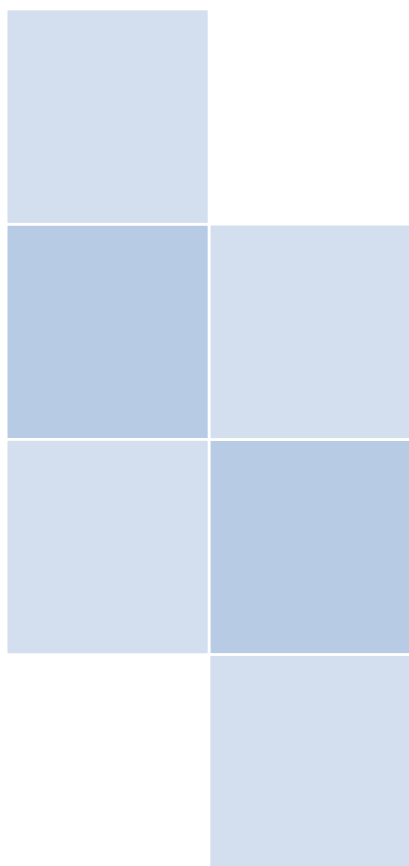




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Executive Summary

The **Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)**, is the Federation of the wider existing spectrum of environmental, cultural and development NGOs active in the Mediterranean. It includes the major NGO Federation of the North, namely the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), and of the South, namely the Arab NGO Network for Environment and Development (RAED), which are *ex officio* members in its Executive Bureau.

MIO-ECSDE has as its guiding operational philosophy and strategy to be actively involved and contribute in the formulation of environmental and environment friendly policies within the framework of sustainable development for the Mediterranean with emphasis on the relevant EU policies. It advocates participatory decision making through appropriate institutions and instruments in the entire sphere of the environment (natural, cultural and socio-economic) in the Mediterranean and Euro-Mediterranean region. It actively promotes environmental awareness of the wider public and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and contributes to the increase of capacity of the weaker national NGOs as well as of other important groups (e.g. educators, journalists, etc.) of the Mediterranean region. Apart from being internationally recognised as being the most significant Mediterranean Network of Environmental, Cultural and Development NGOs, MIO-ECSDE has also been recognised as a key international player in skilfully bringing together Mediterranean stakeholders on issues crucial for the sustainable future of the region and beyond.

The MIO-ECSDE activities of 2013 were mainly threefold:

- Expansion of actions, combining action in specific thematic areas and background work in the fields and events MIO-ECSDE wants to be particularly active in 2013 (e.g. follow-up to Rio+20, ESD, Blue Economy, etc.) and the next few years;
- Continued implementation of on-going commitments and activities from previous years, formulation of project proposals, collection and dissemination of information, contacts and advocacy, alongside the (co)organisation of important meetings of varying scale;
- Upgrading and strengthening its organizational basis, in light of regional and global socio-economic developments, to remain effective and better service its sub-networks.

Some activities of 2013 to be highlighted would be MIO-ECSDE's work in:

- **Securing a strong Mediterranean Dimension in International Environmental Policies and Processes, especially at the EU policy level but also in the follow-up to Rio+20.**
- Its role as a key partner in **UNEP/MAP**, both in its expert groups (e.g. on the application of the ecosystem approach) and as a partner in the UNEP/MAP-GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem (or **MedPartnership**). The 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, which took place in Istanbul on 3-6 December, 2013 where MIO-ECSDE was an important proponent.
- Strengthening **the environmental component of the Euro-Mediterranean political process** (since November 2008 the **"Union for the Mediterranean"**), **the European Neighborhood Policy and its financial instrument** and civil society participation; contribution to the **HORIZON 2020 Initiative** to de-pollute the Mediterranean and specifically through its role as a key partner in the **ENPI Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (CB/MEP)**; contribution to efforts for integration of environment and sustainability concerns in all other policies of the Euro-Med Partnership-Mediterranean Union.
- Promoting **Integrated Water Resources Management**, where, as the NGO partner of GWP-Med, MIO-ECSDE significantly contributes towards implementation of: IWRM in the Mediterranean region and Southeast Europe; the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative; actions

and activities to strengthen **capacities of NGOs** in Southeastern Europe to effectively participate in **transboundary river and lake basin management plans (e.g. the Drin River)**.

- Promoting **Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), Public Awareness, Public Participation and Access to Information** at regional and national levels. Specifically, the MEDIES e-network on ESD has carried out several activities to support educators and students of the Mediterranean, through its targeted projects or the general supporting services provided by the MEDIES secretariat.
- Developing capacities for **sustainable Urban Waste Management** and tackling **marine litter** in the region.
- Promoting **Integrated Coastal Zone Management**.
- Promoting the **Cultural dimension for the Sustainable Development of the region**.
- Contributing to and strengthening **Diplomacy for Environment and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean and Europe**.

