

## Report

### MSSD Review - Consultation workshops

#### Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6

Seas and Coasts (TWG1)

Natural resources, rural development and food (TWG2)

Climate (TWG3)

Sustainable cities (TWG4)

Governance (TWG6)

## Context

In the framework of the review of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development ([MSSD review](#)), and in close collaboration with both the Chair of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD Chair, Marguerite Camilleri, Malta) and the Coordination Unit of Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP Secretariat), Plan Bleu organized consultation workshops for Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. The meetings were held in Sophia-Antipolis, France, in Plan Bleu headquarters, on 19-20 November, 2014. These consultation workshops aimed at contributing to the preparation of MSSD 2.0 in allowing key Mediterranean stakeholders to take part in the different reflections among the various TWGs, especially in order to define strategic directions and oriented actions for each thematic area.

Held immediately after the conclusion of the online consultation process (17 October – 21 November), this set of face-to-face meetings aimed at improving and consolidating the outputs of the stakeholder consultations, especially for 4 of the 6 MSSD2.0 themes, namely: TWG1: Seas and coasts; TWG2: Natural resources, rural development and food; TWG3: Climate; TWG4: Sustainable cities, including integrated coastal zone management. The thematic expert in charge of the theme 6 “Governance” moderated also a participatory session with stakeholders who contributed to the previous online consultation. TWG5 has already had a face-to-face meeting at the end of September 2014, in collaboration with SCP/RAC.

## Agenda (see details in Annex)

### November, 19<sup>th</sup>

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| 09:00 – 11:20 | Plenary session with TWGs 1, 2, 4 and 6   |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Working groups session 1: TWGs 1, 2 and 4 (priority issues)                       |
| 14:00 – 16:10 | Working groups session 2: TWGs 1, 2 and 4 (strategic directions, links with SDGs) |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | Plenary session with TWGs 1, 2, 4 and 6   |



## November, 20<sup>th</sup>

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | Working groups session 3: TWGs 1, 2 and 4 (actions and flagship initiatives)<br>TWG 6: working group<br>TWG 3: Presentation and introduction to the workshop |
| 10:50 – 12:30 | Joint session (group presentations) and general discussion   |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | Working group session 4: TWG 3 (priority issues, strategic directions, SDGs)   |
| 16:15 – 17:15 | Working group session 5: TWG 3 (actions and flagship initiatives)  |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | TWG 3: Group presentation and summary  |

## Group distribution (see details in Annex)

The consultation workshops gathered different categories of stakeholders, officially nominated or participating on a voluntary basis, namely decision-makers of national agencies and countries' representatives (national focal points, MCSD members), key regional organisations including NGOs, experts and scientists, in addition of MAP system stakeholders (UNEP/MAP Secretariat, RACs). 14 of the 21 Mediterranean countries were represented.

- TWG 1: 14 participants, discussion moderated by Jeremy Hills, thematic expert
- TWG 2: 10 participants, discussion moderated by Pere Tomas-Vives, thematic expert
- TWG 3: 31 participants, discussion moderated by Stéphane Simonet, thematic expert
- TWG 4: 14 participants, discussion moderated by Ivica Trumbic, thematic expert
- TWG 6: 6 participants, discussion moderated by Sofia Frantzi, thematic expert

## Plenary sessions

On the morning of the November 19<sup>th</sup>, a plenary session got together the different stakeholders from each of the TWGs in order to present the organization of the workshops. Plan Bleu and Spyros Kouvelis (senior advisor) presented briefly the methodological guidelines for MSSD 2.0 and the related TWGs, as well as where we stand within the MSSD Review process. This first plenary session gave time as well to the thematic experts to present a summary of the results coming from the previous stakeholders online consultations. In addition, at the end of the day, the rapporteurs of TWGs 1, 2, and 4 were invited to present the outcomes of the different working groups sessions led during the day.

Another joint session took place on the morning of November 20<sup>th</sup> in presence of TWG 3 participants. It allowed the rapporteurs and thematic experts to present their preliminary deliverables in order to support a general discussion on the inter-linkages between the various MSSD 2.0 thematic areas.

## Consultation workshops and working group sessions

In line with the methodology provided by the MCSD Steering Committee and following standard templates provided by the MSSD Review Core Team, all TWGs proceeded according to the same systematic approach.

The working group sessions were generally devoted to the presentation of and discussion on the results of the stakeholder online consultation, notably for the validation and improvement of selected issues and strategic directions, pointing out as clearly as possible links with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in preparation at the global level (United Nations). Indeed the working group sessions aimed at linking each of the MSSD 2.0 strategic directions to the preliminary SDGs. The SDGs and their targets will even constitute another source of detailed information. In addition working group sessions aimed at identifying and defining relevant actions and flagship initiatives both at national and regional levels.

Associating a visionary approach with concrete and oriented actions was also an important assignment addressed by TWGs. In terms of recommendations, each TWG had to define for each strategic direction a set of actions that have to be implemented at national and/or regional level.

Concerning the identification of some flagship initiatives, the works consisted to highlight existing programmes and projects in order to strengthen them, or to look for new and specific responses that could be identified as emerging from MSSD 2.0. Several flagship initiatives were identified and selected for their visibility, their ability to be easily communicated and to encapsulate some of the key aims and approaches of MSSD, and finally according to their capacity to develop direct impacts on people's quality of live.

