



## COMPSUD 9: HOW CAN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT BETTER CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFECTIVE DEPOLLUTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN?

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## **The Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) in a few words**

COMPSUD is an open, flexible and light structure, aiming to promote suitable mechanisms to support the dialogue among Members of Parliaments (from EU and non-EU Mediterranean countries), politicians and other Stakeholders on the protection of the Mediterranean environment and the necessary socio-economic conditions for the sustainable development of the region.

The main objectives of COMPSUD are:

1. The promotion of sustainable development in the Mediterranean region through an integrated resources management approach, securing a healthy and peaceful environment, where the biodiversity and cultural diversity of the region are protected.
2. The strengthening of effective environmental governance with particular emphasis on water governance.
3. The promotion of public dialogue among all relevant stakeholders, civil society organizations and the public at large with Parliamentarians and among themselves.
4. The encouragement of production, dissemination and use of reliable, timely, accurate, complete, relevant and accessible data and information for use by decision makers and as a basis for public information and awareness raising on issues of sustainable development and of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in particular.
5. The promotion of capacity building, training and appropriate education with emphasis on Education for Sustainable Development for all those involved directly or indirectly in making critical choices, particularly those affecting integrated water resources management.

The activities and achievements of COMPSUD can be found in the website [here](#). For the period 2010-2012, COMPSUD's main achievement is that it has established strong links with the most dynamic Med and Euro-Med processes, initiatives and programmes as the key Parliamentary partner, namely with:

- Horizon 2020 Initiative
- The MedPartnership (UNEP/MPA/GEF and Partners)
- Sustainable Water Integrated Management (SWIM)

COMPSUD is also partner of the Barcelona Convention/ Mediterranean Commission of Sustainable Development (MCSDD) and of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM). It chaired the Civil Society Side Event on the Water Strategy for the Mediterranean.

The Secretariat of the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) is facilitated by the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) and the Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-Med).

## COMPSUD 9 Report

The 9th Meeting of COMPSUD took place in Athens, Greece on 22-23 October 2012 within the framework of the Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme, coordinated by the University of Athens. The two day regional workshop was entitled “How Members of Parliament can better contribute to the effective depollution of the Mediterranean”.



More than a 120 Members of Parliament, journalists and NGOs from 22<sup>1</sup> Mediterranean countries met in Athens and pledged to accelerate their efforts towards a depolluted Mediterranean by the year 2020. The two-day workshop was organized by the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE). It constitutes the first international meeting of Parliamentarians from Mediterranean countries after the events of the Arab Spring.

### Day 1 – Morning Session



Prof. Schennach, Prof. Scoullou and Ms. Silva Mejias

The workshop was opened by Prof. Stefan Schennach, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Environment and Water of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA – UfM) and representative of the President of the European Parliament Mr. Martin Schulz. Prof. Schennach acknowledged the integrating role of Horizon 2020 in bringing together the multiple projects and initiatives currently underway in the region and highlighted the potential role of environmentally friendly policies and

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<sup>1</sup> Participating countries included: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Jordan, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territory, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.

technologies in addressing problems of unemployment and low productivity, which are prevalent in the region.

The Coordinator of UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan, Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, followed suit highlighting that “In the current context of combined political and economic crises throughout the Mediterranean, the leadership of members of Parliament is essential to achieve our objectives. The main difference between the current downturn and previous ones is that it occurs in a context of increased fragility of our natural capital. Parliamentarians will be key actors in ensuring that the development strategies that will lift us from the current situation are not at the expense of our already depleted resources”.



Horizon 2020 Team Leader and Chairman of the Workshop, Prof. Michael Scoullos presented the cluster of the existing regional institutions and initiatives (several of which were represented in the meeting) and stressed the pivotal role of MPs in encouraging Governments to coordinate their national strategies with the regional agreed priorities on environmental

issues. Furthermore, he invited all participants to urge their Governments to finalise and adopt the Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean as well as the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development. Prof. Scoullos suggested that all countries of the Mediterranean join the Aarhus Convention for access to environmental information and public participation.

#### Day 1 – Afternoon Session

The Afternoon Session of Day 1 was devoted to contributions of Members of Parliament on the basis of the morning sessions. By the end of the first day, almost twenty participants had taken the floor to present the efforts of their Parliaments and Governments especially regarding the H2020 priorities. Overall, the participating MPs, journalists, government officials and representatives of NGOs stressed the need for more trainings and workshops on environmental issues, including field visits, where first-hand knowledge on the issues can be acquired. Parliamentarians from Morocco, Egypt, and other countries suggested the organization of similar MP-targeted Horizon 2020 workshops through and in cooperation with their National Parliaments.

Furthermore, there was consensus among the participants that, although there are many regional institutions in place, most governments and parliaments do not take advantage of the expertise and mechanisms provided to promote good governance in their countries. Horizon 2020 can address this exact issue through capacity building activities, particularly in its second phase, which is starting soon. In addition, journalists proposed the creation of an Award for Environmental Journalism within the framework of Horizon 2020. Such an initiative, apart from offering an incentive to better reflect environmental issues in the Mediterranean, would also help to raise the profile of the Horizon 2020 programme.