Furthermore, MIO-ECSDE

- continued to **host the Chair and Secretariat of GWP-Med** (on the Board of which the following networks participate: Blue Plan, CEDARE, CIHEAM, IME, Medcities, MedWet, MENBO, MWN and MIO-ECSDE);
- co-organised international conferences, workshops and seminars.

The already well-established networking and information communication activities of MIO-ECSDE were continued. Information on Mediterranean issues, announcements of conferences, MIO-ECSDE publications, etc., were circulated to the Members of the Federation, as well as to the network's subscribers. The MIO-ECSDE web-site was regularly updated with the information concerning MIO-ECSDE activities and positions and the Mediterranean scene in general.

Many projects in which MIO-ECSDE is involved, were followed-up and are in the state of advancement, completion or dissemination of their results. Drafting of new project proposals to secure the continuity of initiatives and activities was also a significant part of MIO-ECSDE work throughout 2013.

MIO-ECSDE was called upon to function at its best without the annual EU support for its 2013 work programme.

Preamble

The present report describes the progress and development of MIO-ECSDE's main activities, projects and achievements for the period January - December 2013.

The activities carried out followed the priorities described in the MIO-ECSDE Annual Programme decided during the 17th AGM in Athens, Greece (October 2012) (see annex I).

Continuing to seek opportunities for the formulation of common NGO positions, it has organised and supported more than 30 relevant meetings increasing the co-operation, mutual understanding and solidarity among the various stakeholders in the Mediterranean region and also among its members. Members of its Executive Bureau and Secretariat have participated actively in all major meetings concerning the Mediterranean, reflecting the NGO thinking and views and effectively contributing to the formulation of more progressive and effective environmental policies in the region.

It also continues and reinforces the flow of information and communication among NGOs and between them and governmental and international bodies, etc. Its well-known newsletter *Sustainable Mediterranean* contributes considerably in the NGO work through information exchange, articles and positions on a variety of key issues. The newsletter has a very wide circulation. The *Internal Information Bulletin* of MIO-ECSDE and the MEdIES e-newsletter (distributed by e-mail) were continued and our web site continued to provide service to its members and the wider public.

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A. INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS OF MIO-ECSDE

A.1. Structure

The Federation consists of Full and Corresponding Members who share the same benefits and rights, except for the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is reserved only for Full Members. MIO-ECSDE is headed by an Executive Bureau, which in 2013 consisted of eighteen (18) Members. Eight members are from the EU Mediterranean countries, seven are from the non-EU Mediterranean countries, and three are *ex officio* members representing the two founders EEB and Elliniki Etairia and a co-opted member RAED. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Member Organisations remains the main institution constituting the basis of the Federation. The AGM is convened once a year. The Federation's Secretariat is based in Athens, in the old and historic district of Plaka. The Secretariat was relocated in a newly restored building in the same (Plaka) area in January 2005.



MIO-ECSDE Premises in Plaka, Athens

The communication and co-operation of MIO-ECSDE with its founder organisations (EEB and Elliniki Etairia) as well as RAED was very harmonious throughout 2013 as it has been since its establishment. The same is true for all other NGO networks and bodies, with which MIO-ECSDE has developed close collaboration and an excellent working relationship.

A.2. Executive Bureau

MIO-ECSDE's Executive Bureau (EB) for the 2012- 2013 period consisted of:

Chairman:	Prof. Michael Scoullas (Greece)
Co-Chairman:	Prof. Mohammed Ftouhi (Morocco)
Members:	Dr. Emad Adly (RAED)
	Mr. Gerasimos Arapis (Elliniki Etairia)
	Mr. Mikael Karlsson (EEB)
	Mr. Serdar Sarigul (Turkey)
	Mr. Riad Nacer Bendaoud (Algeria)
	Ms. Antonia Theodosiou (Cyprus)
	Mr. Jean-Valère Jeronimi (France)
	Ms. Patrizia Bonelli and Ms. Romina Bicocchi (Italy)
	Mr. Ziyad Alawneh (Jordan)
	Mr. Malek Ghandour (Lebanon)
	Mr. Vincent Attard (Malta)
	Mr. Imad Attrash (Palestine)
	Mr. Mario Alves (Portugal)
	Mr. Milan Vogrin (Slovenia)
	Mr. Angel Huarez (Spain)
	Mr. Habib Ben Boubaker (Tunisia)

Two formal Executive Bureau Meetings took place: the 55th EBM took place on the 19th of May 2013 in Malta, while the 56th EBM took place in Athens on the 15th of November 2013.

A.3. Membership

At the 17th AGM (October 2012) five new organisations were approved bringing the MIO-ECSDE Membership to 126 member organizations for 2013 (see also Annex II). Two organisations have applied for full membership in 2013.

	Name of organisation	Type	Country	Requested type of membership
1	Armadilla	NGO	Italy	Full
2	Global Footprint Network	NGO	Geneva (International)	Full

The Executive Bureau decided to propose to the 18th AGM of MIO-ECSDE that will take place on the 28th of December 2013 to accept their request to become full member organisations.

