

# Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development – MSSD 2016-2025

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Barcelona Convention

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# MSSD Review: COP 18 decision (Istanbul, 2013)

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- “(CPs) Request MAP Secretariat to launch the process of the review of the MSSD with a view to submitting a revised MSSD for consideration and adoption by the Contracting Parties in their 19th Meeting”



# A broad and inclusive consultation process

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- February 2014: MSSD Review officially launched in Malta
- April/May 2014: Online consultation on issues and vision (60 stakeholders)
- June 2014: MCSD Steering Committee Meeting (structure and vision agreed)
- July-November 2014: Thematic Working Groups (400 participants): online consultations and participatory workshops (strategic directions and actions)
- January 2015: Draft MSSD 2016-2015
- 17–18 February 2015: MSSD Review Conference in Malta
- 9–11 June 2015: MCSD Meeting in Morocco
- 13-15 October 2015: Draft decision discussed and amended at MAP NFPs meeting (Greece)
- 9-12 February 2016: Adoption of the Strategy 2016-2025 by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention at COP 19 (Greece)



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# Scope of the MSSD 2016-2025

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- The aim of the Strategy is to provide **a strategic policy framework** to secure a sustainable future for the Mediterranean region.
- It also to adapt international commitments to regional conditions, to guide national sustainable development strategies and to stimulate regional cooperation in the achievement of sustainable development objectives.
- Ultimately, the Strategy aims at linking effectively the need to protect the environment and natural resources to economic development and employment.
- MSSD 2016-2025 can contribute significantly to the long-term sustainable development vision of the Mediterranean region, especially within the context of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and the adoption of the **SDGs** by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015.



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# Guiding principles of the MSSD 2016-2025

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A set of guiding principles also informs the Strategy:

- the importance of an integrated approach to environmental and development planning;
- an openness to a plurality of future development models;
- a balanced approach to territorial development;
- the precautionary and polluter pays principles;
- a participatory approach to policy and decision-making;
- the importance of evidence-based policy;
- the reconciliation of long- and short-term in terms of planning and evaluation;
- transparency; and,
- the partnership between the MAP system and other international and regional organizations.



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# Objectives of the MSSD 2016-2025

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- 1) Ensuring sustainable development in marine and coastal areas – TWG1**  
Seas and coasts
- 2) Promoting resource management, food production and security through sustainable forms of rural development – TWG2** Natural resources, rural development and food
- 3) Planning and managing sustainable Mediterranean cities – TWG4**  
Sustainable cities, including ICZM
- 4) Addressing climate change as a priority issue for the Mediterranean – TWG3** Climate
- 5) Transition towards a green and blue economy – TWG5** Green economy, including SCP
- 6) Governance in support of sustainable development – TWG6** Governance

