SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism

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The SWIM-H2020 Support Mechanism's contribution to regional coherence and cooperation

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BLUEGREEN NETWORK – UfM labelled

BlueGreen UfM labelled project has become part of SWIM-H2020 SM and has **served as networking mechanism** to facilitate NGOs' involvement in regional processes through **a more structured approach**.

UfM has supported **a short-term consultancy started in July 2017**. Since then:

- **Almost all NGOs participating** in the SWIM-H2020 SM regional, sub-regional and national capacity building activities were directly and formally linked to the BG Network.

- The Cooperation Agreement and Operational Partnership between the **BG and the UNDP GEF/Small Grants Programme** has been activated and has strengthened the engagement of competent & appropriate NGOs in the SWIM-H2020 SM activities.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

- A network of Mediterranean NGOs is established with **more than active 700 NGOs members** from partner countries as well as Mauritania, Turkey, & Albania based on the continuous link with the promoters' regional NGOs network and the SGP networks.

- **More than 87 NGOs representatives nominated by the BG network,** taking into full consideration *geographical and gender balance*, have actively participated in SWIM-H2020 SM national and regional activities organized from July 2017-December 2018 and were fully supported by SWIM-H2020 SM.

- Initiated continuous communications with UfM BG labelled project promoters (especially **MIO-ECSDE, RAED and IUCN-Med**) and fully coordinated with the SWIM-H2020 Team and Stakeholders Engagement Expert, not only to facilitate the participation of NGOs representatives, but also assisted in the follow-up process through the post Impact Assessment Surveys.

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ACHIEVEMENTS (continue)

- **Continue building the capacities of NGOs** BG network through sharing information about all regional processes activities and events to keep them fully aware, better informed and connected.

- Based on the knowledge gained, NGOs who did not belong to the SGP network and have benefited from the SWIM-H2020 SM capacity building activities had the opportunity to **become SGP potential grantees and apply for funding.**

- **23 NGOs BG members** from ***Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco*** have participated in CBD COP14 which was held in Sharm El Sheikh, 13-27 November, 2018. Those NGOs either organized side events or actively participated in sessions and side events.

- Some of them participated in the UfM very successful side event organized in Sharm El Skeikh, which discussed the ***"Ecosystem-based Approaches to Manage Trans boundary and Cumulative Impacts In the Mediterranean, with a Focus on Marine Plastic Litter and Climate Change." A leaflet in EN FR and AR was produced out of it and is available online.***

https://ufmsecretariat.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Brochure-for-CBD-COP-side-event-on- EBM-in-the-Med.pdf

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POTENTIAL FOLLOW UP

- **Continue structured involvement of NGOs/CSOs** BG network through upcoming programmes such as WES, SwitchMed 2, etc.

- Continue **linking with the GEF Small Grants Programme,** interfacing regional and national **activities and processes.**

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Thank you for your attention.

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