A.4. MIO-ECSDE Secretariat Staff

During 2013 the status of the Secretariat staff was as follows:

Ms. Anastasia Roniotes continued working, full-time, with main fields of responsibility the submission of project proposals and administrative matters relevant to the Annual Work Programme, the Executive Bureau and the AGM, policy formulation and monitoring, representation, co-ordination of the edition of the *Bulletin* and newsletter *Sustainable Mediterranean*, etc.

Ms. Bessie Mantzara was substantially involved in the MIO-ECSDE Secretariat, mainly responsible for financial/administrative matters and *ad hoc* contributions in conferences and projects.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni is handling many thematic and horizontal tasks in the Secretariat mainly on policy area and project basis. She also manages ICT issues, including the MIO-ECSDE web-sites, workshop and conference support, etc.

Ms. Iro Alampei continued as full-time member of the staff supporting mainly the educational projects of MIO-ECSDE through MEDIES Secretariat.

Ms. Vicky Malotidi continued as full-time member of the staff supporting mainly the educational projects of MIO-ECSDE through MEDIES Secretariat till July when she began her maternity leave.

Ms. Varvara Vasilaki, as a full-time member of the staff supporting mainly the Horizon 2020 CB/MEP and the French communication.

Staff member **Eleana Tsakiri** and **Elsa Stournara** have moved on to new endeavours in their professional lives. Two new staff members have been hired on a trial basis. **Hanna Virtanen** is replacing Eleana and **Danai Amplianiti** is replacing Elsa.

Ms. Olga Papathanasopoulou (full time) provided the secretarial support.

Mr. Kostas Drakopoulos as part-time Official Accountant of MIO-ECSDE.

The Chairman, **Prof. M. Scoullas**, is responsible for the supervision of the work and the management, the development, direction of policies and projects and a large part of the representations of the MIO-ECSDE organisation. The Secretariat also works closely with various experts. During 2013 a number of initiatives and representations of the organisation were carried out also by the Co-Chairman Prof. Ftouhi, EB Members Dr. Adly, Ms. Bonelli, Mr. Vogrin, Mr. Attrash, Mr. Jeronimi, Ms. Theodosiou, as well as by other members of the EB.

A.5. Audit report for the year 2012

The EC Annual Grant for 2012 was audited by Grant Thornton and was submitted to the EC as part of the reporting process. The overall audited financial report of MIO-ECSDE for 2012 was completed in June 2013. Audited reports provide additional transparency and give added indicators of good governance, but also facilitate proposal submissions as they are standard prerequisites of the European Commission and other funding institutions. Audit costs, which are considerable, are a justifiable expense in most budget lines.

A.6. ISO 9001 'quality management system' certification of MIO-ECSDE and the INGO accountability charter

MIO-ECSDE staff maintains the ISO related requirements and continually identifies any significant improvements that strengthen the management of the organization's processes. The MIO-ECSDE Secretariat has been awarded the **ISO 9001 (2008)**. ISO 9001 is the globally implemented standard for providing assurance about the ability of the certified organisation to satisfy quality requirements and to enhance service satisfaction. It provides a tried and tested framework for taking a systematic approach to managing the organization's processes.

Meanwhile, MIO-ECSDE is also a signatory of the Greek adaptation of the **International NGO Accountability Charter** which sets out core values and operating principles for International NGOs and is applicable for all NGOs. These include good governance and management, fundraising and multi-stakeholder engagement. It also makes specific reference to respect for universal principles (such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), independence, responsible advocacy, effective programs, non-discrimination, transparency and ethical fundraising (<http://www.ingoaccountabilitycharter.org/>). MIO-ECSDE is ready and waiting to pass the accreditation process.

The Secretariat is in the process of integrating the procedures in view of facilitating the certification process. It will have to also update the MIO-ECSDE Code of Conduct accordingly in 2014. It is also exploring ways to facilitate and capacitate its members in also applying the above principles and practices.

A.7. Capacity building of MIO-ECSDE staff

MIO-ECSDE staff working on education followed an intensive 3-day training on the new e-learning platform developed in 2012. One MIO-ECSDE staff member followed a series of 'coaching' sessions aiming for better time and workload management. It is a programme offered for free to NGOs. Overall it has been very useful and hopefully this collaboration with the solidarity coaching company will continue in 2014.

B. CONTINUATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NETWORKING: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND STRENGTHENING OF CO-OPERATION AMONG NGOs AS WELL AS BETWEEN NGOs AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

B.1. Networking with the MIO-ECSDE Members and its wider NGO Network

Considerable time was devoted throughout the year to strengthen and consolidate the effective functioning of the Federation. Networking with and among the Member Organisations is focussed on two main components:

1. Efficient exchange and dissemination of information
2. Strengthening of co-operation and promoting the 'team-spirit' among NGOs

B.1.1. Exchange and Dissemination of Information

The dissemination of information was facilitated by:

(i) The 'MIO-ECSDE Internal Information Bulletin'

2 issues of the Internal Information Bulletin were distributed in 2013 in English, mainly to Member Organisations and the wider MIO-ECSDE network of contacts, by e-mail. The Bulletin highlights up-to-date information mostly related to:

- (a) the activities of the Secretariat, such as the submission for funding and progress of projects, the participation in meetings and basic information on their outcomes, etc.;
- (b) the Executive Bureau Meetings;
- (c) funding opportunities for NGOs;
- (d) events having to do with important Mediterranean issues; and
- (e) activities performed by Member Organisations;

(ii) The Newsletter 'Sustainable Mediterranean'

The publication and dissemination of the newsletter *Sustainable Mediterranean* was not possible in 2013 without the annual support from DG ENV.

(iii) The webpage and the e-bulletin of MEDIES (Read more under D.3)

The MEDIES website www.medies.net is regularly updated with ESD news, announcements, outcomes of major fora, competitions, etc. of Euro-Mediterranean interest (120 posted news items (2,5 articles per week). The newly launched social media page of MEDIES is also regularly updated (356 members).

The information Bulletin of MEDIES circulated to its members is distributed on a quarterly basis. Read here the latest bulletins: <http://www.medies.net/articles.asp?cID=18>

(v) Other activities related to Exchange of Information and Networking

In the framework of the networking activities and exchange of information, the Secretariat, immediately forwards incoming useful information to its membership and to the wider network it collaborates with (around 2000 NGOs, Ministries, Universities, Institutes, personalities, etc.).

Apart from this, the Secretariat continuously receives requests for information on specific issues, to which it responds accordingly. Furthermore, many letters of interest for further co-operation in various fields of activities arrive, creating interesting new potential for specific collaborations.

In addition, in the framework of the MedPartnership project MIO-ECSDE continued its efforts in enhancing the effective participation of NGOs in the project activities.

The MIO-ECSDE web-site <http://mio-ecsde.org> has been regularly updated in 2013.

B.1.2. Capacity building, strengthening of co-operation and promoting the 'team-spirit' among NGOs

Serving one of the initial scopes since its establishment, which is contributing to the capacity building of Mediterranean NGOs and within the framework of the follow-up action in the various priority fields of the Federation, MIO-ECSDE, (co)organised a number of actions in 2013.

- A number of regional MIO-ECSDE projects are running with the active partnership of member NGOs (see D).
- The “Keep the Mediterranean Litter-free” campaign was continued in 2013 through the distribution of the brochure/poster.
- The key role of the Chairman of MIO-ECSDE, Prof. Michael Scoullas, as Chairman of the H2020 Sub-Group on capacity building, as well as MIO-ECSDE and RAED's participation in the H2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme were of significant importance in 2013 (see C.1.2.).

MIO-ECSDE's Med Action Day 2013 could not take place without the annual support from the EC.

For the direct benefit of its membership, MIO-ECSDE is a main partner of the *Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (the 'MedPartnership')*. Within the framework of the programme MIO-ECSDE is responsible for the effective participation of the region's NGOs and since November 2010 has been leading the communication activities of the project (see C.1.).

B.2. MIO-ECSDE as facilitator of Mediterranean Networks

At the moment the MIO-ECSDE Secretariat is facilitating the following networks:

- **The network of Parliamentarians and other Politicians for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean (COMPSUD)**

The **Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD)** was created with the encouragement of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) and the Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-Med) in December 2002 in the wake of the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), which reaffirmed sustainable development as a central element of the international agenda and emphasized the important role of partnerships and dialogue among the various stakeholders and decision makers, including Parliamentarians and politicians at large. It is an open, flexible and light structure, aiming to promote suitable mechanisms to support the dialogue among Members of Parliaments (from EU and non-EU Mediterranean countries), politicians and other Stakeholders on the protection of the Mediterranean environment and the necessary socio-economic conditions for the sustainable development of the region.



Preparations for the 10th Meeting of COMPSUD began in May 2013 in order to hold it in Ancient Olympia at the end of September 2013. In the end it was postponed to take place in Athens on the 13th and 14th of November, back to back with an MPs Workshop on Climate Variability and Change supported by a related GEF MAP/UNEP Project and the SWIM-SM Steering Group Meeting. There was a session in the Greek Parliament, as well as a field visit to Ancient Olympia and the surrounding area which suffers from many of the impacts of climate variability and change. Participating COMPSUD members were from the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal and Tunisia.

COMPSUD's promotional video is now available for download [here](#). It includes a description of the Circle and its history and highlights from the latest meeting in Athens. Feel free to show the video within your sphere of activities.

- **The network of Mediterranean Educators working on Environment and Sustainability / MEDIES**

The general aim of the Network is to promote Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Mediterranean Universities and higher education institutions by jointly implementing activities and eventually establishing a post-graduate course (Master course) on ESD (see D.3.)