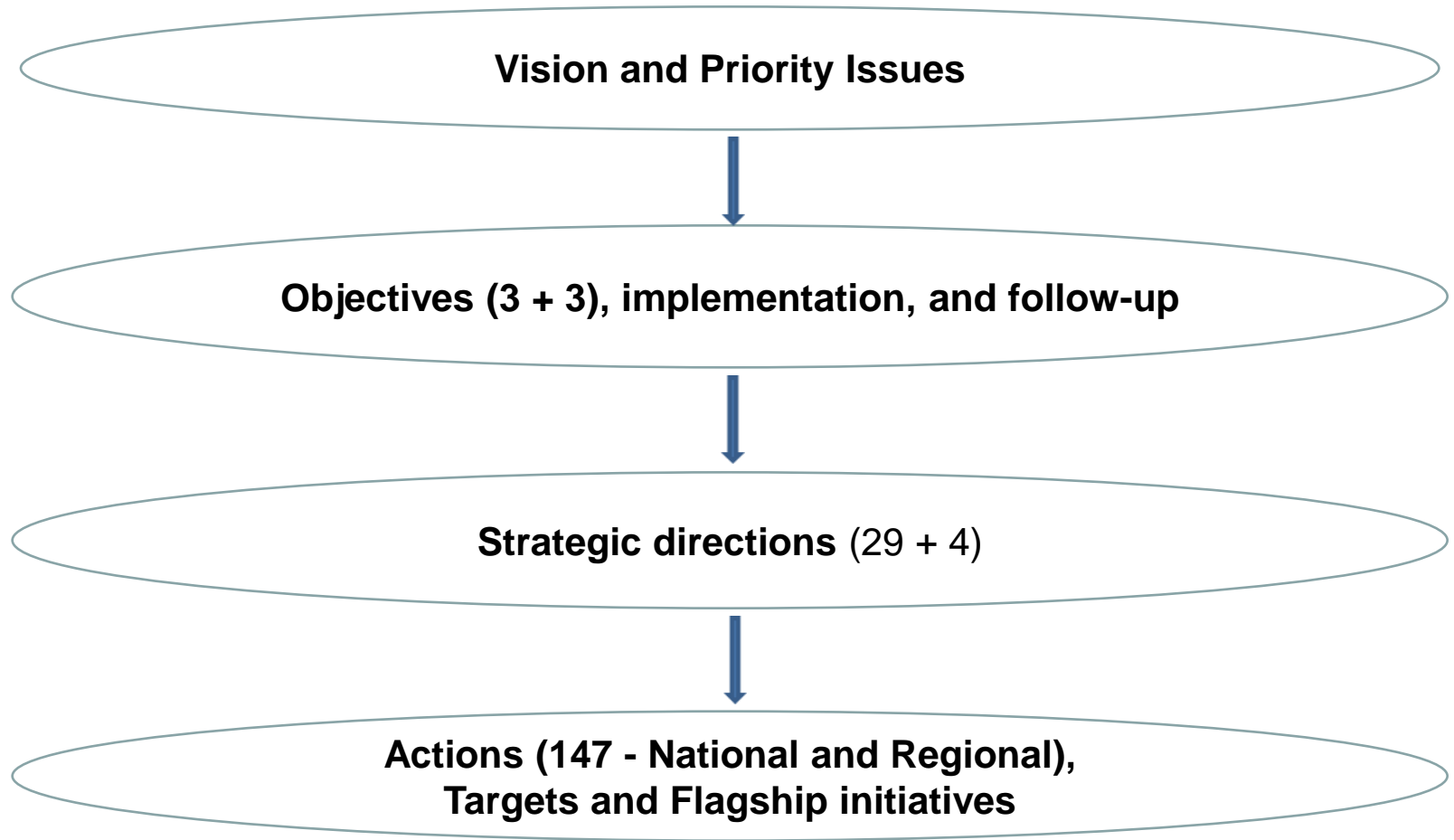


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# Structure of the MSSD 2016-2025

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# Implementation of the MSSD 2016-2025

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Implementation of the MSSD is a collective process.

Although facilitated by MAP and the MCSD, it is the participation and active role of all stakeholders, either those involved in the development of the Strategy, or those that will become involved in its implementation through activities that will play a decisive role for successful delivery of the Strategy:

- ✓ MAP Secretariat and components (RACs)
- ✓ MCSD
- ✓ Contracting Parties
- ✓ Intergovernmental and regional and sub-regional institutions
- ✓ The private sector
- ✓ Science/Academia
- ✓ Civil society, including MAP partners



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# Financing the implementation of the MSSD

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The resources for financing the strategy implementation cannot and should not be expected to come from only one or a few sources.

It is a collective effort, through which the sum will be much greater than the addition of the parts, thanks to the synergies developed and economies of scale achieved.

- ✓ National budgets of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention
- ✓ Coordination between MAP and other regional and sub-regional intergovernmental institutions and development agencies
- ✓ The private sector



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# Monitoring system and indicators

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A comprehensive monitoring system and relevant indicators are necessary for the implementation of the Strategy.

The following two requirements must be adequately covered:

- ✓ Monitoring the implementation of the actions recommended in the Strategy: the level of implementation and gaps in the objectives in terms of actions (for example, the number of countries complying with a protocol).
- ✓ Monitoring the progress of sustainable development issues: the sustainability dashboard in relation to the objectives in terms of sustainability (for example, improve water efficiency).



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# Roadmap towards an implementation plan (1)

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MCSD SC, MAP Secretariat, Plan Bleu

- Objectives
- Monitoring actions, priority actions of implementation, flagship initiatives, targets, pilot projects)
- Networking: countries, MCSD, RACs, MAP partners, key regional organizations, experts (task force?)
- Work plan with deliverables (reports, specific documents)
- Awareness raising activities (dissemination) – Good practices at MCSD...
- Tricky points: How to raise interest and involve other ministries?



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# Roadmap towards an implementation plan (2)

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- Dissemination: Editing the MSSD in a user-friendly format, MSSD Webpage...
- Simplified Peer Review Mechanism, with 2-4 countries on a voluntary basis. Building on strengths of each country (exchanges of good practices). To be used also for MSSD dissemination
- Networking, lobbying actions close to regional organizations
- Identify and promote good practices and projects at national and local level,
- Sustainability Dashboard – Follow-up and monitoring of the MSSD implementation
- Flagship initiatives: Science – Policy Interface, Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award, etc.



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