SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism

Closing Conference

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UN Environment Mediterranean Action Plan Work

1. A big congratulation to SWIM H2020 team for excellent results county driven and fully imbedded in regional priorities: Impressive work and achievements!

2. Special efforts were made and synergies are obvious from both sides and teams

3. Pollution Monitoring and Assessment

IMAP and H2020/NAP implementation: capacity building and developed of technical protocols

IMAP/ NAP/H2020 Information system under development in cooperation with EEA

Towards a PRTR regulation in the region

4. At least 4 Regional Guidelines under finalization addressing plastic bag single use banning; adopt a beach, waste management at ports, PRTR regulation template; socio economic analyze for key measures on marine litter prevention;

5. Evaluation of implementation of 10 regional plans adopted under MAP BC

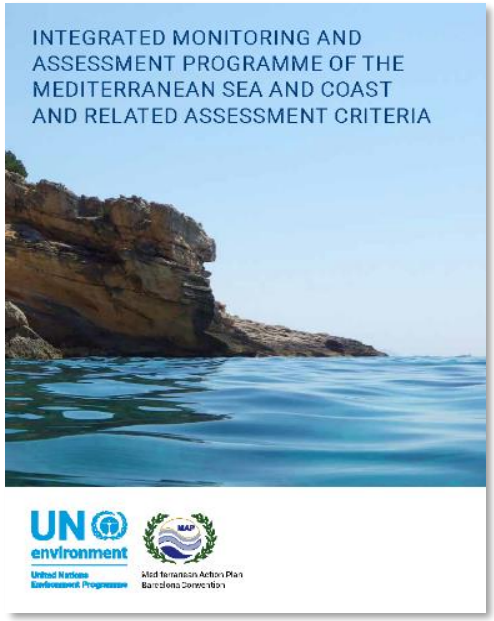
Several pilots on ML around the region with support from the EC and IMELS in the Southern Mediterranean countries

6. Mediterranean was quite present at UNEA with its work on ML and SCP as well as financing mobilization

7. Nairobi Conference on Blue Economy: Joint Side event MAP and UfMS

Existing national monitoring and assessment programmes updated in line with IMAP

Initial phase of implementation:
Draft national monitoring programmes based on IMAP structure and objectives are close to be finalized or at the initial stage of implementation.



SSFAs were concluded with Egypt, Israel, Lebanon (pending), Libya and Morocco, and most recently with Tunisia.

Development of National IMAPs has progressed in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Montenegro, Libya, Morocco and Turkey.

The Contracting Parties, which are EU Member States, are in an advanced phase of implementation of their national integrated monitoring programmes.

Four capacity building workshops to support national implementation of IMAP were organized; Another three are expected to continue till May 2019.

Some Highlights : Future work

1. Further IMAP Implementation/Ecosystem Approach Roadmap/H2020/NAP indicators in cooperation with EEA and synergy with EU MSFD
2. A mandate to develop 6 Regional Plans under Article 15 of the LBS Protocol of the BC (including waste water reuse and sludge management)
3. Further SCP implementation; a new impetus in the region thanks to the EC contribution
4. NAP and MSSD mid term implementation
5. PCB, Mercury and POP disposal/prevention (50 tons mercury and 3000 tons POPs).
6. Better linking national, regional work with global agenda , SDG,UNEA 4 resolutions, etc
6. All to be supported through national and regional capacities addressing pollution reduction and prevention in integrated manner and cross cutting issues
7. What H2020 and SWIM have built over the last 10 years in the region is very precious and proved to be sustainable. At least for MAP the interaction has been and will continue be very strong with mutual benefits. To reflect how to capitalize these results and bring them to policy /regulatory level.

Thank you

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