- **The network of Mediterranean Journalists and Communication Professionals working on Environmental issues / COMJESD**

The Network aims to be an active forum through which the regular exchange of information and views about crucial Mediterranean environmental and sustainable development issues, the promotion of capacity building of media professionals and the organization of joint and concerted actions can be promoted so that information and communication experts will be strengthened in their capacity of sensitizing and informing Mediterranean societies, improving democratic and participatory processes and in directing more effectively the flow of information produced by scientists, NGOs, etc. to the decision-makers. At present the core of the Network is composed of 61 Journalists from the following countries: Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon, Greece, Egypt, Malta, Croatia, Jordan, Portugal, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Serbia and Montenegro, Israel, Albania, Slovenia and France.

- **Other networks**

Since 2007 MIO-ECSDE is trying to initiate **a network of Mediterranean women's organisations working on environment and sustainable development issues**. It will be facilitated jointly also with GWP-Med as the point of focus of the circle in its inception phase will be water. There have not been significant developments so far.

MIO-ECSDE has always had a very strong scientific background. Many members of its Executive Bureau are distinguished members of the Mediterranean Academia. Eventually, the Secretariat will establish a pool of scientists from various mainly Mediterranean countries that MIO-ECSDE works closely with, in order to facilitate (a) strengthening their contribution to MIO-ECSDE activities, (b) interaction among these scientists, (c) access to this pool of scientists for the MIO-ECSDE Membership and wider network, etc. MIO-ECSDE aims to gradually establish its **Mediterranean Scientific Advisory Council** based on this pool of scientific expertise. Within this wider framework, in 2008 MIO-ECSDE established the **Mediterranean Universities Network for Education for Sustainable Development**.

B.3. MIO-ECSDE contribution in and collaboration with important Networks, International Organisations, Institutes, etc.

MIO/ECSDE has contributed in the following Networks/Institutes/etc.:

- (a) The Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-Med)
- (b) The H2020 Steering Group
- (c) Various EU and UN expert working groups

Furthermore, an important part of MIO-ECSDE activities have been carried out in collaboration with international institutes, networks and groups such as:

- the European Commission and particularly DGs Environment, DEVCO, MARE, etc. of the Commission
- the European Parliament
- European Environment Agency (EEA)
- MAP/UNEP, RAC/SPA, RAC/ERS, RAC/CP, Blue Plan, etc.
- UNEP (Nairobi), UNEP/ROE, UNEP/IETC, etc.
- Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MSCD)
- UNESCO, MAB/UNESCO, UNESCO BRESCE
- UNDP
- UN ECE
- UNCSD
- Global Footprint Network
- IFAD
- World Bank, former METAP
- EIB
- Anna Lindh Foundation
- IEMED

- IMED
- Centre des Regions Euromediterraneennes pour l' Environnement (CREE)
- scientific community of the Mediterranean (represented by CIESM, the Mediterranean University, etc.)
- various secretariats of Conventions (Desertification, Ramsar, etc.)
- regional initiatives with Commercial and Industrial Chambers
- European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
- ICLEI
- WWC
- Stakeholder Forum
- Eco Forum
- IME
- MARE and other Mediterranean Youth Groups
- MEDCOAST
- MESAEP
- MWN
- Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)
- IUCN
- WWF International (and its European and Mediterranean offices)
- FoE (Europe, Med-net, Middle East and national branches)
- Greenpeace (International and national branches)
- ENDA
- CEDARE
- regional, sub-regional and national educational institutions
- Mediterranean and international nature conservation networks (such as MEDWET-wetlands, MEDMARAVIS-birds, MEDPAN-protected areas, MEDASSET-turtles, etc.)
- NATO and its Parliamentary Assembly
- European Seas Environmental Cooperation - ESEC (a collaboration between MIO-ECSDE, Seas at Risk, the Coalition Clean Baltic and the NGO Forum for the Black Sea)
- Asia-Europe Environmental Technology Centre
- Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation
- The Onassis Foundation
- etc.

Contacts with the above organisations and with Governments for mutual exchange of information on activities, initiatives and opportunities of collaboration, remain a substantial part of MIO-ECSDE networking and advocacy activities.

MIO-ECSDE has also continued to increasingly build on creating channels of communication and beneficial mutual support schemes (guidelines for integrating the environmental component, expertise, funds, etc.) with the private sector.

The exchange of information on Mediterranean environmental and development issues, the promotion of Mediterranean issues in non-Mediterranean fora and the exchange of Mediterranean NGO views during the formulation of policies remain three of the main MIO-ECSDE activities related both to networking and promotion of policies.

C. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO MIO-ECSDE'S ROLE AS PROMOTER OF COMMON NGO POLICIES AND THE COLLECTIVE VOICE OF MEDITERRANEAN ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT NGOS AT INTERNATIONAL FORA, CONVENTIONS, etc. AND THROUGH THE ORGANISATION OF MEETINGS, JOINT ACTIONS, etc.

