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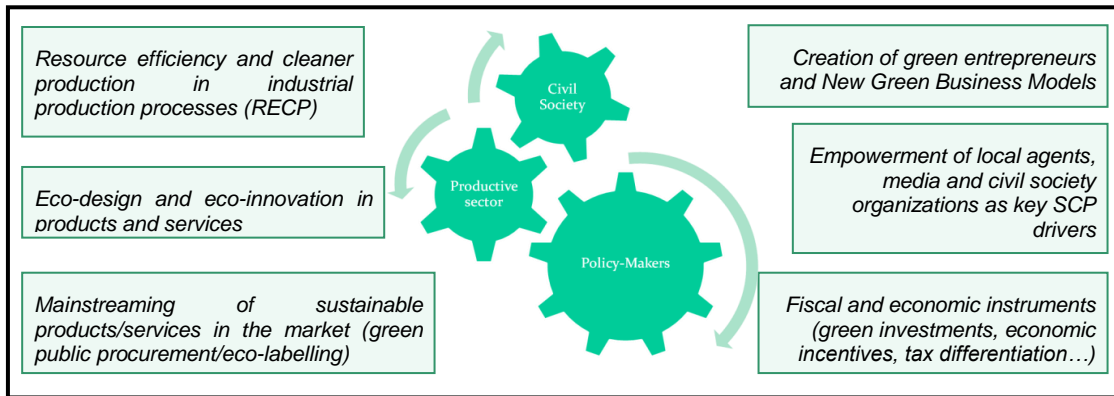
I. PRESENTATION

Sustainable consumption and production (SCP) is about the combined implementation of diverse measures involving policy makers, businesses and civil society to redesign the way in which goods and services are produced and consumed to drive the revitalization of industrial and socio-economic development towards resource efficient and socially inclusive economies.

Mediterranean Action Plan and the Stockholm Convention for that biennium.

The content of the report has been organised according to the main lines of action that the Centre is developing:

Figure 1. SCP key stakeholders and main measures



The Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC) is a centre for international cooperation with Mediterranean countries on development and innovation in the production sector and in civil society, based on more sustainable consumption and production models. SCP/RAC operates as one of the regional activity centres of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) for the protection and development of the Mediterranean basin and as one of the regional centres of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), both under the umbrella of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

- Support to Mediterranean countries in mainstreaming SCP in regional and national development policies.
- SCP capacity building activities.
- Prevention and management of toxic chemicals.
- Promotion of green entrepreneurship.
- Eco-efficiency in the productive and industrial sectors.
- Empowering civil society in SCP.
- Capacity building activities to implement sustainable public procurement in universities.

This report refers to the activities that SCP/RAC has carried out during 2013 in fulfilment of its Work Plan for the period 2012-2013 that is included in the corresponding Work Plans of both the

At the beginning of each chapter are details of the MAP Programme of Work activities for 2012-2013 that have been accomplished.

II. MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention requested SCP/RAC to support the development of an SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean at the last Conference of the Parties held in Istanbul.
- Preparation of a first draft of an SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean that was reviewed by the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and by the SCP/RAC National Focal Points.
- Two-year renewal of the Centre's mandate as Regional Centre for the Stockholm Convention by the Contracting Parties to the Stockholm Convention during the VI Conference of the Parties.
- Approval of UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2014-2015 including an SCP Theme led by SCP/RAC.
- Approval by the Contracting Parties of an annual allocation of 50,000 Euros from the Mediterranean Trust Fund to support the structural costs of SCP/RAC.
- Updating the name of the Centre to Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC) by Decision of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.
- Approval of the Demo Component of the European Commission funded SWITCH-Med Programme, starting in 2014 for a 4 year period. The component will provide SCP/RAC with funding of €7.5 million to develop a Training and Support Programme for Green Entrepreneurs and Civil Society, to design and implement SCP Pilot Activities in countries of the MENA region and to coordinate the networking and communication facility of the SWITCH-Med Programme.
- Submission of the SCP/RAC, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) joint project proposal "Med ReSCP: Post Rio+20 Promotion of the adoption of sustainable consumption and production patterns, in particular resource efficiency, in the Mediterranean region" to the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Secretariat with the objective that it may be labelled as a UfM project in 2014.

III. ACTIVITY

REPORT 2013

1. Supporting Mediterranean countries in mainstreaming sustainable consumption and production in regional and national development policies

In accordance with activities 1.2.1, 1.2.2 and 5.1.3 of MAP Programme of Work 2012-2013¹ (hereinafter MAP PoW 2012-2013), one of the main objectives of SCP/RAC is to support the development of a sustainable Mediterranean through a better integration of sustainable consumption and production (SCP) in the regional governance framework and in national policies of Mediterranean countries.

Preparation of an SCP Action Plan for the Mediterranean

SCP/RAC has initiated a set of activities that will serve as the preliminary work required to develop an Action Plan on SCP for the Mediterranean region.



These activities have been developed through the [SWITCH-Med Programme](#)², a European Commission (EC) funded project under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) aiming at supporting Mediterranean countries to shift to SCP.

¹ Please, contact us to have more information on the SCP/RAC Work Plan 2012-2013

² <http://www.switchmed.eu/en>

First, the Centre, with the support of the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of UNEP (UNEP/DTIE), conducted scoping missions in Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia, in order to collect information on SCP-related policies, SCP national priorities and to carry out an initial assessment of capacity building needs.

Overall, the scoping missions confirmed the high interest in SCP and revealed the need to link SCP actions with other national priorities like employment, health and economic development.

Likewise, the Centre has been preparing two reference documents: a Baseline Report for the preparation of the SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean entitled “SCP, a cornerstone in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols” and a first version of the SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean.

These documents, which will be further developed during the coming year, will be the reference documents for the development of a Mediterranean SCP Action Plan and a Road Map, a task formally requested by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention by Decision IG.21/10³ to the UNEP/MAP Secretariat and to SCP/RAC. These two documents should be submitted for approval to the next COP in 2015.

In parallel to these actions, the Centre started developing the contents for the SCP Toolkit for Policy Makers designed to help Mediterranean policy makers mainstream SCP into key national economic sectors, and prepared the first draft of a portfolio with 15 project ideas for SCP demonstration activities⁴. These project ideas are focused on priorities identified under the Barcelona Convention such as the food industry, tourism, goods manufacturing and housing, construction and mobility.

³ See annex 1

⁴ Please, contact us to have more information on the SCP demonstration activities

In order to carry out all these activities, the Centre set up a Mediterranean SCP Expert Group (MSEG), composed of 6 high level experts representing different Mediterranean regions, capable of: (i) understanding the special interests in the Mediterranean area, (ii) covering specific priority sectors of the Barcelona Convention and related priorities and (iii) advice on leveraging reforms.

Furthermore, the Centre initiated its activities related to the communication of the SWITCH-Med Programme, designing the logo of the Programme and initiating the creation of the website platform www.switchmed.eu and the action network to achieve an effective exchange and sharing of information with stakeholders.

