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**Proposal of actions for 2018-2019**

Preparation of the Programme of work 2018-2019								
MTS. Number	Key Outputs	Main Activities	Means of implementation	Lead: CU or Component	Other: CU and/or Components	Partners	Expected Deliverables	Remarks and Rationale
<b>GOVERNANCE</b>								
1.1 Contracting Parties supported in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention, its Protocols, Regional Strategies and Action Plans.								
1.1.2	Effective legal, policy, and logistic support provided to MAP decision-making process including advisory bodies meetings.	5. Organize the SCP/RAC Focal Point Meeting	Conference services, translation, interpretation, reports, participation arrangements for one delegate per CP	CU	SCP/RAC		Meeting of the Focal Points of SCP/RAC organized in 2019 to review progress of the implementation of the 2018-2019 PoW and the SCP Action Plan	Decision IG 17/5: Governance paper (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.17/10 Annex V)
<b>LAND AND SEA-BASED POLLUTION</b>								
2.1 Strength regional implementation of the obligations under the Barcelona Convention and 4 pollution-related Protocols, and of programmes of measures in existing relevant Regional Strategies and Action Plans								

2.1.1	Targeted measures of the regional plans/strategies facilitated and implemented	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess and promote the use of relevant instruments and incentives to reduce the single-use of plastic bags</li> <li>2. Develop measures for banning single-use of plastic bags and implementing EPR in 5 countries</li> <li>3. Develop Guideline and training material to prevent the generation of plastics and wastes ending up as marine litter (particular focus on plastic bags)</li> <li>4. Sharing lessons learned and goods practices to enable the replication of previous pilot projects contributing to the implementation of the SCP AP</li> </ol>	In-house expertise, consultancies, national meetings, regional/sub regional workshop, guideline, training material	SCP/RAC	MEDPOL	CP	<p>Support to 5 countries to upgrade and further develop regulations to promote the banning of the single-use plastic bags, as well as the reduction of plastics production and use in packaging and on other main uses (for sectors and services affecting/generating marine litter).</p> <p>Organisation of 5 national dissemination events and publication of communication material on the results of the pilot projects</p>	Activities addressing implementation of Article 9f of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter: banning of single-use plastic bags and promotion of EPR. Funding will be needed to provide support in the implementation of the regulations developed with the countries
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2.3.3	SCP Regional Action Plan (pollution- related activities) mainstreamed into and implemented through NAPs and national processes, such as SCP National Action Plans and NSSDs.	<p>1. Support the establishment of regulatory and economic measures related to the implementation of SCP/circular economy</p> <p>2. Undertake of screening of BATs, BEPs and circular economy measures for 2 industrial sectors</p>	In-house expertise, experts, workshops, working meeting, technical studies, guidelines, communication material	SCP/RAC	MED POL	Countries	Support to 4 countries in the development of specific SCP/circular economy measures. Development of 2 studies on BATs, BEPs and circular economy measures for 2 industrial sectors	
2.5 Enhanced capacity at regional, sub-regional and national levels including technical assistance and capacity building								
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	1. Implement pilot project on ML prevention (particularly focused on plastics)	In-house expertise, consultancies, national seminar, case studies	SCP/RAC			The best 25 SCP solutions to prevent ML will be identified from all over the world. Out of them one will be selected and implemented in one MENA country	Implementation of SDG 12 and 14; implementation of Regional Plan on Marine Litter, SCP Action Plan. Activity funded by SwitchMed until 2018. Seed funding would be needed to consolidate a programme on SCP solutions for Marine Litter and Toxic chemicals starting in 2019
		2. Implement pilot project on safe alternatives to toxic chemicals	In-house expertise, consultancies, national seminar, case studies	SCP/RAC			The best 25 SCP solutions to prevent the use of toxic chemicals will be identified from all over the world. Out of them one will be selected and implemented in one MENA country	Implementation of SDG 12 and 14; implementation of Regional Plan on POPs. Activity funded by SwitchMed until 2018. Seed funding would be needed to consolidate a programme on SCP solutions for Marine Litter