Finally, the Co-Chair of the closing session, Prof. Stefan Schennach invited MEDIES (Mediterranean Education Initiative for Environment and Sustainability) to participate in the “Let’s do it” Campaign through its extensive and strong network of 4000 formal and non-formal educators.

## Day 2 – Morning Session



On its second day (Tuesday 23 October 2012), the workshop was hosted by the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament and was held at the Greek Parliament. At the Parliament, the participants were addressed by the Deputy Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Kourkoulas, the General Secretary of the Hellenic Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change, Ms. Evangelidou, the

Heads of the Greek Delegations at the PA of the UfM and at the Parliamentary Assembly for the Mediterranean (PAM), Mr. Gerontopoulos and Mr. Orfanos respectively, by Commander (HCG) Lagouros, Director of Marine Environment Protection Directorate, representative of the Minister of Mercantile Marine and Ms. Panaritis, Chair of COMPSUD (Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development).



**Ms. Panaritis, Chair of COMPSUD**

The session was Chaired and introduced by the President of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection, Ms. Avgerinopoulou and addressed by more than 20 Parliamentarians and other participants from Greece and all participating Mediterranean countries. An emotional intervention was made by a Palestinian MP who linked the environmental problems with the conditions in his country, while most Parliamentarians expressed their solidarity in view of the current crisis in Greece.

During the session at the Hellenic Parliament, Prof. Michael Scoullos set the framework of the discussion with emphasis on issues of water management (water scarcity in relation to wastewater treatment and water recycling as well as solid waste management including marine litter). Afterwards, Dr. Alessandro Galli of the Global Footprint Network - Mediterranean Programme made a short presentation on the challenges, successes and lessons-learned in terms of the Environmental Footprint in the Mediterranean and the promotion of a green economy.

The main issues that surfaced during this session concerned the need for: education and appropriate information for sustainable development; an environmental information support mechanism for the Environmental Committees of the National Parliaments; the effective use of the two Parliamentary Assemblies (UfM and PAM) and other similar bodies such as COMPSUD, catalysing Parliamentarian action towards achieving Sustainable Development.

Following relevant requests from the participants, Prof. Michael Scoullos, Horizon 2020 CB/MEP Team Leader, committed to explore the possible development of the requested by several MPs database/dataset/publication, within the framework of Horizon 2020, to include regional Fora, mechanisms, projects, initiatives, NGOs and other partners that can facilitate the work of MPs.

Finally, Ms. Avgerinopoulou suggested the development of platforms to facilitate communication between scientists and the Parliamentary Committees dealing with the environment.

## Day 2 – Afternoon Session



The final session of the workshop was resumed at the Central Building of the University of Athens where participants followed a presentation by Prof. Michael Scoullos on “Bringing Science into Parliaments”. The presentation sparked an interesting discussion on the most effective way to keep MPs up to date with scientific developments. The platforms previously suggested by Ms. Avgerinopoulou were among the possible remedies discussed. Another issue raised by the participants, especially those coming from Academia, was that of scientific jargon and the need for its simplification. The language used in science and by Academia makes issues difficult for Parliamentarians and civil society to comprehend. Therefore, provisions should be made at all levels to convey scientific knowledge in way that can be understood by the average individual. Finally, the North - South divide was mentioned especially regarding the resources and mechanisms available to MPs.

At the meeting’s Wrap Up session there was agreement that:

- ✓ The workshop succeeded in enhancing participants’ understanding of the main depollution challenges and urgencies to be addressed in the Mediterranean as well as the relevant regional supportive mechanisms, frameworks, initiatives and cooperation opportunities such as Horizon 2020, the MedPartnership and SWIM.
- ✓ Regional platforms for dialogue among Parliamentarians such as the PA of the UfM, PAM and COMPSUD should be more effectively utilized.
- ✓ In an effort to address the need for (environmental) policy based on sound scientific information, MPs need to consult and engage in a standing dialogue with scientists from



the early stages of the development of legislation all the way to the implementation of policies.

- ✓ More such trainings need to be organized. The participants called for the replication of the workshop at national level, to which the Horizon 2020 Team Leader Prof. Scoullos responded with the promise to explore the possibility of replicating the workshop at a sub-regional level.
- ✓ The Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) needs to be finalized, adopted and promoted across the region.
- ✓ The Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean (SWM) should be urgently adopted and the development of the Action Plan should start as soon as possible.
- ✓ All the countries in the region need to join the Aarhus Convention for access to environmental information and public participation.
- ✓ There is a prevalent need of an integrated database/dataset/publication of the relevant resources in the Mediterranean environmental field. Prof. Schennach (PA-UfM) and Prof. Scoullos undertook the commitment to explore the possibility of developing such an integrated tool for MPs through the available resources.
- ✓ The development of awards for journalists and eventually Parliamentarians within the framework of Horizon 2020 should be explored.
- ✓ All undertakings should be based on existing institutions as no funds can be spared for the development of new institutions.



