



# Horizon 2020 Initiative

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# Aims of EU – Mediterranean countries cooperation on environment

- Reduce pollution levels across the region
- Promote sustainable use of the sea and its coastline
- Encourage neighbouring countries to cooperate on environmental issues
- Assist partner countries in developing effective institutions and policies to protect the environment
- Involve NGOs and the public in environmental decisions affecting them

# What is Horizon 2020

- Commission Communication on Establishing an environment strategy in the Mediterranean  
(*Commission Communication COM(2006) 475*)
- An 'umbrella initiative' not a source of finance in itself
- A Euro-Med not just a Commission initiative
- H2020 Task Force open to representatives of governments and other stakeholders
- Roadmap
- Requires political will and concentration of financial resources

# Aims of Horizon 2020

- Re-focus attention on key challenge of reducing pollution
- Enhance coordination between organisations and institutions to better target resources
- Link ongoing efforts to protect the Mediterranean to EU political framework and financial tools
- Transfer knowledge and know-how

# Horizon 2020 : Components and Tools

- Components
  - Pollution reduction projects
  - Capacity building measures
  - Research
  - Monitoring, steering and review
- Tools
  - Finance
  - Know-how
  - Dialogue
  - Coordination

# Recent developments

- First Horizon 2020 Steering Group meeting held
  - Subgroups on pollution reduction, capacity building and review, monitoring and research
- MEHSiP - EIB work to identify the most « bankable » projects from National Action Plans developed under the Barcelona convention.
- MEHSiP Results
  - Meeting early 2008 to distribute results and discuss with partners the way forward
  - Water projects appear most bankable
  - Need support of national governments to progress

# Recent developments

- Conference on private investors contribution to Horizon 2020
- Waste management Seminar
- Seminar on private sector participation in protecting the Mediterranean environment
- EEA/MAP/Eurostat to develop indicator and scorecard process
- Initial ENPI assistance being programmed

# Recent developments

- Indicator and scorecard process
  - Monitor progress of Horizon 2020
  - Set up information sharing systems easily accessible to all partners
  - EUWI (Med component) to be included
  - Role of NGOs to be acknowledged in the reporting mechanism
  - Elements of the cost to be inserted

# Recent developments

- Indicator and scorecard process - action undertaken so far
  - overseeing the baseline of existing monitoring and indicator activities
  - consolidating information processes and services
  - streamlining information systems and infrastructures
  - making cooperation agreements and networking

# Further information

- Horizon 2020

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enlarg/med/horizon\\_2020\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enlarg/med/horizon_2020_en.htm)

- Communication establishing an environmental strategy for the Mediterranean (also in French and Arabic)

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2006/com2006\\_0475en01.pdf](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2006/com2006_0475en01.pdf)