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IMPLEMENTATION OF 1986-1987  
BLUE PLAN ACTIVITIES

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During the whole year 1986 all the Blue Plan's activities will be centered on the building of global and national scenarios and on the presentation of these scenarios in May 1987. The last months of the year 1987 will be devoted in discussing results and recommendations and to drawing up final reports.

BLUE PLAN'S SECOND PHASE

1. The main tasks were set out early in 1986 between the permanent team's searchers, with the support of their fellowsearchers, and the "satellite" study groups dealing with macroeconomy, food and agriculture industry and tourism (refer to the enclosed chart). Simultaneously relationships with the national teams are being initiated.

2. A remark of interest is that the fall of the dollar : -28 % between the meeting of the Contracting Parties in Genoa (9-13 September 1985) when the budget of the Blue Plan was voted, and the date of 15th March 1986, will affect allowances for business trips and meetings and therefore will interfere, to a certain extent, with the relationships between the national teams and the permanent team.

3. The two data bases, either economic or thematic, have been thoroughly operational since early 1986 and they have been updated. They prove useful quite frequently for scenarios and this demonstrates that it was worth making the necessary effort to collect them. Continuous updating will be carried out in the course of the year 1986, with special attention paid to environmental data. As for their utilization in the future, the problem was raised on the Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee (12-13 March 1986 at Sophia Antipolis) and proposals about the subject should be made by the Secretary's Office of the Blue Plan.

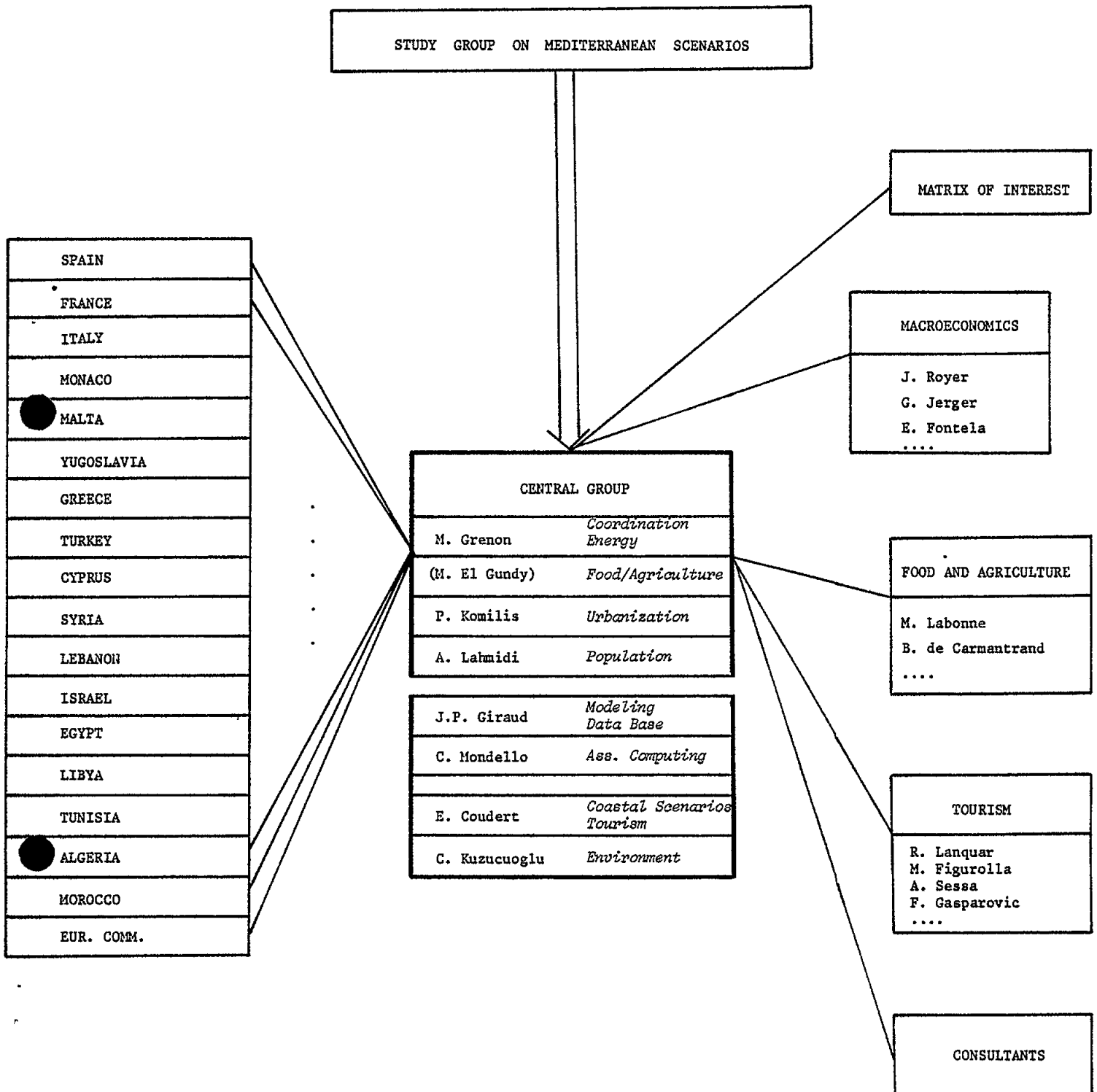
4. The first national scenarios (three of four of them from the North and from the South) are expected to be submitted for discussion and approval in late May 1986 ; this should stimulate and encourage the drawing up of more national scenarios.