## Day 2 – COMPSUD Session

Following the Wrap Up session, on the afternoon of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, COMPSUD held its 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting at the central building of the University of Athens. The session was Chaired by the outgoing Chair, Ms. Panaritis, and the General Secretary Prof. Michael Scoullos. The achievements of COMPSUD for 2011 and 2012 had been presented to the participants on the previous day. As per the agenda, the session commenced with the acceptance of new members. The 22 Members of Parliament, who committed to become members of the Circle, were all accepted as there were no objections.

One of the first issues discussed was the status of COMPSUD members when they cease to be Parliamentarians. Ms. Panaritis suggested the development of a Circle of Emeriti for those members who are no longer MPs. Prof. Scoullos welcomed the idea, although it was made clear that the Emeriti circle should be an informal body, as the Circle can only fulfill its mission through a membership of active Parliamentarians.

Prof. Scoullos acknowledged the repeated request for national trainings with MP involvement and expressed his belief that over the course of the next two years of Horizon 2020 Capacity Building some such trainings may be organized. However, he invited all members to coordinate with their National Parliaments in order to organize such trainings themselves at their Parliaments. MIO-ECSDE and GWP-Med would be able to provide support.

Regarding the issue of fundraising for the Circle, Prof. Scoullos reminded all members that the Circle is currently being funded solely by the MIO-ECSDE. Despite the many efforts of the past, the Circle has obtained only occasional (*ad hoc*) funding. The Secretary General invited new and old members alike to identify resources for the Circle. It was also confirmed that there is a need for at least one COMPSUD meeting per year in order for the Circle to be more efficient.



COMPSUD Board: Mr. Ramos Preto, new Vice Chair, Ms. Avgerinopoulou, new Chair, Ms. Panariti, former Chair, Prof. Scoullos, General Secretary of COMPSUD, Mr. Ameur, new Vice Chair

Following the discussions, the Circle moved to the Election of its new Board. Ms. Dionusia – Theodora Avgerinopoulou, President of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament was nominated for Chair. For Vice Chairs, Mr. Antonio Ramos Preto, President of the Environment Committee of the Portuguese Parliament and Mr. Mohammed Ameur, Member of the Moroccan Parliament and former Minister were nominated. There were no

other candidates. All were elected unanimously for their corresponding positions in the Board.



Therefore, the newly elected Board of COMPSUD, which will serve for the two coming years, consists of Ms. Dionusia – Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Chair, Mr. Mohammed Ameer, Vice Chair and Mr. Antonio Ramos Preto, Vice Chair.



## **Annex 1 - Agenda of the Meeting**



## Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme

### Regional workshop

#### “How Members of Parliament can better contribute to the effective depollution of the Mediterranean”

*Athens, Greece, 22-23 October 2012*

### Introduction - The Horizon 2020 Initiative

The “**Horizon 2020 Initiative**” aims to de-pollute the Mediterranean by the year 2020 by tackling the sources of pollution that account for around 80% of the overall pollution of the Mediterranean Sea: municipal waste, urban wastewater and industrial pollution.

Horizon 2020 was endorsed during the Environment Ministerial Conference held in Cairo in November 2006 and is one of the key initiatives run under the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM). The H2020 2007-2013 Road-Map focuses on the following four pillars:

- Identification of projects to reduce the most significant sources of pollution.
- Identification of capacity-building measures to help neighbouring countries create national environmental administrations that are able to develop and police environmental laws.
- Use of the EC’s research budget to develop greater knowledge of environmental issues relevant to the Mediterranean and ensure this is shared.
- Develop indicators to monitor the success of Horizon 2020.

H2020 is made up of the following components: monitoring, reporting and research (RMR); investment; and capacity building. Under each component, a project is currently being run. H2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP) is the project aiming at enhancing the capacities to address pollution problems at institutional and society level. In addition, through the H2020 MEP, a Hot Spot Investment Programme (HSIP) for the West Balkans and Turkey - as complementary to the Mediterranean HSIP (MeHSIP) – has been elaborated. The other two projects currently being carried out under the investment and RMR H2020 components are respectively the MeHSIP and the ENPI Shared Environmental Information System (ENPI SEIS).

### The framework - Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme

Obviously pollution is expected to be substantially reduced through the installation and proper functioning of major infrastructures (e.g. sewage treatment plants), installing pollution reduction technologies in industries, etc. However, this won’t work if institutional and individual capacities are not in place. This is what the H2020 CB/MEP aims to enhance by operating within the existing and developing policy instruments, and supporting the implementation of the commitments undertaken in the framework of the ENP as well as other regional agreements e.g. of the Barcelona Convention, while cooperating, coordinating and synergising with all relevant (EU and other) programmes.

