

SIXTH MEETING OF THE HORIZON 2020 STEERING GROUP BRUSSELS, 19-20 NOVEMBER 2013

ALBERT BORSCHETTE CONFERENCE CENTRE, RUE FROISSART 36

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

DAY 1: NOVEMBER 19TH

13:00–14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 15:30 **Opening remarks, context and objectives of the meeting**

Mr. Nicholas Hanley, European Commission, DG Environment

Mr. Michael Köehler, European Commission, DG EuropeAid - Development and Cooperation

Mr. Mohamad Afana, Ministry of Environment of Jordan, UfM Co-Presidency

The European Commission and the UfMS will present the context and objectives of the meeting. A series of coordinated studies and evaluations are in their completion phase, the outcomes of which will be inputs to the overall Mid-Term Evaluation of the Horizon 2020 Initiative and produce a set of recommendations for its 2014-2020 Phase. News on the UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change of 2014 will also be presented.

Pollution reduction projects component

15:00 - 16:30

Ms. Rugile Balzekaite, European Investment Bank, will introduce the pollution reduction projects component of Horizon 2020 and MeHSIP-PPIF overview.

Mr. Tim Young, Team Leader of MeHSIP-PPIF and Mr. George Akl, key expert, will outline MeHSIP-PPIF's current activities:

- *Pollution reduction investment projects prepared by MeHSIP-PPIF*
- *Key findings of the validation exercise for Horizon 2020 Projects with Secured Funding*

Mr. Mourad Bakhouya, Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE/ Branche eau), Morocco, will present the Al Hoceima plant, a successfully operating Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Discussion will follow with emphasis on recommendations for the next phase of Horizon 2020

16:30 - 16:45 **Coffee Break**

16:45 – 17:45

Ms. Tatjana Hema, Programme Officer of UNEP/MAP MEDPOL, will present the study on the Evaluation of the implementation of the policy component of the National Action Plans (NAPs). Tunisia, Turkey and Montenegro will present their relevant experience.

Discussion will follow with emphasis on recommendations for the next phase of Horizon 2020

17:45 - 18:00 **Wrap up of Day 1**

DAY 2: NOVEMBER 20TH

08:30 – 09:00 Arrival at Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Rue Froissart 36

09:00 - 09:40 *Mr. François Guerber, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, will present the updated portfolio of investment projects that are needed to meet the UNEP/MAP 2025 environmental targets (targets of SAP Med and of more recent regional plans).*

Discussion will follow with emphasis on recommendations for the next phase of Horizon 2020

Review and monitoring component

09:40 - 11:15 *Mr. Ronan Uhel, European Environment Agency, will report on the state of play of work under the review, monitoring and research sub-group, including the:*

- *Horizon2020 Regional Report (indicator based thematic assessment of the three H2020 Priority themes, comparing and measuring progress across the Mediterranean region in relation to the Horizon2020 Initiative for a cleaner Mediterranean)*
- *Situation paper on the setting-up of the Horizon 2020 Reporting Mechanism*

Mr. Zahran Khleif, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, will present the experience of ENPI SEIS Implementation in Palestine.

Discussion will follow with emphasis on recommendations for the next phase of Horizon 2020

11:15 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

Capacity Building component

11:30 – 12:45 *Prof. Michael Scoullas, Chairman of MIO-ECSDE (chair of the Capacity Building Sub-Group) will present the outcomes of the 4th H2020 Capacity Building Sub-Group Meeting that took place the day before (November 19th 2013) as well as latest developments under the Communication and Visibility activities of CB/MEP.*

Mr. Igor Volodin, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), will present the results, challenges and difficulties of the capacity building dimension of MED TEST I (Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies in the South Mediterranean region) run under the MedPartnership and how this will translate into the next phase (MED TEST II) under the EU-funded SWITCH-Med programme.

Discussion will follow with emphasis on recommendations for the next phase of Horizon 2020

12:45 – 14:15 **Lunch break**

Research component

14:15 - 15:15 *Ms. Marialuisa Tamborra, DG Research and Innovation will present an overview of EU-funded research activities that are within the scope of Horizon 2020; highlights of specific projects and issues to be addressed.*

Discussion will follow with emphasis on recommendations for the next phase of Horizon 2020

The next phase of Horizon 2020

- 15:15 - 15:45** **The process of the Horizon 2020 mid-term review and how the results and recommendations will feed into the UfM Ministerial on Environment and Climate Change planned for 2014.**
- The European Commission, UfMS and Jordanian UfM Co-presidency will present the proposed way forward*
- 15:45 - 16:00** **Coffee Break**
- 16:00 – 17:45** **General discussion in light of the above presentations**
- Tour de Table with inputs from countries/institutions leading to a set of recommendations in view of the 7th Horizon 2020 Steering Group Meeting (February-March 2014) and the UfM Ministerial on Environment and Climate Change, planned for 2014*
- 17:45 – 18:00** **Wrap-up and meeting conclusions**