C.1. Monitoring of and Contribution to the Formulation of Policies Relevant to the Mediterranean Region and Involvement in Important Mediterranean Processes

Monitoring the Mediterranean, EU and international environmental policies as well as policies concerning and/or affecting the Mediterranean environment and the sustainable development of the region directly or indirectly, is an integral part of MIO-ECSDE's work since its establishment. Provision of comments, especially during the European Commission's proposals for the drafting of White Papers or Directives, is a stage where NGOs can really make a contribution in policy formulation.

Drafting of common Mediterranean NGO position papers, declarations and agreed positions, particularly on issues related to the environment and sustainable development of the region discussed during international meetings has always been and will continue to be an important part of MIO-ECSDE's activities.

C.1.1. Collaboration and Representation in the Work of UNEP, MAP/UNEP and MCSD

MIO-ECSDE has kept the traditionally close contacts with UNEP, including Nairobi, and the Athens based Co-ordinating Unit of MAP/UNEP. The Federation has been invited to attend and contribute in many meetings of MAP/UNEP and of its RACs (Regional Activity Centres).

MIO-ECSDE participated in the 2nd Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Coordination Group, held in Athens, on the 24th of April 2013. The main objectives of this meeting were to discuss the progress made in implementing the EcAp roadmap; to review the Draft list of Good Environmental Status (GES) definitions and corresponding targets; to review the proposed activities to be undertaken to achieve expected outcomes in Decision IG.20/4 (Implementing MAP Ecosystem Approach road map) and the revised timeline with priorities for the future. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer, Thomais Vlachogianni, actively contributed to the meeting and made several interventions/recommendations on pollution related GES descriptors and associated operational objectives and targets. Specific emphasis was given to the issues related to marine litter and to underwater noise where MIO-ECSDE was the only participant that proposed concrete targets.

Within the 'Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem' also known as 'MedPartnership', MIO-ECSDE in its role to design and implement the project's communication activities and to involve NGOs in the project activities, participated in the 4th MedPartnership Coordination Group Meeting (3 - 5 April 2013, Paris, France). The meeting was attended by experts from all executing partners of the MedPartnership, as well as representatives from UNEP DEPI and the European Commission. At the meeting, MIO-ECSDE presented its major successes and challenges for the year 2012 when it comes to strengthening public awareness (with particular emphasis on NGO networks) and supporting NGO participation in the implementation of the project. A big part of the meeting was dedicated to the progress of the implementation of the Communication and Information Strategies. MIO-ECSDE has been leading the project's communication and information dissemination activities since November 2010. At the meeting MIO-ECSDE presented the progress made since 2010 and outlined the main lines of activities for 2013. In addition, it provided input to the draft Mid-Term Evaluation Report and the draft programme of replication activities and suggested ways to increase national and regional communication of the MedPartnership results.

The MIO-ECSDE Communication contract (signed in October 2012 and ending in 2014) ran throughout 2013. Within the framework of this contract MIO-ECSDE has undertaken the implementation of selected activities, such as the preparations for the development of e-learning modules, the drafting of a brochure with lessons learned, etc.

MIO-ECSDE participated in the Meeting of Government-designated Experts to Review the Regional Plan on the Marine Litter Management in the Framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol, held on 17-18 May 2013, in Barcelona, Spain. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer, Thomais Vlachogianni actively contributed to the meeting and made several interventions/recommendations on the different articles of the Regional Plan. Specific emphasis was given on the issues to the extended producer responsibility; fishing for litter practices; no-special-fee system; monitoring protocols; enhancement of public awareness and education; stakeholders participation.

MIO-ECSDE was represented at the 15th Meeting of the MCSD in Malta (10-12 June 2013) by Anastasia Roniotes, Vanya Walker-Leigh and EB Member Vincent Attard. Main issues on the agenda were Rio+20 and its implications for the revision of the Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development (MSSD) as well as MCSD operation and reform. The MIO-ECSDE work on the development and process that has led to the final version of the Med Strategy on ESD was also presented during a Best Practices session.

The Chairman of MIO-ECSDE actively participated in the MED POL and CP/RAC Focal Points Meeting, held on 18-21 June 2013, in Barcelona, where the Regional Plan for Marine Litter was further discussed and revised among many other UNEP/MAP issues including on enhancing the integration of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in the Governance Framework of the Barcelona Convention and MAP.

MIO-ECSDE participated in the 3rd Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Coordination Group, held in Athens, on the 9th of September 2013. The main objectives of this meeting were to review the list of Good Environmental Status (GES) definitions and corresponding targets; discuss the progress for developing an Integrated Assessment Monitoring Programme under the EcAp process; to review the draft decision to be submitted to the COP18 (Implementing MAP Ecosystem Approach road map). MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer, Thomais Vlachogianni actively participated in the meeting. MIO-ECSDE also participated in the MAP Focal Points meeting, held in Athens, on the 10th-12th of September 2013. The main objectives of the meeting were to review the progress achieved during the implementation of the programme of work adopted by the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties for 2012-2013 biennium and to discuss and propose decisions related to different aspects of the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, including the programme of work and budget for 2014-2015 for transmission to the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Istanbul, 3-6 December 2013). The Chairman of MIO-ECSDE actively contributed to the discussions of the meeting.

