcomed the attendants to Barcelona.

## **Agenda Item 2: Election of the President and Reporter**

7. The representative of Malta, Mr. Anton Pizzuto, was elected President of the meeting and also welcomed the attendants.
8. Mr. Antonio Homedes, from RAC/CP, was elected reporter of the meeting.

## **Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda**

9. The Meeting adopted with some slight modifications the proposed agenda contained in the document UNEP (DEC)/MED WG.182/1 which appears as Annex II to this report.

**Agenda Item 4: Presentation of RAC/CP**

10. The President, after thanking the RAC/CP for convening the meeting, invited Ms. Esther Monfà to make a review of the activities carried out by RAC/CP since the 2<sup>nd</sup> NFP meeting. The presentation is enclosed in the Document UNEP (DEC)/MED WG.182/5
11. After the presentation, the President gave the floor to the attendants for questions or further comments.

**Agenda Item 5: Presentations by the National Focal Points (NFP)**

12. The President asked the National Focal Points to make their brief presentations and all NFP presented the advances made in their countries in terms of cleaner production and waste minimisation since the last NFP meeting.
13. More details about these presentations may be found in the document UNEP (DEC)/MED WG.182/4 (Country Statements and Annex Country Statements).
14. Mr. Víctor Macià, Director of RAC/CP, also made a presentation of the activities carried out by the Centre per a l'Empresa i el Medi Ambient to promote cleaner production in Catalonia.

**Agenda Item 6: MAP Projects: the Strategic Action Programme to Address Pollution from Land-Based Activities (SAP) and the GEF Project**

15. Mr. Francesco Saverio Civili, MEDPOL Programme Co-ordinator and RAC/CP NFP for the MAP Co-ordinating Unit, presented the Strategic Action Programme to Address Pollution from Land-Based Activities (SAP) and the associated GEF Project.
16. The MEDPOL Programme Co-ordinator also mentioned the assigned tasks of the RAC/CP within the SAP Programme and the GEF Project.
17. After the presentation, the President gave the floor to the attendants for questions or further comments related to the SAP and GEF.

**Agenda Item 7: Results of the questionnaire forwarded to all NFP**

18. Ms. Beatriz Parrilla, from RAC/CP, presented the results of the questionnaire

forwarded to all NFP to follow-up and identify improvement opportunities of RAC/CP and NFP activities. The results presented were not representative of all NFP since not all NFP answered the questionnaire, but the presentation aimed at initiating the open discussion on future objectives and activities to launch in the next biennium.

19. After the presentation, the President gave the floor to the attendants for questions or further comments related to the results of the questionnaire.
20. The questionnaire is enclosed in the Document UNEP (DEC)/MED WG.182/3

**Agenda Item 8: Open discussion: proposals of future objectives and activities to launch in the next biennium**

21. The President gave the floor to Mr. Macià to open the discussion. Mr. Macià reviewed the recommendations proposed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> NFP Meeting to identify their accomplishment and see if a non-accomplished recommendation could be proposed again in the meeting.
22. After Mr. Macià's intervention, Mr. Alessandro Curatolo, NFP representative for the EC, took the floor and mentioned that the RAC/CP could act as a catalyst of projects related to CP in the Mediterranean that were presented for the MEDA and SMAP funding as well as other available funds such as the LIFE funds or funds from the Environment DG and the MCSD.
23. Mr. Macià and Mr. Curatolo agreed to hold a meeting in Brussels in order to discuss this point.
24. Continuing with the open discussion, Mr. Macià presented some conclusions on the advances made towards CP in the last two years. He mentioned that the situation in the MAP countries is very heterogeneous. Activities have been carried out in MAP countries related to CP and new CP Centres have been created but there seems to be difficulties in incorporating CP in the country policy and company policy and there is a lack of legal and economic instruments and experts. The benefits of CP are still not totally perceived and a method to evaluate and review the results obtained with the implementation of CP is needed. Still, CP is considered as a good strategy for enterprises to reach environmental excellence.
25. After this intervention, the Meeting discussed projects, activities and suggestions for RAC/CP for the next biennium to be presented to the Contracting Parties and the Spanish Government for their approval.

**Agenda Item 9: Adoption of the preliminary conclusions of the Meeting**

26. On the suggestion of the President of the meeting, the participants agreed to receive a draft of the final recommendations within a week time and to submit their amendments and/or final approval as soon as possible.
27. Following this suggestion, after the meeting, the preliminary recommendations were sent to the participants. Final recommendations are collected and summarised in the document attached as Annex III to this report.

**Agenda Item 10: Closure of the Meeting**

28. After agreeing to submit the draft proposals to the participants for their amendments/final approval, the President thanked the RAC/CP staff and the Spanish Government who had made the Meeting possible and thanked all the delegates for their fruitful co-operation and acknowledged the work done by the translators.
29. The President declared the Meeting closed on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2001, at 13:30 hours.