Support in preparing the Regional Plan on Marine Litter

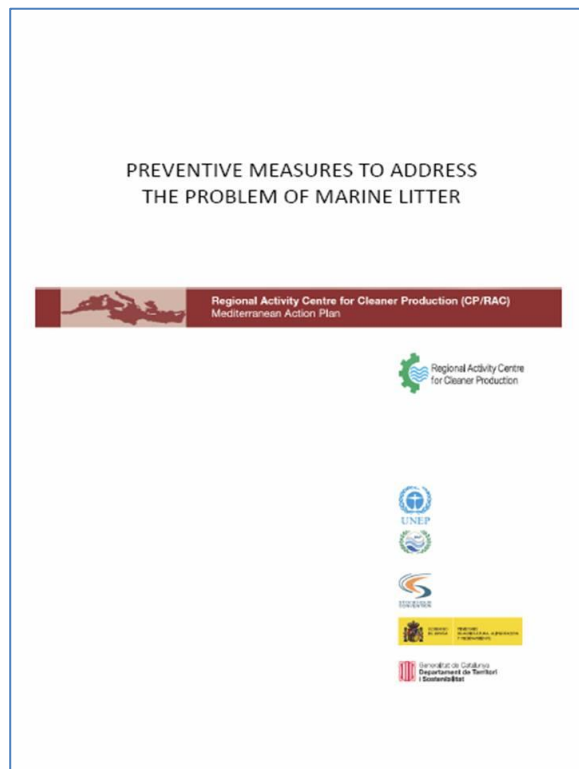
During the last COP of the Barcelona Convention, the Contracting Parties adopted a Regional Plan on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter within the framework of article 15 of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources (LBS) of the Barcelona Convention. The Regional Plan includes measures and objectives to prevent marine litter in the Mediterranean and to remove, as far as possible, the existing litter in the sea and coastal areas, in accordance with accepted international standards and approaches.

SCP/RAC collaborated with MAP's Programme for the Assessment and Control of Pollution (MED POL) in the drafting of this Regional Plan, with the introduction of SCP measures for the prevention of marine litter to article 9 of the aforementioned plan⁵.

In this regard, the Centre prepared and published a document called "[Preventive measures to address the problem of Marine Litter](#)" that served as a technical background document. The document offers approaches and opportunities to promote

SCP initiatives that can serve to convert the negative effects of marine litter into economic opportunities. Thus, marine litter prevention can offer other multiples opportunities such as environmental benefits, the creation of jobs, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), etc.

Likewise, the Centre co-organised, with MEP POL, a [meeting of government-designated experts on Marine Litter](#) held on 17-18 May in the Waste Agency of Catalonia offices in Barcelona (Spain) with the aim of reviewing the draft of the Regional Plan.



2. SCP capacity building activities

In compliance with activity 5.1.3 of MAP PoW 2012-2013, SCP/RAC developed a series of capacity building activities based on SCP and pollution prevention and control that served to increase the knowledge of representatives from the public

⁵ See annex 2

sector, businesses and civil society across the Mediterranean region.



This work was developed under the [Horizon 2020 Initiative](#)⁶, an EC funded programme under the ENPI, which aims to de-pollute the Mediterranean by the year 2020.



The Centre organized seven capacity building activities:

- A [national training session on Green Economy](#) with a special focus on resource efficiency within various development sectors (industry, hospitality and construction) held in Amman (Jordan) from 28-30 April, that brought together 60 participants from ministries, companies, NGOs and sustainability experts.
- A [national training session on Green Economy and Green Growth held in Cairo](#) (Egypt) on 4-5 June, that brought together 50 participants representing different ministries, businesses, academic institutions and NGOs.

⁶ <http://www.h2020.net/>

- [Two national technical training sessions](#) in Tel Aviv (Israel): one focused on industrial waste water discharge policies held on 28-29 May, and the second on life cycle assessment to promote eco-design held on 18-19 June. Both training sessions brought together more than 100 participants from ministries, regulatory agencies, businesses and NGOs.

- A [study visit of eco-innovative industrial sites](#) for around 15 delegates from various ministries, business associations and consultants from Morocco, on 17-19 September, in Marseille (France).

- A [sub-regional training session on Green Finance](#) held in Tunis (Tunisia) on 1-2 October. The event brought together around 30 public policy officers and business representatives from Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.



- A [national training session on sustainable food production](#) held in Barcelona (Spain) on 13-15 November, with 40 participants from 10 southern Mediterranean countries.

3. SCP in the sustainable management of coastal areas

In compliance with activity 2.1.3 of MAP PoW 2012-2013, SCP/RAC collaborated with the Regional Activity Centre for Priority Actions Programme (hereinafter PAP/RAC) in the development of the

Coastal Areas Management Programme (CAMP) led by that organisation.

CAMP Levante de Almeria

[CAMP Levante de Almeria](http://www.camplevantedealmeria.com/en/content/camp-levante-de-almeria)⁷ was developed during the period 2010-2013 with the objective of developing a sustainable development plan for the coast of Almeria, taking into account the specific challenges of the area.

SCP/RAC was one of the implementing agencies for activities promoting the sustainability of fisheries, agriculture, tourism and industry. Moreover, the Centre organized training sessions on several topics related to SCP such as sustainable public procurement, best practices to organise green events, and responsible behaviours for consumers.



On 4 February SCP/RAC participated in the closing event of the project where the Regulatory Framework for Sustainable Development was presented to the relevant authorities. That document consisted of a strategy elaborated during the project through a participatory process involving all the coast stakeholders to jointly design a sustainable future for the Levante de Almeria coast.

⁷ <http://www.camplevantedealmeria.com/en/content/camp-levante-de-almeria>

CAMP Montenegro

SCP/RAC worked during 2013 on the planning and development of the actions agreed under CAMP Montenegro with the project partners, the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (SPA/RAC) and PAP/RAC. The activities to be implemented in 2014 will consist of developing a study analysing how ecotourism could be introduced in Kotor Bay and the organization of a workshop on green entrepreneurship, focused on the local development of ecotourism in Kotor Bay.



4. Prevention and management of toxic chemicals

As Regional Centre of the Stockholm Convention, SCP/RAC activities to support Mediterranean countries include specific actions for the prevention and sound management of toxic chemicals. The activities carried out by the Centre during 2013 corresponded to Activities 1.2.2 and 4.2.1 of MAP PoW 2012-2013.



Awareness-raising and capacity building activities on environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in national electricity companies

SCP/RAC organised two capacity building activities, one in [Turkey](#) (15-19 July) and the other in [Bosnia &](#)

[Herzegovina](#) (23-26 September) on environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in national electricity companies.

These activities were part of the [MedPartnership project](#)⁸ in which SCP/RAC is participating, which is led by UNEP/MAP and financed by GEF (Global Environment Facility). They were specifically developed under the project's sub-component on environmentally sound management of equipment, stocks and wastes containing or contaminated by PCBs in national electricity companies of Mediterranean countries.



The workshops included theoretical sessions on the management of PCBs and practical sessions with a PCB analyser used in tests conducted in power plants of each country. Training activities were aimed specifically at governmental staff, employees and representatives from governments, ministries, electricity and waste companies and laboratories, among others, and brought together more than 100 participants. In addition to this, the Centre also supported MED POL in the implementation of four PCBs inventory missions in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt and Turkey.