MIO-ECSDE participated in the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, organized by the UNEP/MAP Secretariat in Istanbul on 3-6 December, 2013.

The 4-day discussions focused on the progress achieved during the 2012-2013 biennium, the work programme and corresponding budget for the next biennium and a long list of thematic decisions aiming to ensure a healthy and productive Mediterranean. Among the most important decisions adopted were the Development of an Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean and the Application of the Ecosystem Approach towards achieving Good Environmental Status in the Mediterranean.

The long awaited common policy framework for Mediterranean countries to tackle the problem of marine litter was also finally adopted at the 18th COP. MIO-ECSDE had been actively involved in the preparation process of the Regional Plan and warmly welcomed the decision. Furthermore, in an effort to constructively and concretely demonstrate the Federation's support to the implementation of the Plan, MIO-ECSDE together with the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA) and in collaboration with the Catalan Waste Agency, ACR+ and UNEP/MAP MEDPOL organized a side event on "Tackling marine litter in the Mediterranean" on the 4 December 2013. Find more info [here](#).

MIO-ECSDE's collaboration with MEDPOL (the Mediterranean Pollution Assessment and Control Programme of UNEP/MAP) and the now called UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre on Sustainable Consumption and (SCP/RAC) is particularly close as all of us are partners in the two major regional projects in the Mediterranean: the 'UNEP/MAP-GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem' also known as 'MedPartnership' and the ENPI Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP). Particularly in the latter many activities will be co-organised with MIO-ECSDE (see D.6.1).

C.1.2. Securing the Mediterranean Dimension in International Policies and Processes

C.1.2.1.EU Policy

A top priority for MIO-ECSDE is achieving integration of environment and sustainability concerns in relevant other policies of the EU as well as the Euro-Med Partnership/Union for the Mediterranean. Some specific EU policy issues which are undoubtedly of vital importance for the Mediterranean region and that MIO-ECSDE streamlined into its programme for 2013 (following up on groundwork done during previous years) by way of written contributions to communications and calls for comments, advocacy, papers, statements /declarations/position papers, meetings, etc. were:

- Horizon 2020
- European Neighbourhood Policy and its Financial Instrument (ENPI)
- European Marine Framework Strategy Directive (MSFD)
- Water (WFD, EU Water Initiative)
- Climate Change
- Chemicals (REACH, EDCs)
- Nanotechnologies
- Biodiversity (Natura 2000, LIFE+, etc.)
- Resource efficiency
- Sustainable Development
- Education for Sustainable Development
- Access to Information, Access to Justice, etc.
- Tourism
- Intercultural Dialogue
- Gender mainstreaming
- Energy
- Waste, Production and Consumption
- Agriculture
- ICZM
- Transport
- etc.

To enhance efficiency in some of the above, MIO-ECSDE may need to increase in-house expertise while for others, further contacts and collaboration with expert groups and thematic networks may be needed.

Specific MIO-ECSDE contributions to EU policy developments and/or EU consultations were:

Advocating for a truly sustainable Green/Blue Economy in the region: These activities flowed from late 2012 to 2013. In October 2012, a joint NGO position paper on the “Limits to Blue Growth” signed by 19 environmental NGOs, including MIO-ECSDE and its members DPPVN, MEDSOS, U MARINU, MEDITERRANEAN, MEDASSET and EEB was widely disseminated on the occasion of the Ministerial Meeting on the EU Integrated Maritime Policy organized by the Cypriot Presidency on 8 October 2012. Following up on that, DG Mare representatives invited MIO-ECSDE and several other EU environmental NGOs to a meeting (Brussels, 12 December 2012) aiming to discuss the NGO concerns, exchange views and explore alternative ideas in shaping a truly sustainable Blue Economy. On that occasion, MIO-ECSDE highlighted its collective views and concerns when it comes to tourism development in the coastal and marine environment of the region, as these are outlined in MIO-ECSDE’s Issue Paper ‘Tourism & Biodiversity in the Mediterranean: Opportunities and Threats’. (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=7&cID=43>) The Chairman participated at the 12th FEMIP Conference entitled Mediterranean Blue Economy: enhancing marine and maritime cooperation, on 18-19 April 2013 in Athens, Greece. The conference offered the opportunity for many useful contacts including Commissioner Damanki herself and many others.