#### *Aims and objectives*

The main objective of this project is to support the implementation of Horizon 2020 with a special focus on environmental mainstreaming. It aims to address the following problems:

- low political priority given to the environment;



- insufficient integration of environment in the different sector policies (agriculture, tourism, transport or energy) and lack of inclusion of the different actors from local to international level;
- Insufficient capacities and resources at institutional and civil society level.

More specifically, the purpose is to support the implementation of the Horizon 2020 Initiative Road Map and Work Plan through capacity building and awareness raising activities, and to promote integration of environment issues in other sectors policies.

### **Partners**

This project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) in consortium with: Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Programme and its Regional Activity Centres and Programmes (UNEP/MAP and its RACs), National Waste Management Agency (ANGed)/Regional Solid Waste Exchange of Information and Expertise Network in Mashreq and Maghreb Countries (SWEEPNet), Umweltbundesamt GmbH – Austrian Environment Agency (AEA), Lebanese Ministry of Energy and Water - the General Directorate of Hydraulic and Electrical Resources (LMoEW), Hellenic Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate Change, UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE), Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE), Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED), WWF Mediterranean Programme Office (WWF MedPO), Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+), Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA).

### **Partner Countries**

The Partner countries are: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, [Libya], Montenegro, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, [Syria], Tunisia, Turkey.

## **Course Description – “How Members of Parliament can better contribute to the effective depollution of the Mediterranean”**

### **Introduction to the workshop**

This two-day workshop is organised in the framework of the Horizon 2020 CB/MEP program in synergy with the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) and the Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (MedPartnership). It will take place in Athens, Greece on 22-23 October 2012. The working languages are English and French.

### **Target group**

This capacity building activity is directed to participants from the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, [Libya], Montenegro, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territory, [Syria], Tunisia, and Turkey. There will also be Members of Parliament from various Mediterranean EU countries.

The activity is specifically designed for:



- Members of Parliament from the above countries who are active in promoting environmental protection and sustainable development
- Representatives of Ministries of Environment
- NGOs and journalists working on H2020 priority areas and also with a background in campaigns or projects involving Members of Parliament and elected officials in general

### ***Objective of the workshop***

The workshop aims to inform Mediterranean Members of Parliament about the Horizon 2020 Initiative to depollute the Mediterranean by the year 2020 and the existing regional fora and platforms which currently facilitate Members of Parliament to make an impact on environmental issues and in promoting commonly agreed priorities for the region. The workshop will also provide the opportunity for the exchange of experiences and ideas on how Members of Parliament can enhance their involvement in the implementation of the H2020 priorities at regional and national levels (identification of the needed modalities, synergies, etc.).

### ***Preliminary overview of the workshop:***

The main pillars or issues covered during the sessions of the workshop are:

- What is Horizon 2020?
- What is the general political and socio-economic setting within which it must achieve its objectives?
- Horizon 2020 and other complementary regional processes and projects: making the link with Mediterranean Parliaments apparent
- National experiences/challenges with focus on successful cases with significant impact on the depollution of the Mediterranean: brief structured interventions by Members of Parliaments
- Maximising impacts through the regional frameworks of MPs collaboration in the region: Panel discussion with representatives of:
  - European Parliament (Environment Committee)
  - Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
  - Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)
  - Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD)
- Bringing science closer to Mediterranean Parliaments
- Open dialogue of the participating Members of Parliament and regional bodies with Mediterranean Journalists and NGOs.
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The workshop also includes a Sitting of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament with the participants of the Workshop at the Hellenic Parliament.

*How can Members of Parliament better contribute to the effective depollution of the Mediterranean?*