During the last part of the year, SCP/RAC started organising two additional workshops on PCBs

management that will be held in Albania and Egypt in 2014 and the implementation of more PCBs inventory missions.

Likewise, the Centre is also developing different training materials⁹ with the objective of providing capacity building and raising awareness on the importance of the environmentally sound management of PCBs equipment: a PCBs awareness video in English that will be delivered in February 2014 and a PCBs toolkit for owners and policy makers to be delivered in March 2014.



Assistance to countries for the sound management of mercury-contaminated sites

Within the framework of the Barcelona Convention's Regional Plan on Mercury, MED POL and SCP/RAC agreed the preparation by the Centre of the "Guidelines on Best Environmental Practices (BEPs) for the environmentally sound management of mercury-contaminated sites".

That Regional Plan on Mercury was prepared within the framework of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources (LBS) of the Convention and is aimed at reducing mercury pollution in the Mediterranean.

⁸ <http://www.themedpartnership.org/>

⁹ <http://pcbsmed.org/>

The guidelines will be a reference document for Mediterranean countries that have to undertake mercury decontamination activities in fulfilment of its obligations under the above-mentioned Regional Plan. It includes technical collaborations from emblematic cases of decontamination that could be set as example of BEPs. The Centre relied on the support of the Spanish Technological Centre for Mercury Decontamination (CNTDM) in Almaden for its expertise in mercury depollution projects.

5. Promotion of green entrepreneurship

Under Activity 5.1.2 of MAP PoW 2012-2013, SCP/RAC is providing tools to green entrepreneurs to transform their ideas into green business and contribute at the same time to the creation of new green jobs at a local level.

Training workshops for green entrepreneurs

SCP/RAC co-organized, together with the Incubaeco organization, two workshops on green entrepreneurship, one in [Madrid](#) (1-5 April, Spain) and the other in [Barcelona](#) (1-5 July, Spain), both aimed at promoting eco-entrepreneurial projects at an initial stage.



The training combined theoretical and practical sessions, so that the 40 participants had the opportunity to work with the trainers in the development of their sustainable business plans. The two sessions were delivered according to the SCP/RAC's methodology aimed at creating green and inclusive business solutions.

State of the Art of Green Entrepreneurship in Mediterranean countries

The Centre published the [“State of the Art of Green Entrepreneurship in Italy”](#), with versions in English and French. The document analyses the country's assets and challenges with respect to green entrepreneurship.



Workshop on eco-design in the Forum du Jeune Entrepreneur

Within the two day Forum du Jeune Entrepreneur held in Marrakech on 16-17 May, SCP/RAC organised a themed workshop where participants were introduced to the concept of eco-design and presented with successful cases of eco-design.

The main objective of the Forum organized by the Foundation du Jeune Entrepreneur was to explore the relationship between entrepreneurship and employment with special reference to rural areas.

6. Eco-efficiency in the productive and industrial sectors

In compliance with activity 4.2.1 of MAP PoW 2012-2013, SCP/RAC has developed actions in support of key industrial sectors of Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia on the prevention and control of pollution through the identification, evaluation and selection of best available techniques (BATs).

SCP/RAC's activities were developed within the [BAT4MED Project](#)¹⁰ (Best Available Techniques for the Mediterranean), coordinated by the Andalusian Institute of Technology (IAT) and funded with European Funds through the 7th R&D Framework Programme. The project aimed to analyse the potential impact of the introduction of the European concept of Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) in the Mediterranean, in order to ensure a greater protection of the environment and health in this area from the industrial activities of Mediterranean countries.



As a leading partner of the BAT4MED Dissemination Work Package, SCP/RAC carried out the following activities:

- Participation in the [Second Expert Group Meeting](#) of the project held in Brussels on 6 February that aimed to validate BAT reports elaborated by VITO and SSSUP with the help of the national Technical Working Groups in Mediterranean Partner Countries (Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt) for the textile and dairy sectors. During the meeting, the experts along with the European partners of the

project, discussed the most relevant technical aspects of these documents whose purpose is to help the implementation of best available techniques in the Mediterranean countries participating in the project.



- Organisation of the [closing events](#) of the project in the three Mediterranean Partner Countries: in Cairo (Egypt) on 21 May, in Tunis (Tunisia) on 28 May and in Casablanca (Morocco) on 30 May. Stakeholders from official institutions such as Ministries of Environment and Industry, environmental protection agencies, as well as representatives from the private sector were invited to attend the events. The main aim was to present to national stakeholders the work done by the BAT4MED team for adapting and implementing the IPPC in Mediterranean countries. Each Work Package leader presented the work done throughout the three years the project lasted and gave the specific results obtained for the relevant country.

- Review of the English version of the BAT reports for the dairy and textile sectors of Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia that summarized the BAT4MED experience in trying to identify candidate BATs in the Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs). The BAT reports from Morocco and Tunisia were also translated into French.

- Publication of the 5th biannual BAT4MED newsletter, informing identified stakeholders

¹⁰ <http://www.bat4med.org/en>

about the latest news from the project and the upcoming events they could attend.

- Participation in the 16th Conference of the European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ERSCP) that was held in Istanbul (Turkey) from 4-7 June and which provided the occasion for the BAT4MED team to present the second scientific article produced within the framework of the project, and participate in a discussion about the possibilities to create links and synergies between the existing projects and initiatives on SCP in the Mediterranean region and to see where gaps exist.



- Organisation of the final event of the project, entitled “[International event on the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control \(IPPC\) in the Mediterranean region](#)” that brought together stakeholders from the pollution prevention and control field, as well as the private sector and international institutions to discuss the applicability of the IPPC scheme in the Mediterranean, based on the results of the project. The event took place on 27 June, in Jordan.

- Preparation of the Final Plan for the Use and Dissemination of Foreground that summarises the communication strategy adopted by the partners throughout the project to ensure its dissemination and visibility. It also quantifies the impact the strategy had during the project’s lifetime. This document constitutes a deliverable of the project for the project’s donor (European Commission).

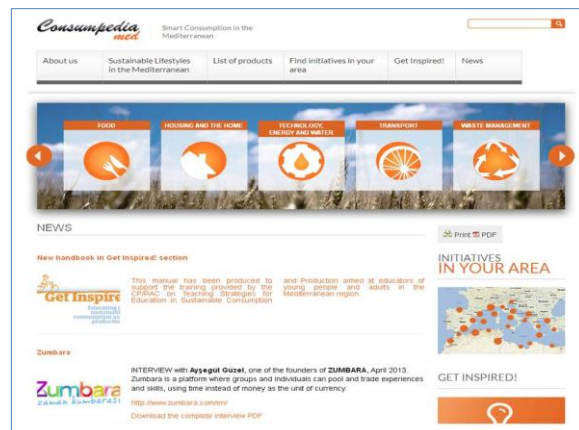
7. Empowering civil society in SCP

In compliance with Activity 5.1.4 of MAP PoW 2012-2013, SCP/RAC works to empower civil society through information and education on sustainable consumption so that they can take informed decisions about adopting more sustainable consumption habits and lifestyles.