								and Toxic chemicals starting in 2019
2.6 Enhanced cooperation at regional, sub-regional and national levels to prevent and control marine pollution								
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	1. Undertake training and support programme to support 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	Training, capacity building	SCP/RAC			Technical support, national training and capacity building activities are provided	Implementation of SDG 8, 9, 12 and 14; implementation of Regional Plan on ML and Regional Plan on POPs. Diverse on-going and planned actions for 2018 address this activity under different funding sources (SwitchMed, Marine Litter Med, H2020, etc). But no specific support programme has been designed to ensure long term implementation of actions. Seed funding would be needed to consolidate a programme on SCP solutions for Marine Litter and Toxic chemicals for 2018-2019
BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS								
3.2 Development of new action plans, programmes and measures, common standards and criteria, guidelines for the conservation of Coastal and Marine 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	3.2.2 8. Identify measures to prevent ML generation in the management of MPA (SPAMI)	In-house expertise, sub-regional events, working meetings, action plans, governance plan	SCP/RAC	SPA/RAC	MedPAN, MIO-ECSDE, SSSUP, IAT	Review of the most promising measures to minimize ML generation in MPAs and select the best ones considering the ecosystem services. Preparation of a governance plan on major measures to minimize the generation of ML that are common to all Med MPAs; Preparation of specific action plans on the most promising measures to address ML in 10 MPA, adapted to the specific context and protected areas	Implementation of SDG 12 and 14; implementation of Biodiversity Protocol, Regional Plan on Marine Litter, SCP Action Plan. Funding will be provided for the preparation of the governance plan and the Action Plans on ML reduction in MPAs (SPAMIs). Deliverables will be completed by July 2018 under ACT4LITTER Project. Support to implementation will require further funding
SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION								
6.2 Monitoring and assessment								
6.2.1	SCP Action Plan indicators aligned with MSSD relevant work, identified, selected and factsheets developed	1. Follow-up of SCP indicators under the framework of the SCP Action Plan and MSSD implementation	Experts, coordination meetings	SCP/RAC	MAP CU		A follow-up document on SCP trends based on the framework of indicators is established to feed the SoED Report and to review the implementation of SCP in the Med. Coordination mechanisms with the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard are established.	Implementation of SDG 12 and 14; Implementation of the SCP Action Plan and the Strategic directions 5.1, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 of the MSSD. No funding is supporting this activity

6.3 Enhanced capacity at regional, sub-regional and national levels including technical assistance and capacity building								
6.3.1	Training and support programme for green entrepreneurs, SMEs and civil society as SCP drivers	1. Undertake training and support programme for green entrepreneurs, start-ups and SMEs	SCP/RAC staff, external trainers and mentors, external technical assistance providers	SCP/RAC			Over 2500 green entrepreneurs trained; 40 provided with technical and financial advice to become start-ups; over 5 green SMEs supported in upgrading their businesses	Implementation of SDG 8, 9, 12 and 14; Implementation of the SCP Action Plan and the Strategic directions 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 of the MSSD. Activities funded by SwitchMed until 2018. Seed funding needed to scale-up the programme, increase its impact and extend it to Med countries not funded by SwitchMed
		3. Undertake training and support programme for CSO's initiatives on SCP	SCP/RAC staff, external mentors, external technical assistance providers	SCP/RAC			150 CSO trained to launch or consolidate their SCP initiative	
6.4 Enhanced cooperation at regional, sub-regional and national levels to prevent and control marine pollution								
6.4.1	Establishment of networks and initiatives of businesses, entrepreneurs, civil society, providing SCP solutions promoted	1. Scale up SCP solutions in the Mediterranean	In collaboration with the UNIDO headquarters as well as the country offices and with the support of the consultancy company	SCP/RAC			Studies to scale-up programmes for supporting eco-efficiency and eco-innovation in industrial SMEs and entrepreneurs prepared and demo activities project proposal developed	Implementation of SDG 8, 9, 12 and 14; Implementation of the SCP Action Plan and the Strategic directions 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 of the MSSD. Activities funded by SwitchMed until mid2018. The funds will be used for development of the plans till end of 2017. In 2018 any remaining funds might be used for the dissemination of the outcomes. Further funding will be needed to support the implementation of the action plan suggested by the scale-up programme

		2. Establish the Mediterranean Green Impact Investing Network	In house expertise and collaboration with the FEBEA/SEFEA	SCP/RAC		FEBEA/SEFEA and EBRD	Mapping of financing institutions investing in green entrepreneurship developed; Analysis for new financing instruments prepared; spaces for networking between entrepreneurs and investors are organized; training programme on eco-design for Local Banks I developed	Implementation of SDG 8, 9 and 12; Implementation of the SCP Action Plan and the Strategic direction 5.5 of the MSSD. Activities funded by SwitchMed until mid2018.
		4. Outreach and establish new alliances with key stakeholders for the implementation of the SCP Action Plan		SCP/RAC			New funding sources for the implementation of the SCP Action Plan are mobilized and new alliances with key stakeholders are established	Implementation of SDG 8, 9, 12 and 14; Implementation of the SCP Action Plan and the Strategic directions 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 of the MSSD.
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	Manage a Mediterranean Community of SCP stakeholders that is a space for the exchange of knowledge on SCP, training, and the establishment of alliances, projects and business opportunities	In house expertise and communications agency support on technical issues	SCP/RAC			Mediterranean SCP Community counts on more than 1,000 members and is active in social media through the dissemination of news, communication material, organization of annual gatherings, workshops and webinars. The Switchers is consolidated as the reference platform for Mediterranean green entrepreneurs and green companies: populated with up to	Implementation of SDG 8, 9, 12 and 14; implementation of the SCP Action Plan and the Strategic directions 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 of the MSSD. Activity funded by SwitchMed until mid2018.



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