**ANNEX I**

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**ANNEX II  
PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2001**

9:00-9:30		<i>Registration</i>
9:30-9:45	Opening of the meeting	
9:45-10:15	Review of RAC/CP activities	
10:15-10:45	Review of CEMA activities	
10:45-11:15		<i>Coffee-break</i>
11:15-13:30	Review of NFP activities	
13:30-15:00		<i>Lunch</i>
15:00-16:00	Review of NFP activities	
16:00-16:30		<i>Coffee-break</i>
16:30-17:00	MAP Projects: the Strategic Action Programme to Address Pollution from Land-Based Activities and the GEF Project	
17:00-17:20	MCSD Work Group Industry and Environment	

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2001**

9:30-10:15	Brief presentation of the results of the questionnaire to follow-up RAC/CP and NFP activities and identify improvement opportunities
10:15-11:00	Open discussion: future strategy and proposals of future objectives and activities as RAC/CP and NFP
11:00-11:30	<b>Coffee-break</b>
11:30-13:00	Open discussion: future strategy and proposals of future objectives and activities as RAC/CP and NFP
13:00-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30-15:30	Adoption of final conclusions and recommendations to present for their approval
15:30-15:45	Roundup- President's summary of final conclusions and recommendations
15:45-16:00	Closure of the Meeting

## **ANNEX III**

### **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS THIRD MEETING OF CP/RAC NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS**

Recommendations to be presented to the Contracting Parties and the Spanish Government for their approval:

#### **General recommendations**

- To be fully involved in the process of implementation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) and of the GEF Mediterranean Project and to carry out activities according to its field of competence .
- To strengthen cooperation with other programmes and components of MAP, and in particular with MED POL concerning the implementation of SAP and the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD) in the framework of the Thematic Group on Industry.
- To broaden the scope of activities of RAC/CP to cover, as well as processes, products and services.
- To focus RAC/CP activities on SMEs and micro industries.
- To pay more attention to air pollution and soil pollution within RAC/CP activities, in addition to water pollution and solid wastes generation.
- To promote the incorporation in the public procurement process an environmental dimension.
- To encourage stronger links with European level initiatives such as IPPC, EMAS, IPP and Ecolabel and with institutions to strengthen an integrated approach to cleaner production and to improve information sharing with the non EU Mediterranean countries.
- To provide environmental information to industries to give them guidance and promote the environmental culture aiming at improving their performance.

#### **Follow up of RAC/CP activities**

- To review the CP tools developed by RAC/CP to identify improvement opportunities and publish the studies carried out on behalf of RAC/CP and its National Focal Points to facilitate its use in the Mediterranean countries.
- To inform the NFP about all the activities carried out by RAC/CP and the outputs and conclusions of the meetings it attends.
- To elaborate a written report about all activities carried out by RAC/CP in the last 3

years and forward it to all NFP.

- To consider the presentation of RAC/CP activities within the events organised for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 as an example of constructive co-operation.

### **Capacity building and on-site training**

- To assist countries in the creation of CP Centres and provide them with the needed technical assistance.
- To test CP case studies in Mediterranean industries and carry out demo projects.
- To organise site visits to facilities that have implemented CP techniques.
- To train trainers and to organise long-term training courses and co-operation with MAP countries.
- To organise a workshop for policy-makers to introduce them the principles and strategy of CP and pollution prevention.
- To facilitate the inclusion of cleaner production concerns in the work of Mediterranean accession countries in their efforts to prepare for EU environmental regulations.
- To organise workshops on Minimisation Opportunities Environmental Diagnosis (MOED) and Good Housekeeping Practices (GHP) in the main industries in the Mediterranean.

### **Publications and studies**

- To create a Database of CP projects carried out in the Mediterranean including information of experts that participated in them.
- To dedicate a part of the foreseen budget for the carrying out of studies to the National Focal Points to revise and participate in them.
- To enlarge the Mediterranean CP experts Database.
- To update periodically the Study on the State of Cleaner Production in MAP countries developing a methodology that would involve the National Focal Points, national experts, industry associations and the cleaner production centres.
- To carry out studies on economic instruments to promote CP and on product-oriented issues related to CP.
- To initiate a study of experience in environmental management in industrial parks and industrial cities
- To enhance the exchange of information among the RAC/CP NFP network
- To research for funding resources to translate the MOED and the GHP Guide to other national languages of the MAP countries

### **Web page**

- To increase the use of Internet and the RAC/CP web page as a tool for RAC/CP NFP network.
- To link the web page of RAC/CP to the MAP web page on enforcement and compliance.

### **Co-operation strengthening**

- To increase the participation of RAC/CP in international forums such as the IMPEL network.
- To strengthen co-operation of RAC/CP with other Mediterranean entities.
- To enhance RAC/CP participation in activities carried out by UNEP and UNIDO in the Mediterranean and to invite them to participate in RAC/CP activities.
- To invite accredited MAP NGOs to participate as observers, at their own expense, in the meetings organised by RAC/CP, particularly those which could represent the point of view of consumers vis-a-vis cleaner production.