Consumpediamed – Smart Consumption in the Mediterranean

In June 2013, SCP/RAC launched the renewed [Consumpediamed - Smart Consumption in the Mediterranean](#)¹¹, the online platform on sustainable lifestyles and consumption in the Mediterranean.

The structure of the website was updated giving greater visibility to the map containing some of the initiatives on sustainable consumption and lifestyles detected in Spain, Italy, Morocco and Turkey with the aim that users can easily find SCP initiatives throughout the Mediterranean region.



This year, SCP/RAC focused on finding information and initiatives on sustainable consumption and lifestyles from Turkey. Thus, the Centre published 80 new SCP initiatives led by the public and private sectors, NGOs and other civil society organisations, and shared two interviews with two leading

¹¹ <http://www.consumpediamed.com/>

organisations, Zumbara and Bugday, working on ecological lifestyles and collaborative consumption.

The updated Consumpediamed was officially presented to SCP/RAC National Focal Points during the Focal Points Meeting held in June.

Education on sustainable consumption and production

SCP/RAC published the new version of the [Handbook for Educating on Sustainable Consumption and Production](#), developed to raise awareness and educate Mediterranean civil society on SCP, in Spanish, English and French.

Furthermore, the Centre took part for the third time in the [Atlantis Youth Camp](#) organized by the Cooperation Centre in the Mediterranean (CCM), the Red Cross and Red Crescent. This edition was held in Jahorina (Bosnia & Herzegovina) between June 30 and July 7 and included the participation of young volunteers from the Red Cross and Red Crescent in the Mediterranean, aged between 18 and 28 years.



Twenty-two young participants attended the SCP/RAC workshop on “Sustainable Consumption

and Gender” where concepts such as the life cycle of consumer goods, sustainable consumption patterns and sustainable lifestyles were introduced.



8. Capacity building activities to implement sustainable public procurement in universities

According to Activity 5.1.6 of MAP PoW 2012-2013, SCP/RAC provides technical assistance to Mediterranean countries for the integration of sustainable criteria in the procurement processes of public institutions.

In compliance with that objective, the Centre continued the activities falling within the project "Implementation of a Green Public Procurement (GPP) Strategy at the University of Malta" which aims to introduce green procurement criteria in the university. Thus, SCP/RAC contributed to the preparation of the draft versions of the Green Public Procurement Policy and the GPP Action Plan, and organized a [workshop at the Valletta Campus](#) on 17 January, to present the aforementioned documents and, at the same time, train the relevant university staff in GPP.



The training sessions covered not only raising awareness about GPP and the description of the project itself, but also relevant and GPP-related topics such as information sources, eco-labelling schemes and life cycle approaches.



9. Governance

In addition to its core activities, during 2013 SCP/RAC fulfilled the institutional responsibilities required by the governance framework of the Barcelona Convention, UNEP/MAP and the Stockholm Convention as stated by Activities 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3 and 1.1.6 of MAP PoW 2012-2013.

MCS D Meeting

The Centre took part in the meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCS D) organised by the UNEP/MAP Secretariat in Malta on 10-12 June. During the

meeting SCP/RAC presented the draft Baseline Report on the integration of SCP in the Barcelona Convention entitled “SCP, a cornerstone in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols” and the first draft of the SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean. MCS D members, including representatives of the Mediterranean countries as well as civil society and the private sector, had the opportunity to review the documents and provide specific comments on the measures proposed under each strategic objective, expressing their overall interest and satisfaction in hearing about such an initiative for the Mediterranean region.

SCP/RAC National Focal Points Meeting

On 18-20 June, SCP/RAC held its [National Focal Points Meeting on “Enhancing the integration of SCP in the Governance Framework of the Barcelona Convention and the Mediterranean Action Plan \(MAP\)”](#) in the Art Nouveau Site of the Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau in Barcelona (Spain).



The meeting brought together thirty-five participants including the National Focal Points of the Centre, international experts, representatives of international organizations and all the SCP/RAC team.

During the first day a joint session took place with MED POL, who also held its National Focal Meeting on 18-21 June, in Barcelona. The joint session was

specifically focused on reviewing and discussing the Draft Regional Plan on Marine Litter.

During the Meeting, the SCP/RAC team explained the activities that the Centre had performed in the last two years, presented the actions undertaken with respect to mainstream SCP in the regional and national development policies and explained the Centre's Proposal for the Work Plan 2014-2015 taking into account the 5 years MAP Work Programme and its Themes. Finally, participants approved a conclusions document¹².

MED POL National Focal Points Meeting

SCP/RAC took part in the MED POL National Focal Points Meeting held in Barcelona on 18-21 June. The Centre was invited to present to the MED POL national focal points the results of its study [“Addressing the drivers of the Mediterranean Ecosystem degradation: the SCP approach in the application of the Ecosystem approach in the management of human activities in the Mediterranean”](#) about the added value of the SCP approach in the application of the Ecosystem Approach. This study, published at the beginning of the year, was also circulated to the national representatives as an information document.



MAP Focal Points Meeting

SCP/RAC took part in the Mediterranean Action Plan Focal Points Meeting held on 10-12

September, in Athens (Greece). The Centre presented the activities carried out during the 2012-2013 biennium as well as the Programme of Work and the budget for the next two years (2014-2015). The MAP Focal Points welcomed and endorsed the submission of the draft decision supporting the Development of an action plan on sustainable consumption and production in the Mediterranean” for the approval of the 18th Conference of the Contracting Parties.

18th Conference of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

The [18th Conference of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols](#) was held on 3-6 December, in Istanbul (Turkey). As a MAP component, SCP/RAC participated in the Conference that brought together policy-makers and international organisations from 21 Mediterranean countries to review actions developed in the past biennium and take decisions and approve new measures, actions and priorities to be developed and addressed within the framework of the Convention to ensure a healthy and sustainable Mediterranean.

During the four day meeting, the Contracting Parties reviewed the progress achieved during the 2012-2013 biennium, approved the Programme of Work and Budget for the next biennium 2014-2015 which includes a specific theme on SCP (Theme V) that is led by SCP/RAC, and adopted several thematic decisions regarding the Convention and its Protocols. Among the adopted decisions, the Contracting Parties approved a Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean which SCP/RAC was involved and approved a decision requesting the UNEP Secretariat and SCP/RAC to prepare an Action Plan on SCP for the Mediterranean.

Furthermore the Contracting Parties decided to update the name of the Centre to Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production according to the mandate that the countries assigned to the Centre in 2009 to promote SCP.

¹² See annex 3



The importance of the SCP approach was highlighted several times during the Conference and this acknowledgement was reflected in the Istanbul Declaration that stated the need for the Contracting Parties to *strengthen their commitment to accelerate the shift towards Sustainable Consumption and Production patterns by adopting an Action Plan on SCP, which is in line with the commitments adopted at Rio+20 and which aims to reduce the impacts of human activities in the marine and coastal ecosystems.*

VI Conference of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

SCP/RAC participated in the VI Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, held in Geneva (Switzerland) between 28 May and 10 June back-to-back with the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam and the Basel Convention.

The Contracting Parties to the Stockholm Convention renewed the Centre's mandate as regional centre for the Stockholm Convention and approved the programme of work for the next biennium.

