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Agenda item 3: Adoption of the agenda and organisation of work

Provisional annotated agenda

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Introduction

In line with the agreement from the last MED POL Focal Points meeting held in Barcelona, Spain in December 2014, the Secretariat has undertaken steps to provide assistance and practical training to the contracting parties in implementing the NAP update *Guidelines* (UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 404/7, Annex IV). The *Regional meeting on applying methodology for programmes of measures and economic analysis in the NAP update* organised in cooperation with UfM Horizon 2020 Initiative and with the Technical and Administrative Support Project financed by the EC, has the following main objectives:

1. Strengthen capacities for applying in a harmonized manner the methodologies presented in the NAP update *Guidelines* with particular focus on programmes of measures and the use of economic analysis tools.
2. Allow key NAP update team members to gain practical experience with the use of different methodologies through concrete examples and presentations of achievements in comparative processes and projects.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened by UNEP/MAP Coordinator.

Agenda Item 2: Election of Officers

The Meeting shall elect a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the agenda and organisation of work

The 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 its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.414/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.414/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

At the end, the delegates will be invited to review and adopt the meeting conclusions and recommendations, amended as appropriate, drafted by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4: Application of the National Action Plans (NAPs) update methodology including practical sessions

The purpose of this session is to provide practical guide to the meeting on the implementation of steps 2-5 of the NAP update *Guidelines* from mid-term assessment to identification of programmes of measures. The session will be held in plenary and in groups.

The main issues to be dealt with will be:

- a) Overview of the NAP process and requirements;
- b) Assessing mid-term benchmark and defining gaps;
- c) Prioritising issues and setting quantifiable objectives/ operational targets;
- d) Identifying and developing pollution prevention and control measures based on agreed criteria.

Expected outcome

The groups are expected to undertake gap analysis, develop operational targets and identify potential measures for concrete study case addressing marine litter, industrial pollution and waste water sectors. The findings of each group will be shared in plenary.

Agenda item 5: Socio-economic assessments at regional and country levels, and experiences gained through specific projects

The Secretariat will make a presentation on the rationale, objectives and approaches for the sessions dedicated to economic analysis of programmes of measures.

Plan Bleu will present:

- a) Results of the socio-economic assessment/ analysis of the uses of coastal and marine environment in the Mediterranean, highlighting the main findings, challenges (lack of data, disaggregation etc.) and how to overcome them, as well as advices/ lessons learnt for comparable activities in the NAP update process.
- b) ReGoKo project (Sustainable Med) – national pilot cases in Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia focusing on approaches used in assessing importance of the key economic sectors/ uses of marine waters and on methods and results of assessing costs of degradation of marine ecosystem.
- c) An on line Adaptive Marine Policy (AMP) Toolbox developed in the framework of PERSEUS project.

Expected outcome

The participants will receive information on up-to-date developments in the Mediterranean in the field of socio-economic assessments and on developing adaptive marine policy. Presented information and tools may be used by the countries as a source of data and methodological aid for the NAP update.

Agenda item 6: Cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis of programmes of measures: methodologies and country experiences

Under this agenda item a number of overall presentations will be made in plenary session addressing the following topics:

- a) Experiences with respect to economic analysis to support development of the Programme of Measures (PoM) for the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) (Arcadis).
- b) Development of Programme of Measures:
 - French process on development of PoM under MSFD;
 - State of play of MSFD PoM in Spain;
 - Experiences with development of Programme of Measures in Croatia and Slovenia (tbc).
- c) UNEP/MAP guidance on cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis as presented in Appendix G of the NAP update *Guidelines* UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 404/7, Annex IV.

The participants will be split in groups to undertake through concrete examples an economic analysis for previously identified measures. The participants will be supported to use as appropriate the following tools:

- d) Cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA);
- e) Cost-benefit analysis (CBA);
- f) Multi-criteria analysis (MCA);

Expected outcome:

The groups are expected to select final measures based on the results of economic analysis as appropriate. The findings of each group will be shared in plenary. The plenary will further discuss potential collaboration for the implementation of measures with a particular focus on the common ones.

Agenda item 7: Costing of the Regional Plans implementation

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.414/4 that describes a number of approaches to assess the cost of measures required under the Regional Plans adopted by Contracting Parties in the framework of LBS Protocol of the Barcelona Convention. This agenda item will be addressed together with agenda item 4.

Expected outcome

The participants will receive information on the ways of assessing the costs of implementation of measures provided for in the Regional Plans.

Agenda item 8: Conclusions and recommendations

Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt conclusions and recommendations that may arise from the meeting drafted by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 17:00 hours on 13 May 2015.

DRAFT TIMETABLE

Monday, 11 May 2015	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting
09:45	Agenda item 2: Election of Officers
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda item 3: Adoption of the agenda and organisation of work
	Agenda item 4: Application of the NAP update methodology including practical sessions
10:00 – 11:00	<i>Agenda items 4(a) and (b)</i> Overview of the NAP process and assessment of mid-term benchmark including practical session
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:20 – 12:30	<i>Agenda items 4(c) and (d)</i> Setting of objectives and development of pollution prevention and control measures including practical sessions
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 16:00	<i>Agenda items 4(c) and (d)continued</i> Practical sessions
16:00 – 16:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:20 – 17:00	<i>Agenda items 4(a), (b), (c) and (d)</i> Plenary on findings of the practical sessions and <i>agenda item 7</i> Costing of the Regional Plans implementation
Tuesday, 12 May 2015	
	Agenda item 5: Socio-economic assessments at regional and country levels, and experiences gained through specific projects
09:30 – 11:00	<i>Agenda items 5(a), (b) and (c)</i> Introduction to economic analysis and Plan Bleu's, ReGoKo and PERSEUS project presentations
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
	Agenda item 6: Cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis of programmes of measures: methodologies and country experiences
11:20 – 12:30	<i>Agenda items 6 (a) and (b)</i> Economic analysis to support development of PoMs under the EU MSFD (Arcadis) and state of play of PoMs in France, Spain, Croatia and Slovenia (tbc)
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Agenda items 6 (c) and (d)</i> UNEP/MAP guidance and practical session on CEA
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:50 – 17:00	<i>Agenda item 6 (d) continued</i> Practical session on CEA
Wednesday, 13 May 2015	
09:30 – 11:00	<i>Agenda item 6 (e)</i> Practical session on CBA
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:20 – 12:30	<i>Agenda item 6 (e) continued</i> Practical session on CBA
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:10	<i>Agenda item 6 (f)</i> Practical session on MCA
15:10 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 - 17:00	Agenda item 8: Conclusions and recommendations
17:00	Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting