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Nice, France, 27-28 April 2017

**Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Election of Officers**

**Annotated Agenda**

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## **Annotated Agenda**

### **Introduction**

1. The importance of temporal and geographical scales of monitoring is recognized in the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria (Decision IG.22/7, here in after referred to as IMAP Decision, as a transversal issue for monitoring.
2. The SPI Inception Workshop held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015., building on this principle, highlighted the specific need for the development of guidelines to define such scales of monitoring for each of the IMAP common indicators and scales of reporting and assessment at regional level.
3. The key aim of the inception workshop was to launch the activity dedicated to the Science-Policy strengthening within the frame of the EcApMedII project.
4. In this context, the Science-Policy Interface Meeting (SPI Workshop) is organized to provide the ground for an initial discussion between scientists and policy makers on the definition of temporal and geographical scales of monitoring, reporting and assessment to further develop the implementation of the IMAP
5. Its ultimate objective is to enable exchange of views between scientists and policy makers, and provide recommendations for the definition of relevant geographical and temporal scales. It is also foreseen exchange information on best practices by the Contracting Parties or other regional partners.
6. The discussion on the scale of assessment and reporting is expected to support the review of the draft QSR 2017 assessment fact sheets prepared by the Secretariat under the guidance and or with contribution from CorMon held respectively in October, 2016 and March 2017.
7. The workshop will be held in Nice, in Aston La Scala Hotel, on 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

### **Agenda item 1.           Opening of the Meeting and Organizational Matters** *UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/1, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/2*

8. The Meeting will be opened by the UNEP/MAP Secretariat and Plan Bleu.
9. The Meeting will elect one (1) President, three (3) Vice Presidents and one (1) Rapporteur from among the participants in accordance with Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and it's Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).
10. The Provisional Agenda annotated in the present document will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

### **Agenda item 2.           Further Implementation of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria: Focus on Scale of Assessment and Reporting** *UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/3, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/Inf.8*

11. Plan Bleu will introduce the temporal and geographical scales of monitoring, reporting and assessment to further develop the implementation of the map integrated monitoring and assessment programme (IMAP) presented in the working document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/3). The Mediterranean countries have to adapt due to new requirements in IMAP (Common and candidate indicators) in order to achieve GES.

12. The presentation will be followed by a discussion with the audience regarding the fact that developing monitoring, reporting and assessment which is a cumulative and adaptive process. So it's important to define the relevant spatial & temporal scales of monitoring for IMAP's indicators.

**Agenda item 3. Best Practices on Assessment and Reporting Scales (Practices Of Regional Seas and of Contracting Parties)**

13. A series of presentations will be delivered on: SPI good practices and examples of the definition of relevant geographical and temporal scales of monitoring to marine litter, marine biodiversity, coast and hydrography at national levels and related to the corresponding MAP/EcAP Ecological objectives and IMAP indicators.

14. The presentations will present concrete and best examples on monitoring for each Ecological Objective and indicators and will show that Secretariat requested countries to develop national monitoring programmes regarding common indicators. They will show that it exists different scales for action and management. They will highlight the fact that monitoring allows to develop programmes of measures to achieve GES. Following these presentations participants will undertake discussions and provide further recommendations on how to define relevant scales of monitoring for IMAP implementation.

**Agenda item 4. Regional Assessment of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment: the Development of the Quality Status Report**  
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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/6, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/7

15. The Secretariat will present the concept for the preparation of the QSR2017, process timeline and the first draft assessment templates related to:

- a. Biodiversity (EO1 and EO2),
- b. Pollution and Marine Litter (EO9 and EO10), and
- c. Coast and Hydrography (EO7 and EO8)

16. Participants will be invited to review and provide inputs to the draft QSR2017 concept, timeline and draft assessment factsheets.

**Agenda item 5. Any Other Business**

17. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the meeting discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda item 6. Conclusions and Next Steps**

18. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the meeting discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Agenda item 7 Closure of the Meeting**

19. The President will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on 28 April 2017.

**TIMETABLE**  
**27 April – 28 April 2017**

<b>Thursday 27 April 2017</b>		<b>Relevant documents</b>
09:30 – 10:00	Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting and organizational matters	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/1, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/2
10:00 – 13:00	Agenda item 2. Further implementation of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria: Focus on scale of assessment and reporting	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/Inf.8
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 3. Best practices on assessment and reporting scales (practices of regional seas and of Contracting Parties)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/3
<b>Friday 28 April 2017</b>		<b>Relevant documents</b>
09:30 – 10:00	Agenda item 4. the development of the Quality Status Report	
10:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 4 (cont.): a) Biodiversity	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/4, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/Inf.5
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	Agenda item 4 (cont.): b) Pollution and Marine Litter	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/5, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/6, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/Inf.3, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/Inf.4
15:30 – 16:30	Agenda item 4 (cont.): c) Coast and Hydrography	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.438/7
16:30 – 17:00	Agenda item 5. Any Other Business	
17:00 – 17:30	Agenda item 6. Conclusions and next steps	
17:30 – 18:00	Agenda item 7. Closure of the meeting	