**Day 1: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October**

**Acropolis Museum, Auditorium, 15 Dionysiou Areopagitou Street**

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|   | 08:20       | Departure from hotel lobby (on foot)   |   |
|   | 08.30-09.00 | Arrival at the Museum, Security check and registration   |   |
| Session 1:<br>Opening of the Workshop                                 | 09:00-09:30 | <p><b>Welcome addresses and opening words by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team Leader of H2020 CB/MEP, Prof. M. Scoullos</li> <li>- Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Environment and Water of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM), S. Schennach</li> <li>- Executive Secretary and Coordinator of the UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan-Barcelona Convention, M.L. Silva Mejias</li> <li>- Chairperson of the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD), E. Panariti</li> </ul>                          |  |
| Session 2:<br>Challenges and Options                                  | 09:30-10:45 | “Setting the Framework” presentation by the Team Leader of H2020 CB/MEP followed by a panel discussion on the challenges and options in keeping environmental protection high on political agendas in the Mediterranean: PA-UfM (S. Schennach), UNEP/MAP (M.L. Silva Mejias), League of Arab States (N. Wafa), RAED (E. Adly), Global Footprint Network - Mediterranean Programme (A. Galli), COMPSUD (N. Geordiadis), COMJESD (Z. Himmich)  | Presentation and Panel discussion   |
|   | 10:45-11:00 | Coffee break   |   |
| Session 3:<br>The Horizon 2020 Initiative                             | 11:00-11:15 | The Horizon 2020 Initiative to depollute the Mediterranean by addressing the major polluting sources: urban wastewater, municipal solid waste and industrial emissions, Prof. M. Scoullos and Dr. Emad Adly  | Presentation  |
|   | 11:15-11:30 | The investment component of the Horizon 2020 Initiative – funding infrastructures that contribute to the depollution of the Mediterranean, Vasilios Nikitas  | Presentation  |
|   | 11:30-11:45 | Questions and Answers  | Plenary Forum   |
| Session 4:<br>Other complementary regional projects and Initiatives   | 11:45-12:45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem, the "MedPartnership", (UNEP/MAP/GEF and Partners), Virginie Hart</li> <li>- Sustainable Water Integrated Management Support Mechanism (SWIM-SM), Vangelis Constantianos</li> <li>- Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into National Strategies to Implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean, (UNEP/MPA/GEF and Partners), Virginie Hart</li> <li>- The Mediterranean Educational Initiative for Environment and Sustainability (MEdIES), Vicky Malotidi</li> </ul> | Presentations   |
|   | 12:45-13:00 | Questions and Answers  | Plenary Forum   |
|   | 13:00-14:00 | Lunch break  |   |
| Session 5:<br>Tackling the issues at stake at national level          | 14:00-15:30 | Contributions of Members of Parliament on the basis of the morning sessions: innovative responses/actions and practical, on-the-ground recommendations/solutions (NGOs and journalists are also welcome to contribute with brief questions/positions/proposals)  | Plenary Forum   |
|   | 15:30-16:00 | Coffee break   |   |
| Session 5 (cont'd):<br>Tackling the issues at stake at national level | 16:00-17:30 | Contributions of Members of Parliament on the basis of the morning sessions: innovative responses/actions and practical, on-the-ground recommendations/solutions (NGOs and journalists are also welcome to contribute with brief questions/positions/proposals)  | Plenary Forum   |
|   | 17:30-18:00 | Wrap up and prelude for next day's morning session at the Hellenic Parliament  |   |
|   | 18.00-19.00 | Guided Tour of the Museum - The Highlights (EN & FR)   |   |



| <b>Day 2: Tuesday 23rd of October – morning session</b><br><i>Sitting of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament with the participants of the Workshop</i><br><b>Hellenic Parliament, Senate Hall (first floor), 2-4 Vas. Sofias Str</b> |  |  |  |
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|   | 09.15                                  | Departure from hotel lobby (by bus)  |  |
|   | 09.30-                                 | Arrival to the Hellenic Parliament and security check  |  |
|   | 10.00-                                 | Guided Tour of the Hellenic Parliament and Coffee  |  |
| Session 1   | 11.00-<br>11.45                        | <b>Welcome addresses:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>President of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament, Dr. Dionysia – Theodora Avgerinopoulou</b></li> <li>- <b>Hellenic Parliament representative</b></li> <li>- <b>Deputy Minister of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dimitris Kourkoulas</b></li> <li>- <b>General Secretary of the Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Ms. Maro Evangelidou</b></li> <li>- <b>Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Mr. G. Orfanos</b></li> <li>- <b>Chairperson of COMPSUD, Ms. Elena Panaritis</b></li> </ul><br><b>Introductory presentation on the framework, objectives and aspirations of the meeting, Prof. Michael Scoullos, Secretary General of COMPSUD</b> | Short opening remarks                      |
| Session 2   | 11.45-<br>12.45<br><br>12.45-<br>13.00 | Framework Setting presentation by Prof. Michael Scoullos<br>Brief country interventions by the Members of Parliament on challenges, successes and lessons learned in terms of water scarcity in relation to wastewater treatment and water recycling as well as solid waste management, including marine litter, in the backdrop of current socio-economic developments in the Mediterranean region.<br>Coffee Break   | Brief interventions and plenary discussion |
| Session 3   | 13.00-<br>14.00                        | Framework Setting presentation by Dr. Alessandro Galli of the Global Footprint Network- Mediterranean Programme<br>Brief country interventions by the Members of Parliament on challenges, successes and lessons learned in terms of cleaner industrial production and the promotion of a green economy through greening of sectors such as tourism, agriculture, etc.   | Brief interventions and plenary discussion |
| Session 4   | 14.00-<br>14.15                        | Wrap-up and Conclusions  |  |

| <b>Day 2: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October – afternoon session</b><br><b>Historical Central Building of the University of Athens, "Alkis Argyriadis" Amphitheatre</b><br><b>30 Panepistimiou Ave., Entrance from Riga Feraiou str. (on the left of the main entrance)</b> |             |  |   |
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|   | 14:30-15.30 | Light Lunch at the Historical Central Building of the University of Athens   |   |
| Session 5   | 15:30-16:30 | Bringing Science into Parliaments – how can Parliamentarians be properly informed about the latest scientific developments?, Prof. Michael Scoullos  | Short presentation and plenary discussion |
| Session 6   | 16:30-17:00 | Wrap-up and Conclusions of the Workshop  |   |
| COMPSUD Session   | 17:00-19:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COMPSUD in a changing Mediterranean</li> <li>- Elections of the new COMPSUD Board</li> <li>- The next meeting of COMPSUD (COMPSUD 10)</li> <li>- Other administrative issues</li> </ul> | <i>All participants are welcome</i>       |
|   | 19:00-21:30 | Dinner at the Kostis Palamas Bulding of the UoA (48 Academias Str. and Sina str.)  |   |