The Centre co-organized a side-event together with the Basel Convention Regional Centre (BCRC) of Egypt and with the support of the companies CocoNut, Paxymer and Bionic Finish, entitled "Supporting Green Entrepreneurs for a POP-free

Mediterranean" held on 2 May. The event aimed to show the role of green entrepreneurship in preventing the use of POPs.

Participation in the Joint Meeting of the Basel & Stockholm Conventions' regional centres

On 26-29 November, SCP/RAC participated in the annual joint meeting between the regional centres under the Basel & Stockholm Conventions.

The focus of the meeting was on issues relating to the performance and sustainability of the regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions. The methodology for evaluating the performance and sustainability of the regional and sub-regional centres, based on the criteria for evaluating the performance of the regional centres, was discussed extensively and recommendations were made on how to collect relevant information in order to undertake such an evaluation objectively.

Participation in the H2020 Steering Committee

SCP/RAC participated in the H2020 Steering Group meeting held in Brussels on 19-20 November, where participants could take stock of achievements up until that moment and define the way forward through concrete recommendations for its 2014-2020 Phase. The Centre also participated in the Capacity Building Sub-Group meeting where they could assess the progress of the ENPI project supporting the implementation of the H2020 capacity building component.

EcAp Task Force

Within the framework of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) implementation project led by UNEP/MAP, and following a recommendation of the EcAp Coordination group and MAP Focal Points that asked for more coordination on EcAp issues, an informal EcAp Task Force Group was established in which SCP/RAC is participating as the MAP leading agency on SCP.

The Task Force consists of one representative from each UNEP/MAP component, aiming to establish

an informal process in order to have more regular exchange of views, updates and better coordination on EcAp-related issues between the various UNEP/MAP components, and to ensure that all representatives are informed on the existent possibilities to mobilize resources and on the activity reporting assignments that have to be presented to donors.

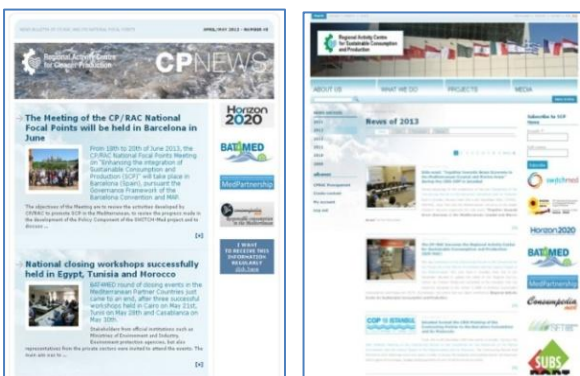
The first meeting of the Task Force took place in Athens (8-9 July), focusing on EcAp COP18 deliverables and specifically on the integration needs of the agreed Good Environmental Status (GES)/targets of the Environmental Objectives of the different clusters and, based on this, possible proposals on integrated GES/targets to COP18.

10. Corporate communication

In order to give visibility to the mission and activities of the Centre, and to disseminate and exchange knowledge on SCP, several communication actions were developed according to Activity 1.3.3 of MAP PoW 2012-2013.

SCP/RAC website and newsletters

The news section of the Centre’s website was regularly updated with news on activities carried out by the Centre in the development of its tasks, as well as other relevant news related to SCP.



Moreover, SCP/RAC continued its online communication based on the electronic newsletter “SCP/News” with the publication of 5 newsletters

sent during the year. Special electronic newsletters were used to better disseminate SCP-relevant events.

Visit of a Chilean delegation

On 14-15 January, SCP/RAC received a visit from a delegation of the Consejo Nacional de Producción Limpia, a Chilean institution resulting from public-private cooperation aimed at promoting cleaner production for greater sustainability, production, modernization and competitiveness of Chilean companies. The mission served to demonstrate the work undertaken by SCP/RAC in the field of SCP.

Participation in sessions to prepare the new Minamata Convention on Mercury

SCP/RAC participated in the inter-governmental preparation session for the new Global Mercury Convention (Minamata Convention on Mercury) held on 16-18 January, in Geneva (Switzerland).

Mercury is a major pollutant affecting the food chain, especially fish, so it is a priority in the Mediterranean. The Minamata Convention strengthens the commitments acquired in the Regional Plan on Mercury (2012) by the Barcelona Convention’s country members, and opens up new ways for collaboration between the Centre and the Minamata Secretariat, once the mechanism for financing projects is approved.

Participation in the International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas

The European Commission and Germany joined forces to organize the International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas, on 10-12 April, in which SCP/RAC took part. The participants, which included a wide array of stakeholders, government representatives, businesses and regional organisations, analysed the issues at stake, reviewed current efforts and suggested ways forward in order to address marine litter.

Participation in the Arab-Mediterranean Regional Conference on Coastal Environmental Resources Management and Monitoring

SCP/RAC participated in a [roundtable on the management of the coastal zone](#) at the Arab-Mediterranean Regional Conference on Coastal Environmental Resources Management and Monitoring on 15-16 May, in Beirut.

The Conference was the closing event of a project entitled “Environmental Resources Monitoring in Lebanon”, managed by UNEP and the Ministry of the Environment in Lebanon, with the cooperation of United Nations Development Programme-Lebanon and funded by Hellenic Aid. The project consists of the development of a monitoring system for the coastal zone in Lebanon based on an ecosystem approach, policy reforms in ICZM as well as land use and development, and procurement of an air pollution monitoring system.

In its intervention, SCP/RAC drew links between the ICZM and the green economy approaches, underlining that both approaches are complementary with regard to sustainability in coastal areas.

Participation in ERSCP 2013

Within the framework of the European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production held on 4-7 June, in Istanbul (Turkey), SCP/RAC actively participated in two sessions: on 5 June, SCP/RAC took part in a panel discussion where various SCP networks presented their past, present and future actions. Additionally, SCP/RAC presented the SWITCH-Med programme and how it can contribute to the development of a Mediterranean Circular Economy.

During the second session held on 6 June, SCP/RAC moderated a discussion about the possibilities of creating links and synergies between existing projects and initiatives on SCP in the Mediterranean region to see where gaps exist.

Participation in the Stockholm Convention’s Global Workshop on Updating National Implementation Plans

In August 2013, SCP/RAC participated in the [Global Workshop on Updating National Implementation Plans \(NIPs\)](#) of the Stockholm Convention, including the review of dioxin inventories.

The workshop on capacity building and the transfer of technology in Asia and the Pacific (SCRCAP-China) was held at the Basel and Stockholm Convention Regional Centre and served to present guidance that might be required to assist countries in the development and implementation of the Convention, in order to restrict or eliminate the newly listed POPs.

Previously to this workshop, there was a two-day meeting about POPs in Articles and phasing-out opportunities in emerging countries. During this workshop, SCP/RAC presented different activities in support of the phasing-out of POPs.

Participation in the 3rd RECPnet

On 4-5 September, SCP/RAC participated, in the 3rd Global Network Conference on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) which is part of the joint UNEP and UNIDO Programme on Resource-Efficient and Cleaner Production that aims at widespread adaptation and adoption of RECP in developing and transition economies. With its participation, SCP/RAC could meet representatives from SCP initiatives and see possible synergies between SWITCH-Med and these other initiatives.

