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The MSP Master Plan: Goals, Content Structure, Working Methods, Next Steps

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Background in the UFM Context

- Launch of the Mediterranean Solar Plan (MSP) as a flagship initiative of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) at the Paris Summit of July 2008
- Key tool for promoting the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency in UfM member states
- Build-up of at least 20 GW of new generation capacities from renewable energy sources by 2020
- Elaboration of an MSP Master Plan by 2012

Mandate

- Paris Declaration of 13.07.2008: Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfMS) tasked to explore the feasibility, development and creation of the MSP
- Senior Officials Meeting of 12.11.2010: calling upon the UfMS to “coordinate the development of the Action Plan and Master Plan in close cooperation with the European Commission and the UfM Member States”
- Key Point of Reference: Strategy Paper adopted in early 2010 at the technical level

Political Context

- UNFCCC Climate change negotiations (Copenhagen , Cancun...)
- Europe 20-20-20 / Directive 2009/28/EC: setting clear, binding and measurable targets in terms of new productive capacities from renewable energy sources
- Adoption of national renewable energy strategies by many Mediterranean Partner Countries
- Launch of like-minded high-profile initiatives by private business and non-state actors
- Development of new financial support schemes by international financial institutions

Main Objectives

- Defining ways of how to tackle key issues related to a large-scale, market-driven deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies in UfM Member States.
- Developing a “road map” that will identify the necessary steps and framework conditions to reach this goal.
- Providing a platform where representatives of member states, and other stakeholders, can meet and exchange.
- Serving as an interface and a focal point for the various projects and initiatives at national and regional levels, while building on their results and recommendations.

Content Structure

- Further improvement of the framework conditions in UfM countries, taking into account results and propositions of ongoing initiatives and projects, in particular "PWMSP"
 - framework conditions for a large-scale and self-sustained deployment of 'R3E' in the UfM area
 - financial support mechanisms
 - capacity development tools
- Concise roadmap detailing the phases, activities and precise timelines for the implementation of the MSP

Working Methods

- Key principles: transparency and co-ownership , efficiency and effectiveness , mobilisation of available know-how and expertise
- Establishment of common working platforms :
- Joint Committee of National Experts of Member States
- Drafting Group for the Preparation of the Master Plan
- Technical Expertise Network to support both of them
- Plus technical seminars and policy workshops
- UfMS will prepare activities and assume follow-up, in collaboration with MS and COM, building on existing platforms & networks of communication & cooperation



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