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Project and Initiative Background &  
Assessment of Project Pipeline in  
Water Sector

# Background: UfM Mandate

In Paris Declaration, Heads of State/Government affirmed:

## “Projects

29. . . . The partners will set up a favourable environment for the **implementation of projects taking into account the regional, sub-regional and trans-national character** of proposed projects . . . .

The potential to promote balanced and sustainable development, regional and sub-regional integration, cohesion and interconnections will be considered and their financial feasibility including the maximization of private sector financing and participation will be sought.

**Senior Officials will prepare the criteria for the selection of projects to be approved by Foreign Ministers.”**

# Background: UfM Mandate

Final Statement of Foreign Affairs Ministerial (Marseille, 4 November 2008) elaborated the role of the Secretariat:

- ***Gather, within the project priorities, regional, sub-regional or transnational project initiatives (from various sources such as sector ministerial meetings, national or regional authorities, regional groupings, private sector, civil society);***
- ***Examine project initiatives and inform on their implementation to Senior Officials after close coordination with concerned States and funding partners;***
- ***Once approved, work on the basis of the guidelines to be set by Senior Officials;***
- ***The decision making bodies (Summit, Foreign Affairs or sector ministerial conferences, and Senior Officials meetings) will instruct the Secretariat to propose the necessary follow-up in terms of initiating the promotion of projects and the search of partners for their implementation;***

# Background: UfM Mandate in Water

In December 2010, UfM Senior Officials approved Annual UfM Work Programme 2011 including direction on the work of Environment and Water Division:

The primary task for this Division in 2011 is to foster and promote concrete projects which contribute directly to the implementation of the Horizon 2020 Initiative to De-Pollute the Mediterranean (H2020). . . . Euro-Mediterranean Ministers adopted a H2020 Road-Map (2007-2013) to achieve these objectives (Cairo, November 2006).

**Another task is the promotion of the UfM Water agenda.** Following decisions of the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water (Dead Sea, 2008), the Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean was elaborated by a Water Expert Group. **Once approved, this Strategy shall be complemented by an Action Plan, which will match the agreed priorities for action with capacities and financial resources in the region.**

# Background: UfM Mandate in Water

Environment and Water Division Work Programme (cont'd):

## **Projects processing and coordination**

The Division will focus on the following next steps:

- **Promoting dynamic implementation of the Environment/H2020 agenda, promoting tangible projects at national and regional levels**
- **Ensuring completion of strategic action planning for the Water sector and promoting substantive collaborations for development of projects**

# UfM Project Gathering in the Water Sector

## KEY EVENTS

Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water in Jordan (December 2008)

UfM Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Development Projects in Paris (June 2009)

United Cities and Local Government's Conference in Marseille preparing "Contribution of Local and Regional Authorities to the Water Strategy for the Union for the Mediterranean" (November 2009)

UfM FOR'UM conference in Marseille (May 2010)

# Project Gathering in the Water Sector (2)

In the Water Ministerial Conference, Ministers took note of a first list of projects identified as examples to be considered by the UfM process.

Annex 2 provides 32 initiatives (including 2 Horizon 2020 projects and 3 water project presented at earlier Euromed Partnership Meetings) in to the following 5 categories:

- Adaptation to climate change (4 initiatives);
- Balance between supply and demand (9 initiatives including a H2020 project);
- Conservation of natural environments (3 initiatives);
- Depollution of the Mediterranean (8 initiatives including a H2020 project);
- Technologies and efficient use of water (8 initiatives).

Note that most initiatives were simply general projects ideas.

# Project Gathering in the Water Sector (3)

On 27 July 2010, the Co-presidency issued an updated “Indicative List of Projects Identified” summarized in the following:

*“This list of projects, **137 including 27 transnational projects**, has been drawn by updating the first indicative list presented at the Ministerial conference on water of the Union for the Mediterranean, Dead Sea, 22 December 2009 together **with hot spot projects identified for Horizon 2020 initiative**, new projects proposed by UfM members and **7 projects** from the international conference on ‘Contribution of local and regional authorities to the water strategy of the Union for the Mediterranean’ held in Lyon (France) on 23-24 November 2009.*”

*These projects are in line with the Paris Declaration for the Mediterranean and relating to the following priority concerns:*

- Adaptation to climate change (9)
- Balance between supply and demand (15)
- Conservation and rehabilitation of natural environments (19)
- Depollution of the Mediterranean (74)
- Technologies and efficient use of water (20)

***“For the time being and in expectation of the approval of the Mediterranean Strategy for Water, the detailed descriptions of these projects have not been produced by their promoters.”***

# CURRENT PROJECT PIPELINE ASSESSMENT

Since February 2011, the Environment & Water Division has begun an initial review of the project proposals available to the Co-Presidency, as well as potential projects for UfM branding in line with the work programme mandate from the UfM Senior Officials.

Given the Ministerial Statement of Marseille, the Division has regarded all of the 77 Horizon 2020 project proposals as falling under the Environment portfolio and not strictly within the Water portfolio.

With regard to the Water portfolio, the Division has noted that only a limited number of project proposals were forwarded to the Co-Presidency and now the Secretariat.

# CURRENT PROJECT PIPELINE ASSESSMENT

Initially, in regard to the Secretariat's mandate "to increase, promote and ensure the coordination of *regional, sub-regional and transnational* UfM projects in order to improve the socio-economic development, regional integration, sustainable development and the exchange of knowledge among and within the countries of the UfM", **the Division assessed only a limited number project proposals in the water sector from approximately 21 total project proposals received** which have a "*regional, sub-regional or transnational*" character.

The Division has begun to contact these promoters of the project proposals and requested a status update on the project proposals as well as requested additional information and is still collecting this information.

Further, an additional **10 new project proposals** and **3 updated project proposals** have been received by the Secretariat following the invitation to today's WEG.

# A NEW OPPORTUNITY

## SUPPORT FROM THE WEG MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

PLEASE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE PROJECT FACT SHEET/FICHÉ AND THE PROJECT GUIDELINES.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PREPARE NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS INCLUDING UPDATING PROJECT IDEAS IN PROPOSAL FORM.

PLEASE CONNECT THE DIVISION WITH YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL COUNTERPARTS WHO ARE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS FOR HORIZON 2020 BECAUSE THE WEG HAS A CONTINUING ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS WHICH IMPACT OUR WATER.



**THANK YOU**