Participation in the Conference “Marine Litter: A Valuable Resource that can be Recovered together with the Fishermen”

On 17 October, in the Port of Vigo (Spain), SCP/RAC participated in the event “Marine Litter: A Valuable Resource that can be Recovered together with the Fishermen” organized by the NGO Waste Free Oceans (WFO) in collaboration with the EU Commission, the Port of Vigo, Cetmar, Ecoalf, Euroshore, PETCIA s.a. (Dentis Group) and Vertidos

Cero. The objective of the event was to put together all the main actors in this issue: international plastics industry, recycling industry, public authorities, national governments, regional governments, EU institutions, fishing community, port authorities, users of the resources collected from the waters and other stakeholders.

This event was an opportunity to hear from high-level speakers involved in the fight against marine debris on how to combat this issue.

Participation in the 6th Global Eco Forum

SCP/RAC took part in the [sixth edition of Global Eco Forum](#), which brought experts, thinkers and professionals committed to a future based on advanced, sustainable and inclusive societies together on 22 October in Barcelona (Spain). SCP/RAC, in cooperation with Ecodigma, organized the Workshop “Eco-entrepreneurships, green skills and sustainable business”, aimed at exploring opportunities for eco-entrepreneurs and where participants had the opportunity to debate eco-innovation, eco-labelling and green skills.



Participation in the Transnational Workshop of the ECO-SCP-Med Project

SCP/RAC participated as the SCP Mediterranean expert in the Transnational Workshop for the validation of the pilot SCP toolkits developed by the project partners of the ECO-SCP-Med project.

The meeting was held at the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna headquarters in Pisa (Italy) on 12 November. The Centre actively participated in the discussions about the SCP toolkits developed within the framework of the project and was able to make comments and provide input which was then validated through a scoring system assigned to different issues.

The ECO-SCP-Med Project is an EU-funded project aimed at creating tools to promote SCP in the Mediterranean area through the integration of tools and methodologies implemented by a variety of different projects.

Participation in the 7th Mediterranean Week of Economic Leaders

SCP/RAC participated in the [seminar on “University and Enterprise Cooperation”](#) focusing on the synergies between the forces of enterprise and education in the EU and Southern Mediterranean countries within the framework of the 7th Mediterranean Week of Economic Leaders held in Barcelona from 20-22 November. SCP/RAC spoke on green entrepreneurship in Mediterranean countries and on the need to include subjects on green entrepreneurship in the syllabuses of Mediterranean universities in order to boost the green entrepreneurial spirit among students.



11. Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)

In compliance with Activities 1.1.7 and 5.1.6 of MAP PoW 2012-2013, SCP/RAC signed several Memorandums of Understanding with the following organisations:

- Small-Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) with UNEP/MAP to organise 4 training sessions to support Turkey, Egypt, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Albania to enhance their capacities to reduce PCB contamination, within the framework of the MedPartnership project.
- Small-Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) with UNEP/MAP to cooperate in jointly preparing the meeting to review the Regional Plan on Marine Litter and the joint MED POL and SCP/RAC National Focal Points Meeting.
- Small-Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) with MED POL for the development of mercury decontamination guidelines to present at the MED POL National Focal Points Meeting.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SPA/RAC to support CAMP Montenegro project actions through the production of a preliminary diagnosis on the potential development of an ecotourism service in Kotor Bay and the organization of a Workshop on Green Entrepreneurship in Kotor Bay.

12. Actions for fundraising

In order to increase its sources of funding, SCP/RAC prepared, together with other relevant organisations, the following project proposals to support Mediterranean countries to shift to SCP.

SWITCH-Med Demonstration component

Within the framework of the SWITCH-Med Programme, SCP/RAC participated in the drafting of the Demo Component project proposal which

was approved in December 2013. The project will run for 4 years (2014-2017) and it will be jointly implemented by UNEP/MAP, UNIDO, UNEP/DTIE and SCP/RAC.

Under this component, SCP/RAC will receive around €7.5 million for the development of a Training and Support Programme for Green Entrepreneurs and Civil Society, the implementation of SCP pilot activities and the coordination of a networking and communication facility that will contribute to the visibility, effectiveness, long-term sustainability and impact of the SWITCH-Med Programme.

Med RESCP: Post Rio+20 Promotion of the adoption of sustainable consumption and production patterns, in particular resource efficiency, in the Mediterranean region

SCP/RAC prepared, together with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), a project proposal to support Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries in implementing SCP in existing and new companies while reducing their environmental impact and providing access to finance.

The project will be fully in line with the objectives of SWITCH-Med and will complement it and provide an added value through the establishment of mechanisms for financial support to industries from Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan and the provision of technical support to developing countries not covered by SWITCH-Med, namely Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro and Turkey.

The proposal has been submitted to the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Secretariat with the objective of it being recognised as a UfM project during the next UfM Inter-ministerial Conference that will be held in Athens in May 2014.

Project proposal to define the green economy concept for the Mediterranean

SCP/RAC led the preparation phase of a joint project proposal with Plan Bleu and PAP/RAC entitled “A Blue Economy for a Healthy Mediterranean” that has been submitted to the MAVA Foundation. The aim of the project was to define a clear and common definition of the concept of green economy as applied to the Mediterranean, called here the ‘blue economy’, and to define the operational tools that can be used to achieve this concept (policies, measures, best practices...).

Project proposal to support green entrepreneurs in preventing the use of POPs

The project proposal, “Supporting Green Entrepreneurs for a POP-free Mediterranean”, was submitted to the annual convening of the “Small Grant Project”, set-up by the Committee of the Stockholm Convention for its Regional Centres. The project aims at supporting new companies wanting to phase out POPs and the use of toxic chemicals in the design and production stages of its products.

ANNEX 1: Decision IG.21/10 Development of an Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean

Decision IG.21/10

Development of an Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean

The 18th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling that, at the Rio+20 Summit, Heads of State and Government reaffirmed that promoting sustainable consumption and production (SCP) patterns was an overarching objective of, and essential requirement for, sustainable development and that, accordingly they strengthened their commitment to accelerate the shift towards SCP patterns with the adoption of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns,

Recalling Article 4 of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal zone as well as relevant chapters of the Mediterranean Action Plan Phase II,

Recalling that the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), adopted by the 14th Conference of Parties in November 2005 (Portoroz, Slovenia), identifies changing “unsustainable production and consumption patterns” and ensuring “the sustainable management of natural resources” as a main objective to attain sustainable development in the region,

Noting that the 16th Conference of the Parties of the Barcelona Convention (Marrakech, November 2009) identified sustainable consumption and production (SCP) as one of the six thematic priorities of MAP’s Strategic Five-Year Programme 2010-2014,

Recalling that the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Paris, February 2012) reaffirmed the commitment of the Barcelona Convention to support, at Mediterranean level, capacity building and other activities associated with green economy as means to achieve sustainable development, such as the promotion of sustainable consumption and production patterns,