## **Annex 2 – List of Participants**



**Horizon 2020 Capacity Building Mediterranean Environment Programme**  
**Title: “How Members of Parliament can better contribute to the effective depollution of the Mediterranean”**  
**Regional workshop: Athens, Greece, 22-23 October 2012**

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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## Annex 3 - Background Document (EN)

### Introduction

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The Mediterranean is a region of great diversity, richness and cultural background. It is not a UN region but there is a regional UN Convention in place aiming for the protection of its environment and sustainable development: the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution (<http://www.unepmap.org>). Under the Barcelona Convention, innovative bodies, policies/strategies and tools have been adopted, such as the Mediterranean Commission of Sustainable Development (MCSD) (<http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001017002>), the Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development (MSSD) (<http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001017002001>), the unique Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management, the MedPartnership (<http://www.themedpartnership.org>).

As a follow up to the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) (<http://www.ufmsecretariat.org>) was created and important programmes focusing on environmental protection were developed to provide for effective coordination at various levels. It is currently co-chaired by the European Commission and Jordan.

Until today, there have been many attempts for the establishment of links among the different political formations, including elected representatives of Mediterranean Parliaments with various degrees of success such as the Union for the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (UfMPA) ([http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/empa/content\\_en.html](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/empa/content_en.html)), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) (<http://pam.int>) and the non formal Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=5&cID=52>).

In the past five years the Mediterranean basin has seen significant changes both in its North and Southern shores. The countries in the North have been severely hit by the enduring economic and financial crisis, while those in the South have seen an unprecedented wave of civic uprisings, which, regardless of their final outcome, have highlighted the people's dissatisfaction with existing power structures as well as a popular yearning for a different sort of political order.

An increased level of preparedness in the political world and civil society is required in order for our area which is an active North-South interface to find its way towards Sustainable Development.

Inevitably, the ongoing socio-political change that is taking place in both the northern and southern shores of the Mediterranean is also reflected in the political agenda at all levels - international, regional and national. Thus, the newly-charged issues of democratization, public participation, equity, employment, productivity, etc. have acquired an increased momentum with the risk of pushing the broadly characterized "green agenda" to the sidelines.

The objectives however of democratization for the South and economic recovery for the North cannot be achieved today outside of the framework of **Sustainable Development**, which encompasses all three elements, society, economy and environment on an equal footing. The commitment of world leaders at the **United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development- Rio+20** for the development of a set of measurable **Sustainable Development Goals** to complement the **MDGs** further consolidates this fact.



The Mediterranean has the potential and accumulated expertise to act as an international laboratory of change and as a **source of inspiration and good practices** on a number of issues (non-conventional water resources management, solar energy, etc.) for further utilization, up-scaling and replication within the region and beyond.

Further to the political formations, today there are numerous organizations, institutions and projects, which are based on the principle of cooperation and strive for a better future in the region. Major EU funded projects, namely the Horizon 2020 Initiative and the projects running under it ([www.h2020.net](http://www.h2020.net)); the Sustainable Water Integrated Management (SWIM) ([www.swim-sm.eu](http://www.swim-sm.eu)); the SWITCH-MED, which promotes sustainable consumption and production and resource efficiency in the Mediterranean and others, have been launched to help accelerate the region's progress towards Sustainable Development. Also, other important **GEF-funded** projects are running in the region such as the Regional – Governance and Knowledge generation Project, implemented by the Plan Bleu.

**Civil Society** organizations such as the NGO Federation Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE), tirelessly continue to carry out a large number of essential initiatives such as the Mediterranean Educational Initiative for Environment and Sustainability (MEDIES) ([www.medies.net](http://www.medies.net)), which brings together some 4000 educators and the Circle of Mediterranean Journalists for Environment and Sustainable Development (COMJESD) bringing together journalists from most of the Mediterranean countries (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/staticpages.asp?alD=261>).

### ***Aims of the Workshop***

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**The meeting of 22 and 23 October 2012** which is supported by the European Commission through the Horizon 2020 (Capacity Building/ Mediterranean Environment Programme) aims to **maximize on the momentum achieved to date** from all of the above mentioned initiatives in the region; inform Mediterranean Members of Parliament (as well as journalists and NGOs) about the **Horizon 2020 Initiative to depollute the Mediterranean by the year 2020** and the existing regional fora, platforms and projects which currently facilitate Members of Parliament to make an impact on environmental issues and in promoting **commonly agreed priorities** for the region.