Each TWG has been brought to fill-in the following generic template:

| N°  | Priority issues | Strategic directions | Main SDGs addressed | Regional actions | National actions | Flagship initiatives |
|-----|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1   |                 |                      |                     |                  |                  |                      |
| 2   |                 |                      |                     |                  |                  |                      |
| 3   |                 |                      |                     |                  |                  |                      |
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## Conclusion / Additional comments

At the end of the workshops, several remarks were raised concerning the outputs of the consultation process, as follows:

- The TWG2, due to time constraints and the width of the theme, handled partially the concern of food and did not deal with food security at all.
- Concerning the TWG4, it was agreed that air quality would be dealt with under cities and that information and awareness under governance, as well as financing.
- From the TWG3, it was noted that climate change is now often portrayed in developing countries as a strategic development agenda that already allows via an adaptation agenda, a focus on women, the poor and other vulnerable groups.



- Finally, the four themes of the Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Action Plan were clarified by Spyros Kouvelis, namely: Food and agriculture, Housing and infrastructure, Goods manufacturing, and Tourism.

Otherwise, the consultation workshops, especially during the plenary sessions, started to draw attention of the issues relating to the implementation of the strategy – regarding the fact that there were not enough follow up and promotion of the MSSD 1.0. French representative noted that MSSD 2.0 should be addressed to the entire Mediterranean region and not only among the MAP system. The visibility of MSSD 2.0 should be improved by its promotion at different levels, to different publics (governments, stakeholders, general public...) and notably by the communication of concrete projects.

In this sense, an implementation plan/strategy should be drawn up and added to MSSD 2.0 after Malta conference. [MSSD Review Conference will take place in Malta with kind hosting of Maltese Government on 17-18 February 2015]. This implementation plan should be especially addressed for countries in order to help them to renew their national strategy for sustainable development in the light of Rio +20 and MSSD 2.0, as mentioned by a Tunisian delegate.

In this regard, the concept of Green economy was particularly pointed out as a useful communication tool for presenting the strategy. Indeed, as shown by Morocco with a successfully introduction of the “green growth” into its agenda, Jeremy Hills noted that business must have a much greater role in the MSSD 2.0 implementation in developing a more business-oriented wording but in inviting more business organisation to the Malta conference as well.

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## Appendix 1: Consolidated agenda

### Thematic Working Groups TWGs 1, 2, 3, 4:

**TWG1: Seas and coasts / TWG2: Natural resources, rural development and food / TWG3: Climate / TWG4: Sustainable cities, including Integrated Coastal Zone Management**

### **CONSULTATION WORKSHOP - AGENDA**

Plan Bleu, Sophia-Antipolis, France, 19-20 November 2014

#### **19 November (TWGs 1, 2 and 4)**

- 8:45 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 9:10 Welcome (Hugues Ravenel, Plan Bleu Director; Atila Uras, UNEP/MAP Secretariat; Marguerite Camilleri, MCSD Chair)
- 9:10 – 9:20 Presentation of the agenda
- 9:20 – 9:40 Presentation of MSSD Review process - Methodological guidelines for MSSD 2.0 and related TWGs (Julien Le Tellier, Plan Bleu; Spyros Kouvelis, Senior Adviser)
- 9:40 – 09:50 Questions & Answers
- 09:50 – 10:00 Presentation of the results of online consultation (TWG 1) (Jeremy Hills)
- 10:00 – 10:10 Presentation of the results of online consultation (TWG2) (Pere Tomas-Vives)
- 10:10 – 10:20 Presentation of the results of online consultation (TWG4) (Ivica Trumbic)
- 10:20 – 10:30 Presentation of the results of online consultation (TWG6) (Sofia Frantzi)
- 10:30 – 10:50 Questions & Answers
- 10:50 – 11:10 *Coffee break*
- 11:10 – 11:20 Introduction to the Working Groups (Julien Le Tellier)
- 11:20 – 12:30 Working Groups (issues, strategic directions including links with SDGs)
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00 – 16:10 Working Groups (issues, strategic directions including links with SDGs to be concluded, plus actions and flagship initiatives)
- 16:10 – 16:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:30 – 18:00 Joint session - Group presentations (thematic experts) and discussion
- 18:00: Closing of day 1 (Spyros Kouvelis)

#### **20 November (TWGs 1, 2, 3, 4)**



## Review of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

|               | <b>TWGs 1, 2, 4</b>  | <b>TWG 3</b>  |
|---------------|--|---|
| 8:45 – 9:00   |  | Registration  |
| 9:00 – 9:10   | Opening of second day  | Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hugues Ravenel, Plan Bleu Director;</li> <li>- Atila Uras, UNEP/MAP Secretariat;</li> <li>- Marguerite Camilleri, MCSD Chair</li> </ul> |
| 9:10 – 9:20   | Working groups<br>(issues, strategic directions, plus actions and flagship initiatives to be concluded)<br><br>Possible cross group meetings, if necessary | Presentation of the agenda  |
| 9:20 – 9:40   |  | Presentation of MSSD Review process - Methodological guidelines for MSSD 2.0 and related TWGs (Julien Le Tellier, Plan Bleu; Spyros Kouvelis, Senior Adviser)                             |
| 9:40 – 10:00  |  | Presentation of the results of online consultation (TWG3) (Stéphane Simonet, thematic expert)   |
| 10:00 – 10:20 |  | Questions & Answers   |
| 10:20 – 10:30 |  | Introduction to the workshops (Stéphane Simonet)  |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | <i>Coffee break</i>  |   |
| 10:50 – 11:30 | TWGs 1, 2, 3, and 4 joint session: Group presentations of results in presence of TWG3 (rapporteurs, thematic experts)                                      |   |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | General discussion   |   |
| 12:30         | Closing of TWGs 1, 2, 4  |   |

### **TWG 3 (continued)**

- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00 – 16:00 Working groups (issues, strategic directions)
- 16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee break*
- 16:15 – 17:15 Working groups (actions and possible flagship initiatives)
- 17:15 – 18:00 Group presentations (Stéphane Simonet)
- 18:00 – 18:30 Summary and closing (Spyros Kouvelis and Stéphane Simonet)

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