5. In the meantime, frame studies on population, urbanism, energy, food and agriculture industry, tourism etc, and global Mediterranean Scenarios will have to be conducted.

6. A comprehensive range of these findings will be presented for discussion on the Fourth Meeting of the Study Group on Mediterranean Scenarios (30 June-1 July 1986 at Sophia Antipolis).

7. It was agreed that the latest date for disclosing the whole set of national scenarios would be either September or October 1986. This does not mean that the studies will be thoroughly completed. For it is quite important that the Blue Plan's team may start integrating major data and/or principal results as from October-November 1986 at a time when additional data and exact information about national scenarios should have been gathered on.

8. The Steering Committee forecast that the Sixth Meeting would be held on 21-22 October (in Rome) to review the progress report of the programme.



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9. A comprehensive range of results AND of national scenarios will be presented on the Fifth Meeting of the Study Group on Mediterranean Scenarios that is due early in November 1986. One will have this opportunity to discuss on the report due to be drawn up by may 1987.

10. The Blue Plan's permanent team in Sophia Antipolis, benefiting from the support of temporary teams, could be possibly split into two groups :

- one group that would go on conducting coordination and investigation studies ;
- another group that would be in charge of drawing up the report on Mediterranean Scenarios that should be started as early as November 1986.

11. The report on Mediterranean Scenarios is due to be completed and sent to the National Focal Points in May 1987.

12. The Seventh Meeting of the Steering Committee should be held previous to the completion of the report. It has been decided that the Steering Committee would chose the date of this meeting when convening for the Sixth Meeting in October 1986.

13. The Sixth Meeting of the Study Group on Mediterranean Scenarios, very probably in March 1987, will review the progress of the report as well as the results of the additional investigation studies.

14. The disclosure of the report on scenarios corresponds with the completion of the Second Phase and with the launching of the Blue Plan's Third Phase.

#### BLUE PLAN'S THIRD PHASE

15. Following the completion of the report, the permanent team will go on surveying additional and/or in depth studies but will principally display supplements to the documentation : detailed presentation of scenarios, methodology etc.

16. A meeting of the Focal Points is forecast around the middle of the Blue Plan's Third Phase.

This meeting should be convened prior to the Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting (Athens 7-11 September 1987) but only after the Focal Points have had sufficient time to inspect the report and have it inspected too.

17. The five months following the completion and the sending of the report will be devoted to discussions between countries and to subsequent modifications of the report so as to take into account comments and/or suggestions.

18. As from September 1987, those in charge of the Data bank of the Blue Plan will start transferring these data bases to the Coordination Unit in Athens or to send users as they will be instructed to do.

19. The presentation of the final report of the Blue Plan should be effected on the occasion of a meeting on the Mediterranean in December 1987.