Fully aware that the SCP tools are well anchored in the articles of the LBS Protocol, such as Article 5.4, which provides for the implementation of Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Best Environmental Practices (BEP) whose definition in Annex IV of the Protocol provides for SCP tools to phase out inputs of the substances that are toxic, persistent and bioaccumulate; as well as Article 9.(c) according to which countries shall promote access to and transfer of cleaner production technology, a term that now includes Resource Efficiency according to UNEP,

Acknowledging that SCP provides relevant tools for the implementation of Article 5.2 of the Hazardous Wastes Protocol according to which Parties shall take all appropriate measures to reduce to a minimum, and where possible eliminate, the generation of hazardous wastes,

Acknowledging that the SCP instruments are central to the implementation of Article 9 of the IZCM Protocol on the sustainable development of economic activities in the immediate proximity to, or within, the coastal zones (e.g., agriculture, aquaculture, fishing, infrastructure, industry, mineral exploitation, recreational activities, seawater for desalination, tourism), for which planning and management require an appropriate mix of regulatory, technical, economic, and market oriented measures,

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Conscious that the state of the marine and coastal Mediterranean ecosystems is impacted by human activities and, therefore, by the models of consumption and production on which those activities are based; and that the use of the appropriate SCP tools constitute important means for the protection of marine and coastal ecosystems,

Taking note of the work made by the Secretariat, with the support of SCP/RAC, in preparing a draft document on SCP, which was reviewed by the MCSD members and the SCP/RAC Focal Points during their respective meetings in June 2013,

Noting the support granted by the European Union, through the SWITCH-Med programme, to the promotion of SCP in the Mediterranean,

Aware of the fact that a broad participatory process, with active involvement of all key SCP stakeholders and partners, is central to the development of an SCP Action Plan adapted to the reality of the Mediterranean region,

Decides to:

Request the Secretariat to prepare, according to the timeline presented in Annex I, with the support of the SCP/RAC and timely and constant involvement of relevant National Focal Points, a Mediterranean SCP Action Plan including the corresponding Roadmap, addressing the Region's common priorities for sustainable development, including pollution reduction; and identifying SCP actions and tools to effectively implement the obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;

Further request that the Action Plan be designed as a dynamic and forward-looking framework, integrating the potential of the different policy instruments and measures addressing targeted human activities which have a particular impact on the marine and coastal environment and related transversal/cross-cutting issues;

Urge the Secretariat to ensure that the Action Plan proposes a set of actions to work in synergy with and complement existing regional and national policy frameworks addressing the shift to sustainable patterns of consumption and production and in particular the MSSD.

ANNEX 2: Article 9 of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter

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- (a) Development and implementation of appropriate policy, legal instruments and institutional arrangements, including adequate management plans for solid waste also including those originating from sewer systems, which shall incorporate marine litter prevention and reduction measures;
- (b) Monitoring and assessment programmes for marine litter;
- (c) Measures to prevent and reduce marine litter;
- (d) Programmes of removal and environmentally sound disposal of existing marine litter according to the national legislation about management of this kind of waste; and
- (e) Awareness raising and education programmes.

Article 8

Legal and institutional aspects

1. For the purpose of implementing the Regional Plan, the Contracting Parties shall adopt as appropriate the necessary legislation and/or establish adequate institutional arrangements to ensure efficient marine litter reduction and the prevention of its generation.
2. To this aim the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to ensure:
 - (a) Institutional coordination, where necessary, among the relevant national policy bodies and relevant regional organisations and programmes, in order to promote integration; and
 - (b) Close coordination and collaboration between national regional and local authorities in the field of marine litter management.
3. The Contracting Parties shall give due consideration to the implementation of the relevant related provisions of the Protocols³ adopted in the framework of the Barcelona Convention affecting marine litter management to enhance efficiency, synergies and maximise the results.

Article 9

Prevention of marine litter

In conformity with the objectives and principles of the Regional Plan the Contracting Parties shall:

³ Specifically in the framework of the Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Preventing Pollution from Ships and, in Cases of Emergency, Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea, 2002 (Port reception facilities); Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea, 1995 (waste dumping prohibition); Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, 1995 (Regional Plans to protect endangered species; establishment of SPA and SPAMIs); Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil, 1994 (prohibition of the disposal of garbage from offshore installations); and the Protocol on the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, 1996.

Land-based Sources

1. By the year 2025 at latest, to base urban solid waste management on reduction at source, applying the following waste hierarchy as a priority order in waste prevention and management legislation and policy: prevention, preparing for re-use, recycling, other recovery, e.g. energy recovery and environmentally sound disposal.
2. By the year 2019 implement adequate waste reducing/reusing/recycling measures in order to reduce the fraction of plastic packaging waste that goes to landfill or incineration without energy recovery.
3. By the year 2017 explore and implement to the extent possible prevention measures related to:
 - (a) Extended Producer Responsibility strategy by making the producers, manufacturer brand owners and first importers responsible for the entire life-cycle of the product with measures prioritizing the hierarchy of waste management in order to encourage companies to design products with long durability for reuse, recycling and materials reduction in weight and toxicity;
 - (b) Sustainable Procurement Policies contributing to the promotion of the consumption of recycled plastic-made products;
 - (c) Establishment of voluntary agreements with retailers and supermarkets to set an objective of reduction of plastic bags consumption as well as selling dry food or cleaning products in bulk and refill special and reusable containers;
 - (d) Fiscal and economic instruments to promote the reduction of plastic bag consumption;
 - (e) Establishment of Deposits, Return and Restoration System for expandable polystyrene boxes in the fishing sector;
 - (f) Establishment of Deposits, Return and Restoration System for beverage packaging prioritizing when possible their recycling; and
 - (g) Establish procedures and manufacturing methodologies together with plastic industry, in order to minimize the decomposition characteristics of plastic, to reduce micro-plastic.
4. By the year 2020 take necessary measures to establish as appropriate adequate urban sewer, wastewater treatment plants, and waste management systems to prevent run-off and riverine inputs of litter.

Sea-based Sources

5. In accordance with Article 14 of the Prevention and Emergency Protocol explore and implement to the extent possible by 2017, ways and means to charge reasonable cost for the use of port reception facilities or when applicable, apply No-Special-Fee system. The Contracting Parties shall also take the necessary steps to provide ships using their ports with updated information relevant to the obligation arising from Annex V of MARPOL Convention⁴ and from their legislation applicable in the field.
6. Explore and implement to the extent possible by the year 2017 the "Fishing for Litter" environmentally sound practices, in consultation with the competent international and regional organizations, to facilitate clean up of the floating litter and the seabed from

⁴ International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships.

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- marine litter caught incidentally and/or generated by fishing vessels in their regular activities including derelict fishing gears.
7. Explore and implement to the extent possible by the year 2017 "Gear marking to indicate ownership" concept and "reduced ghost catches through the use of environmental neutral upon degradation of nets, pots and traps concept", in consultation with the competent international and regional organizations in the fishing sector.
 8. Apply by the year 2020 the cost effective measures to prevent any marine littering from dredging activities taking into account the relevant guidelines adopted in the framework of Dumping Protocol of the Barcelona Convention.
 9. The Contracting Parties shall take the necessary measures by the year 2020 to close to the extent possible the existing illegal dump sites on land in the area of the application of the Regional Plan.
 10. The Contracting Parties shall take enforcement measures to combat dumping in accordance with national and regional legislation including littering on the beach, illegal sewage disposal in the sea, the coastal zone and rivers in the area of the application of the Regional Plan.

