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### 2006-2007 Plan Bleu activities for the follow up of the “Energy and climate change” chapter of the *Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development*



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## MANDATE - CONTEXT - OBJECTIVES – PARTNERSHIP

### Mandate

Plan Bleu has been assigned to follow up the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development and to deeper analyse “energy – climate change” priority field from 2006-2007 onwards. The Centre will have to gather, document and disseminate a set of indicators, deepen analyses and identify good practices. The work has to be undertaken with the voluntary countries, the EU institutions and partners and regional initiatives in the “energy – climate change” field.

### Context

After the setting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) in 1996, the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (the 21 Mediterranean countries and the European Community) adopted in November 2005, on a proposal from the Commission, the “Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development” (MSSD) called for by the Johannesburg Summit. The second priority topic of the MSSD is “Improved rational use of energy, increased renewable energy use and mitigation of and adaptation to climate change”. As for the international level it is all the more relevant since energy for sustainable development is among the thematic cluster issues of the next session of the Commission on sustainable development (CSD15).

In this field of action, the main objectives of the MSSD are to:

- ⇒ Promote the rational use of energy (RUE)
- ⇒ Enhance the potential of renewable energy (RE)
- ⇒ Control, stabilize or reduce, as appropriate, emissions of greenhouse gasses
- ⇒ Mainstream measures for adaptation to climate change among the major objectives in national development plans
- ⇒ Increase access to electricity in rural areas, where necessary

The Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) is a *framework strategy*. It may guide the elaboration of national strategies for sustainable development or help the up-date of existing ones. It must be properly understood that each country must fix its own objectives. The MSSD calls also for strengthening the regional cooperation on sustainable development to reach targeted goals as well as for an intensified follow-up of the progress made and regional experiences sharing.

### Objectives

Objectives of Plan Bleu activities in the field of « energy – climate change » are to support the MCSD to:

- ⇒ produce information easing the follow-up and the implementation of the MSSD and NSSD in the field of « energy – climate change »
- ⇒ speed up the implementation of proactive policies regarding RUE and the development of RE by pointing out the advantages connected to their development (economic, social and environmental ones)
- ⇒ identify the cut-off points, or quite the reverse, the existing levers (or potential ones) in the countries policies, at the national, local and international cooperation levels, to achieve progress towards the MSSD,
- ⇒ follow the evolutions of the region and of the countries regarding the objectives and orientations of the MSSD
- ⇒ obtain information at three levels :
  - (i) At regional scale to have an outlook of the general situation
  - (ii) At national scale
  - (iii) At local scale

### Partners

The activity coordinated and facilitated by the Plan Bleu will be conducted through a close partnership with the Mediterranean networks specialized in energy: the OME and MEDENER. The MEDREP programme, the UMET, « l'Institut de la Méditerranée »/FEMISE and the Barcelona RAC/CP agreed on contributing to this activity. Further to the experts group meeting held on February the 20<sup>th</sup> 2006, these partners accept to form together a technical Steering Committee of this activity.

## 2006-2007 ACTIVITIES

The activities are as follow:

Experts group meeting / Technical Steering Committee	Meeting n°1: 21 February 2006, Plan Bleu, Sophia-Antipolis Meeting n°2: 17 September 2006, side meeting, UMET5, Carthage and e-consulting
MSSD follow-up indicators	Selection, glossary preparation Priority indicators: Document available at: <a href="http://www.planbleu.org/methodologie/indicateursSmddUK.html">http://www.planbleu.org/methodologie/indicateursSmddUK.html</a> Complementary indicators: Document under finalisation
Regional / international studies	3 Studies under production: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Position/situation of the area regarding the Plan Bleu scenarios and MSSD objectives</li> <li>- Market tools (CDM, FDI, ...) and financing of renewable energies and rational use of energy</li> <li>- Co-operation and development assistance policies in the Mediterranean: RE and RUE position</li> </ul>
Regional experts meeting (about 10 participants)	“CDM in the southern Mediterranean countries: strengths and weaknesses, challenges and prospects - links with the EE & ER projects” Organised in partnership with UMET in May 2006 in Paris Summary of the main conclusion is available at: <a href="http://www.planbleu.org/publications/Summary_AtelierMDP_finalEN.pdf">http://www.planbleu.org/publications/Summary_AtelierMDP_finalEN.pdf</a>
National strategic analysis	Number of countries covered: 10 to 14 (Turkey, Egypt, two Northern-African countries) Detailed specifications are available at: <a href="http://www.planbleu.org/publications/cahier_charges_energie_uk.pdf">http://www.planbleu.org/publications/cahier_charges_energie_uk.pdf</a>  Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information on national strategic thought on RE and RUE, the position of the country in its implementation, outlooks and prospective (if available), perspective with the MSSD and the Plan Bleu scenarios.</li> <li>- Two or three case studies including territory examples (cities), sub-sector survey and enabling to concretely show achieved progress, the benefit obtained, the implemented tools, the encountered difficulties, the identified obstacles.</li> <li>- An analytical and more critical synthesis allowing to highlight the main valuable assets and obstacles and to suggest proposals of actions at national level and at the regional cooperation scale.</li> </ul> <p>Countries not covered by a detailed national study will receive a short questionnaire to fill in.</p>
Final report	20 pages
Experts workshop	About 40 participants – 29 and 30 March 2007 - Monaco

## ORGANISATION

The Technical Steering Committee (composed of experts and partners who attended the meeting held on February the 20th, 2006) helps in defining the programme (meeting held on February the 20th, 2006). He will be consulted for advices during the year, via e-mails, in particular as regards national strategic analyses terms of reference and the 2007 final workshop structure.

Plan Bleu will undertake support missions in the voluntary countries, especially in those performing a national strategic study. Voluntary countries will be invited to form a steering committee. The proceedings will be presented to the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development in May 2007.

## CALENDAR

February 2006: experts group meeting / Technical Steering Committee

Mars-May 2006: finalisation of national strategic analysis and regional studies terms of reference

June –October 2006: identification of national experts with voluntary countries, preparations of contracts

May 2006: CDM workshop

May 2006: finalisation of priority indicators glossary sheets

June / November 2006: support missions in the countries

October/November 2006: preparation of a short questionnaire and sending to countries not covered by a national study.

December 2006 – February 2007: delivery of regional studies and national strategic analyses

First quarter 2007: production of the draft of the final report

29 and 30 March 2007: final regional experts workshop to be organised in Monaco

Second quarter 2007: draft of the final report presentation to the MCSD on May 2007

Second semester of 2007: finalisation of the final report

Second semester of 2007: mission support to countries to present conclusions of the final report and initiate a debate at the national level

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### About Plan Bleu

The Blue Plan is a regional activity centre of UNEP/MAP (United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan), created, funded and steered by all riparian countries and the European Community.

Its objective, as defined by an intergovernmental conference held in Split in 1977, is to develop regional cooperation and make available a common knowledge base aimed at facilitating the implementation of development respectful of the environment.

The Blue Plan carries out prospective analyses on the environment and development, and acts as a Mediterranean observatory for sustainable development

As the main support centre to the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), Blue Plan coordinated technically the drafting of the Mediterranean strategy for sustainable development.

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