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OF PAP IN 1987

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THE PRIORITY ACTIONS PROGRAMME IN 1987
(Excerpt from the 1986-1987 PAP Workplan)

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The workplan of PAP in 1987 is contained in document UNEP/WG.129/5 which was considered and accepted by the First Joint Meeting of BP and PAP National Focal Points (Athens, May 1985). The Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties held in Genoa in September 1985 also discussed and adopted the workplan and budget of PAP for 1986 and 1987.

Respecting the results, conclusions and recommendations of PAP seminars, workshops and expert meetings it is to be expected that some changes may occur in the Programme but still within its determined financial frame and structure.

For a clearer insight, the following excerpt from document UNEP/WG.129/5 concerns only the activities envisaged in 1987.

MAJOR FORMS OF ACTIVITY

The activities envisaged in 1987 are the continuation of those initiated in 1985 and 1986 following the logic of each priority action and using the same major forms of work, such as preparation of selected demonstration studies and their synthesis for presentation at expert meetings and workshops; and organization of expert missions. The new form of activity drafted in 1986 will include monitoring and analysis of the impact of submarine outfalls on marine environment; implementation of co-operative projects in seismic risk mitigation, aquaculture, and soil protection; organization of training; preparation and processing of papers specially designed for decision-makers and general public; and co-operation of PAP and harmonization of the Programme with other components of MAP, UN agencies and other international organizations (see document UNEP/WG.143/6).

THE 1987 PROGRAMME OF PRIORITY ACTIONS

1. Support to PAP

The same goals as those set forth in 1986 will be pursued.

2. Directories of Experts and Institutions

Preparatory steps for the revision of the first group of Directories published in 1983 (aquaculture, water resources management, renewable energies) are planned to be undertaken.

3. Water Resources Management

Guidelines will be prepared for water resources management of small islands (with special regard to the increased water consumption in the tourist season). They will then be discussed at a workshop. Depending on the conclusions to result from the action on big Mediterranean islands, specific topics will be selected and considered by an expert meeting. Also, a seminar will discuss the specific subjects of aquifer management

and water re-use. The activities within the Water Resources priority action will be carried out in co-operation with WHO/EURO and, hopefully, with UNESCO, FAO and ACSAD.

4. Integrated Planning and Management of Coastal Zones

Following recommendations of a seminar which is to be held in June 1986, a proposal of common elements of Mediterranean coastal zones planning will be drafted and discussed at a workshop. Together with the Blue Plan, another workshop will be organized on advanced methods of coast inventory. It is also expected that the defined common elements of coastal planning will be applied and tested on the areas selected in 1986 as subjects for demonstration studies, and eventually discussed by an expert meeting or at a workshop. The programme will be carried out in co-operation with the Blue Plan and, possibly, with UNESCO.

5. Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Historic Settlements

In consistency with the conclusions of the seminar held in April 1986, a workshop will be organized on the analysis of the spatial development of historic sites. Also, a training programme will be prepared and a round-table discussion organized for decision-makers. Furthermore, PAP/RAC will commission the preparation of several pilot video tapes for public presentation with a view to strengthening public participation in the rehabilitation process, and undertake preparatory activities to lead to the identification and protection of at least 100 historic settlements of common Mediterranean interest.

6. Land Use Planning in Earthquake Zones

The co-operative project on seismic risk mitigation in the Mediterranean will hopefully become operational. In the event that for various reasons the project would not materialize, a part of it is intended to be implemented together with UNDRO and UNCHS within available finances.

7. Solid and Liquid Waste Management

Monitoring at 5 selected submarine outfalls of the impact of discharged municipal waste water on marine environment and the surrounding coastal area will be organized and completed; and the preparation of a manual for planning, design and management of submarine outfalls initiated. Two separate workshops (one on solid and the other on liquid waste) will review and verify the guidelines for solid and liquid waste management respectively. In addition, a training course programme for managers of liquid waste treatment and disposal equipment will be prepared, verified at an ad hoc meeting of experts, and the first course organized. All these activities will be carried out jointly with WHO/EURO.

8. Soil Protection

Respecting the conclusions and recommendations of a seminar to be convened in November 1986, the action programme in this priority field

will be formulated. It is also expected that the project on water run-off erosion monitoring will be launched. In the event sufficient financial resources fail to be procured, only a part of the project will be carried out involving funds allocated to PAP for this particular action. The programme will hopefully be implemented in co-operation with FAO and ACSAD.

9. Development of Mediterranean Tourism Harmonized with the Environment

The programme will be worked out on the basis of conclusions arrived at by a seminar envisaged in December 1986. A part of activities will be focussed on the environmental impact assessment to be made on selected tourist sites. Findings of the activity will be discussed at a workshop. Another workshop or a seminar planned in 1987 will deal with the problems stemming from the environment/nautical tourism relations.

10. PAP/MEDRAP Co-operative Project on Environmental Aspects of Mediterranean Aquaculture

The activities will be concentrated: (a) on the implementation of the proposed project on environmental management of aquaculture; and (b) on the organization of a conference to discuss the promotion and development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean region. Should necessary conditions fail to be created for the implementation of the project, only its first part (monitoring and modelling on 3 selected sites) will be implemented.

11. Mediterranean Co-operative Network in Renewable Sources of Energy

The programme to be formulated on the basis of conclusions and recommendations of a seminar planned for the end of 1986, will be focussed on the development of a co-operative network; on the selection and establishment of a Mediterranean regional centre for renewable energies; and, if the available finances so permit, on launching two pilot projects: one, dealing with the use of solar energy for water pumping by photovoltaic conversion; and the other, dealing with wind energy utilization.

12. Environmental Impact Assessment in the Development of Coastal Zones

An analysis of EIA practice in Mediterranean countries will be prepared; several case studies worked out for demonstration; and a seminar organized for the benefit of the EIA Contact Points and PAP National Focal Points to ensure integration of environmental criteria in the planning and decision-making process. A specific set of guidelines will be produced for the incorporation of EIA in the planning and development of Mediterranean coastal zones.

13. Balance of the Coastal Zones and Their Gravity Hinterland Areas

This topic will be dealt with and presented in the frame of the priority actions on integrated planning and management of coastal zones and on tourism through the preparation of specific demonstration studies.