The workshop will provide the opportunity for the **exchange of experiences and ideas** on how Members of Parliament can enhance their involvement in the implementation of the H2020 priorities at regional and national levels (identification of the needed modalities, synergies, etc.).

### ***Expected preparation of the participants particularly in view of the morning session at the Hellenic Parliament (October 23, 2012).***

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Keeping all of the above in mind, the country delegations' statements/interventions are encouraged to be **brief** (maximum 5-7 minute statements/interventions) so as to allow for MPs from all delegations to take the floor and **focus on best practices or lessons learned** linked with the following Horizon 2020 priorities:

1. **Water scarcity** in relation to waste water treatment and recycling
2. **Solid waste management**, including marine debris and littering of the coasts
3. **Cleaner industrial production (and consumption)**



4. **Green economy** through greening of sectors (e.g. green tourism as a contribution to green economy)
5. **Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**
6. **Integration of sustainability/ environmental criteria**, etc. in various policies

Participants are also encouraged to 'report', if possible, on the progress of the **MDGs** in their countries, e.g. on improvements of **Integrated Water Resources Management, Environmental Impact Assessment** and introduction of **Sustainable Development Indicators** including for monitoring prosperity going beyond GDP. "Green economy" for instance, which has various interpretations, in its most accomplished version is linked with a different objective and indicator of progress: not the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) but the "gross national prosperity" measured as usefulness or "happiness".

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***Working languages of the meeting are English, French and Arabic BUT power point presentations and statements must be in English or French.***



## Annex 4 - Background Document (FR)

### Document d'information

#### **Introduction**

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La Méditerranée est une région d'une grande diversité, de richesse et d'un contexte culturel très riche. Bien qu'elle ne soit pas une région de l'ONU, il y a une convention régionale des Nations Unies mis en place en matière de la protection de son environnement et du développement durable: la Convention de Barcelone pour la protection de la mer Méditerranée contre la pollution (<http://www.unepmap.org>). En vertu de la Convention de Barcelone, des organismes novateurs aussi que des politiques / stratégies et des outils innovants ont été adoptés, telle que la Commission Méditerranéenne du Développement Durable (CMDD) (<http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001017002>), la Stratégie Méditerranéenne pour le Développement durable (SMDD) (<http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001017002001>), le Protocole unique relatif à la Gestion Intégrée des Zones Côtières, le MedPartnership (<http://www.themedpartnership.org>).

À titre de suivi de la coopération Euro-Méditerranéenne, l'Union pour la Méditerranée (UpM-<http://www.ufmsecretariat.org>) a été créé et des programmes importants axés sur la protection de l'environnement ont été développés pour assurer une coordination efficace à différents niveaux. L'UpM est actuellement co-présidé par la Commission Européenne et la Jordanie.

A ce jour, il y a eu de nombreuses tentatives pour l'établissement de liens parmi les différentes formations politiques, y compris les représentants élus des parlements méditerranéens, avec plus ou moins de succès, tels que l'Assemblée parlementaire de l'Union pour la Méditerranée ([http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/empa/content\\_en.html](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/empa/content_en.html)), l'Assemblée parlementaire de la Méditerranée (PAM) (<http://pam.int>) et le Cercle non formel des Parlementaires Méditerranéens pour le Développement durable (COMPSUD) (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=5&cID=52>).

Au cours de cinq dernières années, le bassin méditerranéen a connu des changements importants tant aux pays de la rive tant du Sud et que du Nord. Les pays du Nord ont été gravement touchés par la crise économique et financière, tandis que les pays du Sud ont vu une vague sans précédent de soulèvements civils, qui, indépendamment de leur résultat final, ont mis en lumière le mécontentement du peuple à l'égard des structures de pouvoir existantes ainsi comme un désir populaire pour un autre type d'ordre politique.

La capacité accrue pour du monde politique et de la société civile pour notre région qui est une liaison du Nord-Sud de trouver sa voie vers le Développement Durable.

Inévitablement, le changement sociopolitique en cours qui est en train de se dérouler dans les deux rives de la Méditerranée, nord et sud, se reflète également dans l'agenda politique à tous les niveaux - international, régional et national. Ainsi, les nouvelles questions en matière de la démocratisation, la participation du public, l'équité, l'emploi, la productivité, etc. ont acquis un dynamisme accru avec le risque de pousser ce qui est généralement connue comme «agenda verte» au second plan.

Toutefois, les objectifs de la démocratisation pour le Sud et la récupération économique pour le Nord ne pourraient pas être réalisés aujourd'hui en dehors du cadre du **Développement**



**Durable**, qui englobe tous les trois éléments: la société, l'économie et l'environnement sur un pied d'égalité. L'engagement des dirigeants du monde entier lors de la **Conférence des Nations Unies sur le Développement Durable Rio+20**, en faveur d'un ensemble d'**Objectifs de Développement Durable** mesurables afin de compléter les **OMD** (Objectifs du Millénaire pour le Développement) et consolider davantage cet état de fait.

