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Introduction

The objectives of the meeting of 2nd ENI SEIS Sought Supporting Mechanism Regional Workshop on Indicators are to assess the current progress on indicator development and assessment; to review and agree as appropriate on the proposed indicators on water, industrial emission and waste management including marine litter; and their methodological specifications; assess reporting processes including regional infrastructure; and review related data collection and gaps. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available in all plenary sessions throughout the meeting.

The following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda are prepared to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 09.15 on 17 April 2018 by the Coordinator of UN Environment/MAP – Barcelona Convention, Mr. Gaetano Leone. Opening remarks will be delivered by European Environmental Agency (EEA).

Session 1: Refinement of H2020 Indicative review mechanism

Under this agenda item, the UN Environment/MAP Secretariat will present the progress on relevant indicator-based assessment processes envisaged under Programme of Work 2018-2019.

EEA will present ongoing regional assessment processes at EU level and related to Joint EEA/MAP Report.

UN Environment/MAP -Plan Blue and EEA will present the mapping of existing indicator and relevant processes, linking with the ongoing Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) process as well as regional processes such as Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), H2020 Initiative, NAPs, SCP Action Plan and IMAP implementation.

It is envisaged for the participants to intervene and provide feedback as well as provide information on indicator development at national level including lessons learnt and success stories.

UN Environment/MAP-Info-RAC will present the results of the Regional Survey undertaken to assess the management of the data flow in terms of infrastructure and reporting.



UN Environment/MAP -MED POL/Info-RAC will present NBB/PRTR MEDPOL Information System.

UN Environment/MAP-MED POL will present the main elements of the first draft of a PRTR Implementing Guide.

The participants are expected to provide feedback and guidance on the way forward as well as on relevant developments at national level.

Session 2. Review of H2020 indicators

The aim of this session is to review and agree on the proposed indicator specifications, with a particular focus on uncertainties, quality assurance related issues, data availability and the way forward to close the gaps aiming at initiating quality assured data flows generation.

The meeting will breakout into 3 sub-groups on water, industrial emissions and waste.

The groups will be supported by UN Environment/MAP-MED POL and Plan Bleu, and EEA thematic experts. Each session will be moderated by specific guiding questions per each thematic area. The sub-groups are expected to be interactive with dynamic intervention by the participants.

Industrial Emission Cluster: In this session, overview and discussions on the required data and calculation methods for each indicator will be carried out. Feedback will be sought from countries on existing mechanisms presently in place for obtaining required data and calculating the proposed H2020 indicators. Survey of difficulties facing individual countries for obtaining required data for the indicators will be undertaken. Concluding remarks of overall challenges facing the countries for reporting on the proposed H2020 industrial emissions indicators will be developed. Way forward to mitigate identified difficulties with the aim of assisting countries for timely and accurate reporting of the proposed H2020 indicators will be elaborated.

Water Cluster: In this session, the process of revision of the H2020 water indicators and how these are linked to other regional processes will be presented. As part of the indicators “testing phase”, main outcomes from the consultations with countries will be discussed, in particular on data availability and shortcomings. The session will address methodological specifications, uncertainties and approaches to fill in identified gaps, in view of populating the water indicators. There will be a special focus on the indicators cluster related to municipal wastewater management (Ind 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3) and aggregation at the coastal hydrological basin. The session is expected to be interactive and based on mutual learning, illustrated by the experiences in the implementation of some of the water indicators by different ENI-South countries.

Waste Management Cluster: This sub group is expected to discuss the first draft of waste indicator specifications, including policy context and methodological aspects of waste indicators and its linkages with marine litter. Special emphasis will be given to definitions according the SDGs, data availability about touristic activities and methodological aspects

about coastal areas. In addition, screening tools and available data bases will be demonstrated as an effort to identify the most proper data sets for assessment of the indicators.

Session 3. Toward 2019 H2020 assessment

EEA and UN Environment/MAP will introduce the main elements of the Joint EEA/MAP Report on Progress of H2020 Initiative for consideration by the meeting.

Session 4. Next steps

The meeting will be invited to discuss the outcomes of the breakout sessions and provide guidance on the way forward.

EEA and UN Environment/MAP will present planned future activities, regional meetings, events etc., including country missions relevant to SEIS project implementation.

The meeting is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 18 April 2018.



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Day 1: 17 April 2018		Interventions
08:45-09:15	Registration	
09:15-09:40	Welcoming remarks and Tour de Table	EEA, UN Environment/MAP, Plan Bleu
Session 1. Refinement of H2020 Initiative review mechanism		
09:40-10:10	Overview of recently prepared or planned Indicator-based assessment processes of relevance for the Joint EEA/MAP report on the progress of H2020 Initiative	UN Environment/MAP, EEA
10:10-10:45	Review and mapping of existing regional and national indicators of relevance for H2020 Initiative (NAP/IMAP, MSSD, SCP, SDGs, etc.)	UN Environment/MAP, Plan Bleu,
10:45-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:00	Data requirements, infrastructure development including meta data catalogue and linkages with other relevant reporting processes	EEA, INFO/RAC
12:00-13:00	National Budget Baselines update and NBB/PRTR Info System development	INFO/RAC; UN Environment/MAP
13:00-14:30	Lunch	
Session 2. Review of H2020 indicators		
14:30-15:45	Break-out sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Group 1: Waste including marine litter– Group 2: Wastewater– Group 3: Industrial emissions including hazardous waste <u>Each group will focus on:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Indicators factsheets (definition, geographical aspects);– Linkages with MSSD, SCP, IMAP and SDG indicators;– Data collection and data gaps;– The major tracks for filling the data gaps (capacity building, best practices and lessons learned);– Data quality assurance.	Thematic experts, UN Environment/MAP, EEA
15:45-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-17:30	Break-out sessions continued	Thematic experts, UN Environment/MAP, EEA
17:30	End of Day 1	

Day 2: 18 April 2018		Interventions
Session 2. Review of H2020 indicators (continued)		
09:00-10:30	Break-out sessions continued: Key messages and findings	Thematic experts, UN Environment/MAP, EEA
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-13:00	Plenary Session: Feedback from break-out groups, recap and follow up actions	Rapporteur of each group, Thematic experts
13:00-14:30	Lunch break	
Session 3. Toward 2019 H2020 assessment		
14:30-15:45	Content of Joint EEA/MAP report on the progress of H2020 Initiative and linkages with the other relevant assessment processes	EEA, UN Environment/MAP
15:45-16:00	Coffee break	
Session 4. Next steps		
16:00 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Next steps and way forward– Upcoming activities– Conclusions and closure of the meeting	EEA, UN Environment/MAP
17:00	End of Day 2	