Article 10

Removing existing marine litter and its environmentally sound disposal⁵

The Contracting Parties shall, where it is environmentally sound and cost effective, remove existing accumulated litter, subject to Environmental Impact Assessment procedure, in particular from specially protected areas and Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMI) and litter impacting endangered species listed in Annexes II and III of the SPA and Biodiversity Protocol. To this aim the Contracting Parties undertake to explore and implement to the extent possible the following measures by the year 2019:

- (a) Identify in collaboration with relevant stakeholders accumulations/hotspots of marine litter and implement national programmes on their regular removal and sound disposal;
- (b) Implement National Marine Litter Cleanup Campaigns on a regular basis;
- (c) Participate in International Coastal Cleanup Campaigns and Programmes;
- (d) Apply as appropriate Adopt-a-Beach or similar practices and enhance public participation role with regard to marine litter management;
- (e) Apply Fishing for Litter in an environmentally sound manner, based on agreed guidelines and best practice, in consultation with the competent international and regional organizations and in partnership with fishermen and ensure adequate collection, sorting, recycling and/or environmentally sound disposal of the fished litter; and
- (f) Charge reasonable costs for the use of port reception facilities or, when applicable apply No-Special-Fee system, in consultation with competent international and regional organizations, when using port reception facilities for implementing the measures provided for in Article 10.

⁵For the implementation of the measures provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Contracting Parties shall take into account the elements presented in the information document *UNEP(DEPI) MED WG 387Inf.13*.

ANNEX 3: Conclusions Document of the SCP/RAC National Focal Points Meeting 2013



Conclusions of the CP/RAC National Focal Points Meeting: *Enhancing the integration of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in the Governance Framework of the Barcelona Convention and MAP,*
18-20 June 2013, Barcelona (Spain)

The CP/RAC National Focal Points (hereinafter CP/RAC NFPs):

Welcome the organization of the joint session of MEDPOL and CP/RAC NFPs and acknowledge the importance of their collaboration in the implementation of the Protocols and the Regional Plans. The CP/RAC NFPs consider that joint sessions between the MAP components contribute to the coordination and efficient implementation of their programmes of work.

Recognize that SCP is well anchored in the existing legal framework of the Barcelona Convention and the Protocols and covers a range of measures and tools that are imperative in achieving the region's common objectives of pollution prevention, reduction, and control as well as sustainable development.

Support CP/RAC's training and support Initiative for Green Entrepreneurs as catalysts of the economic sector's shift to SCP and request CP/RAC to extend the Green Entrepreneurship Initiative to greening established companies.

Congratulate CP/RAC for the work carried out under H2020 CB/MEP and request to systematically inform MAP NFPs on the actions to be developed in their countries during the second phase.

Recognize the importance of the work developed by CP/RAC in supporting countries in the design and implementation of Sustainable Procurement Policies and request CP/RAC to continue providing every possible assistance that stimulates supply and demand for sustainable goods and services.

Request CP/RAC to replicate the actions developed under the BAT4MED in Mediterranean countries that were not covered by the project.

Recognize the need to establish a Mediterranean Network of Experts/Platform of organizations to adapt the EU BREF documents to the countries and SMI-SME of the South Mediterranean specific context and request CP/RAC to include such an activity in the centre's proposal of actions for the next biennium. Accordingly CP/RAC NFPs request CP/RAC to coordinate and act as a catalyst to join forces for the preparation of a project proposal if funds are available.

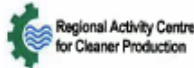
Welcome the technical assistance to Mediterranean countries offered by the EU financed SWITCH-Med Programme and express their appreciation for the support that the EC provides through this Programme to reinforce the Barcelona Convention's efforts to promote SCP and request CP/RAC to explore the possibility to extend the programme to the rest of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention not currently covered by SWITCH-Med as well as to support any further SCP related regional and national activities where appropriate.

Appreciate the work prepared by CP/RAC in identifying proposals for pilot activities under SWITCH-Med Demonstration Component and the CP/RAC NFP of the project's target countries will provide feedback to CP/RAC by the end of July.

Recognize the Consumediamed platform as a very relevant tool to help citizens and consumers to shift to more sustainable consumption choices and lifestyles and to increase the visibility of the many initiatives being successfully developed in the region that may inspire new ones and offer to contribute to enrich the contents of the Platform.

Recognize that the state of the marine and coastal Mediterranean ecosystems is a direct consequence of human activities, and therefore, linked to the models of production and consumption on which those activities are based and state that the use of the appropriate SCP tools constitute important means for the implementation of ECAP.





Request CP/RAC to prepare a draft Decision to be submitted for the consideration of the MAP NFPs on the implementation of a SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean. This Roadmap should¹:

- a) be anchored into the existing regional framework (Barcelona Convention, Protocols and Regional Plans and Strategies).
- b) guide the Mediterranean countries to implement SCP measures and objectives addressing the region's common priorities.
- c) consolidate the Barcelona Convention's leading role in shifting to SCP following the commitment made by the World's Heads of State during the Rio+20 Summit by adopting a 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP that includes the development of support tools like a Global SCP Clearinghouse, as well as any other related international and regional processes.

The draft Decision shall include, inter alia, the following elements:

1. Clear milestones in order to ensure an effective implementation.
2. The proposal for the preparation of a MAP SCP Action Plan contributing to the implementation of the Roadmap.
3. The need to identify other relevant stakeholders including existing frameworks for regional cooperation (UfM, H2020, etc) to be engaged in the implementation of the Roadmap.
4. The need to engage all national stakeholders: relevant Ministries, local governments, producers, retailers, distributors, entrepreneurs, citizens, consumers, educators, and civil society organizations in mainstreaming SCP in their countries.
5. The means of implementation of the Roadmap.
6. The inclusion of the SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean as an Annex.

Offer to provide written comments on the first draft of the SCP Roadmap for the Mediterranean circulated by CP/RAC. Comments should be provided by the 1st week of July in order to be taken into account during the 3rd MSEG expert group meeting to be held on the 11th and 12th of July in Athens.

Appreciated the presentation by Plan Bleu on the revision of the MSSD and discussed the role of the MCSD in relation to the SCP roadmap and its implementation and welcome a more effective and action-oriented approach towards SD, improved monitoring and concrete approaches on how to engage other relevant partners and look beyond 2015 as prerequisite for developing further SD strategic thinking. The development of Road Maps or action plans similar to the SCP Road Map for other priority transversal axes could be part of the work. They also noted the relation of the SCP Roadmap and the relevant MCSD work within the international SD framework.

Request CP/RAC to restructure the current draft of proposals of actions for the following biennium in a way that clearly reflects the actions that the center will develop under the Pollution Prevention and Control Thematic Pillar. This will include the identification of areas of collaboration with MEDPOL and other MAP components.

¹ Statement from the NFP of Italy: Italy is not in the condition to agree on the draft text of the roadmap nor to support the drafting of a COP decision to adopt it at the 18 COP