La Méditerranée a l'expertise potentielle et accumulée d'agir comme un laboratoire international de changement et comme **une source d'inspiration et de bonnes pratiques** sur un certain nombre de questions (gestion des ressources en eau non-conventionnelles, énergie solaire, etc.) pour une utilisation ultérieure, mise à l'échelle et réplique du modèle dans la région et au-delà.

Suite aux formations politiques, il y a aujourd'hui de nombreuses organisations, institutions et projets, qui sont fondées sur le principe de la coopération afin de construire un avenir meilleur dans la région. Les grands projets financés par l'UE, à savoir l'initiative Horizon 2020 et les projets en cours d'exécution dans son cadre ([www.h2020.net](http://www.h2020.net)); le SWIM (Gestion durable de l'eau intégrée - Sustainable Water Integrated Management) ([www.swim-sm.eu](http://www.swim-sm.eu)), le SWITCH-MED, qui encourage des modes consommation et de production durables ainsi que l'efficacité des ressources dans le bassin méditerranéen et d'autres, ont été lancés pour aider à accélérer les progrès de la région vers le Développement Durable. En outre, d'autres importants projets **financés par le FEM (GEF)** sont en cours d'exécution dans la région tels que le Projet régional de Gouvernance et de Développement des connaissances (Regional – Governance and Knowledge generation Project), mis en œuvre par le Plan Bleu.

Organisations de la Société Civile tels que la Fédération des ONG «Bureau d'Information Méditerranéen pour l'Environnement, la Culture et le Développement Durable» (Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development - MIO-ECSDE), continue sans relâche à mener à bien un grand nombre d'initiatives essentielles telles que l'Initiative Méditerranéenne pour l'Education à l'environnement et au Développement Durable (MEdIES) ([www.medies.net](http://www.medies.net)) qui rassemble quelque 4000 d'enseignants et le Cercle des Journalistes Méditerranéens pour l'Environnement et le Développement Durable (COMJESD) réunissant des journalistes de la plupart des pays méditerranéens (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/staticpages.asp?aID=261>)

### ***Objectifs de l'atelier***

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La réunion des **22 et 23 Octobre 2012**, qui est soutenu par la Commission européenne à travers l'initiative Horizon 2020 (renforcement des capacités / Programme Environnement Méditerranée) vise à **maximiser l'élan obtenu à ce jour** de toutes les initiatives mentionnées ci-dessus dans la région; informer les membres méditerranéens du Parlement (ainsi que des journalistes et des ONG) au sujet de **l'initiative Horizon 2020 pour la dépollution de la Méditerranée d'ici à 2020** et les forums, plates-formes et des projets régionaux existants, qui facilitent actuellement les membres des Parlements d'avoir un impact sur es questions environnementales et à promouvoir les **priorités convenues en commun** pour la région.

L'atelier favorisera **l'échange et le partage d'expériences et d'idées** sur la façon dont les membres du Parlement peuvent renforcer leur implication dans la mise en œuvre des priorités d'H2020 au niveau régional et national (identification des modalités nécessaires, les synergies, etc.)



***Préparation prévue par les participants en particulier en vue de la session matinale au Parlement Hellénique (23 Octobre 2012).***

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Compte tenu tout de ce qui précède, les déclarations / interventions des délégations nationales sont encouragés d'être bref (maximum 5-7 minutes déclarations / interventions) afin de permettre aux députés de toutes les délégations à prendre la parole et de **se concentrer sur les meilleures pratiques ou les leçons tirés** liées aux priorités d'Horizon 2020 :

1. **La pénurie d'eau** liée au traitement des eaux usées et le recyclage
2. **Gestion des déchets solides**, y compris les déchets marins et ceux des côtes
3. **La production industrielle plus propre** (et la **consommation**)
4. **L'économie verte** à travers l'écologisation de secteurs (tourisme vert comme contribution à l'économie verte)
5. **Education en vue du Développement Durable** (EDD)
6. **Intégration de la durabilité / critères environnementaux**, etc. dans les différentes politiques

Les participants sont également invités à donner une idée, si possible, sur les progrès réalisés en matière des **OMD** dans leur pays, par exemple, sur l'amélioration de **la gestion intégrée des ressources hydriques**, **l'évaluation d'impacts environnementaux** et l'introduction **d'Indicateurs de Développement Durable**, y compris pour le contrôle de la prospérité au-delà du PIB. "L'économie verte" par exemple, qui a des interprétations différentes, dans sa version la plus aboutie est liée à un objectif différent et indicateur de progrès: non le produit intérieur brut (PIB), mais la " prospérité brute nationale» mesurée comme utilité ou "bonheur"/prospérité.

***Veillez envoyer vos présentations PowerPoint ou déclarations écrites à l'avance et jusqu'au 18 octobre à Mme Eleana Tsakiri (tsakiri@mio-ecsde.org).***

***Les langues de travail de la réunion seront l'anglais, le français et l'arabe, MAIS présentations PowerPoint et les déclarations doivent être écrites soit en anglais ou en français.***