Advocating for the sustainable and responsible governance of nanotechnologies and nanomaterials: The ongoing discussions in Europe, involving different stakeholders including MIO-ECSDE and its members, the growing insight in potential hazardous properties of nanomaterials and the persistent inadequacy of information supply to the public advocated for the elaboration of MIO-ECSDE’s updated position paper on the nanotechnologies and nanomaterials. The position paper brings forward the consensus view and perspective of

the Mediterranean civil society on emerging nanotechnology issues, many of which might have a significant influence on the sustainable development of the region. Key elements of this position paper are the operationalization of the Precautionary Principle, taking into account the full life-cycle of nano-enabled products; the adoption of an unambiguous definition of nanomaterials; the promotion of a transparent communication about the use of manufactured nanomaterials; the adaptation of the regulatory system(s) to the specific properties of nanomaterials, and the assurance that nanotechnological developments are driven by goals compatible to social and sustainable development demands. MIO-ECSDE's collective views on the issue were presented in a meeting on "Tracing 'Nano' for Downstream Users and Consumers" (Brussels, 14 March 2013) organized by IVAM UvA BV in the context of the Dutch TracingNano initiative with the aim to strengthen the demands of European CSO regarding the traceability of nanomaterials at EU-level. (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=7&cID=43>)

NGOs call on EU Member States to set ambitious marine litter targets: Eighteen (18) environmental NGOs from across the EU, among which MIO-ECSDE plays a leading role, called on EU Member States to increase their level of ambition and set firmer marine litter reduction targets with the aim of ending the marine litter problem within a generation. The call was made at the International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas that was held in Berlin from 12th to 14th of April. On the 12th of April, NGOs handed the 'Marine Litter Manifesto for the European Seas' (http://www.mio-ecsde.org/uploaded_files/article_file_343_927MIDGP8PCR1.pdf) to the European Commissioner Janez Potočnik and the German and Irish Ministers of Environment. In addition to supporting a 50% marine litter reduction target, EU Ministers were asked to implement a range of measures and initiatives that would regulate marine litter and reduce amounts of litter reaching the marine environment from land-based and sea-based sources.

Last but not least, MIO-ECSDE, together with the Marine Conservation Society (UK), Project Blue Sea and BUND (Germany), PERSEUS (Greece), Surfriders Foundation, KIMO, Seas at Risk (Europe) and Upcycle the Gyres Society (Canada) supported the initiative undertaken by the North Sea Foundation and the Plastic Soup Foundation, to offer a petition to the EU Commissioner Janez Potočnik calling for a European-wide ban on microplastics in cosmetics before January 1st 2014. The petition was signed among others by distinguished scientists such as Prof. Richard Thomson (University of Plymouth) and Prof. Dr. Gerd Liebezeit (University of Oldenburg) and the vast majority of the participants of the conference.

NGOs joint reaction to the EU Proposal for a Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (MSP-ICM Directive): In May 2013, twenty six (26) European environmental NGOs, among which MIO-ECSDE, joined their voices in a position paper reacting to the recently published (March 2013) EU Proposal for a Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Directive. These NGOs acknowledge the importance of the MSP and ICM as tools to ensure that marine ecosystems and their component habitats and species are taken into consideration in decision making related to the use of coastal and marine areas as well as of ecosystem services. Furthermore, they welcome the proposed requirement for an ecosystem-based approach. However, they are deeply concerned by the high potential of the proposed Directive to be misinterpreted as just a tool to drive the EU's Blue Growth agenda forwards, while putting environmental objectives on par with sectoral growth objectives. (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=&cID=10&aID=347>)

MIO-ECSDE's reaction to the European Commission's consultation on access to justice in environmental matters – options for improving access to justice at Member State level: In the period 28.06.2013 to 23.09.2013 the European Commission launched a public consultation to gather views and comments to help (a) assess whether legislative action at EU level would have added value in ensuring effective and non-discriminatory access to justice in environmental matters across the EU Member States (subsidiarity test); (b) identifying those issues where targeted EU legislative action would be needed to fulfill the objective of ensuring access to national courts in environmental matters (proportionality test). MIO-ECSDE welcomed the participatory approach followed by the European Commission and submitted its main views and considerations through the online questionnaire in September 2013.

MIO-ECSDE's response to the European Commission's consultation on the establishment of a quantitative reduction headline target for marine litter: In the period 25.09.2013 to 18.12.2013 the European Commission launched a public consultation to gather views and comments on the establishment of a quantitative reduction headline target for marine litter. MIO-ECSDE welcomed the participatory approach followed by the European Commission and submitted its main views and considerations through the online questionnaire in September

2013. Apart from rating: the feasibility, effectiveness, transferability, etc., of such a target; the relevant criteria which should be used when assessing actions aimed at reducing the presence and impact of marine litter; the relevant negative impacts of marine litter which should be considered; and the relevant negative impacts of marine litter which should be considered, MIO-ECSDE in the open form for comments, highlighted the following issues:

- the additional negative impacts of marine litter on benthic habitats through e.g. abrasion of coral reefs from fishing gear, disruption of colonies, disrupted oxygenation of the sediment or 'smothering' of benthic communities; Bio-accumulation or bio-magnification of toxics released by litter items in marine organisms.
- the additional actions which could be undertaken by local/sub-national authorities to reduce marine litter, such as capacity building activities targeted to those involved in marine litter management, enhancing the implementation of relevant EU legislation, such as the Waste legislation, the Water Framework Directive, etc.
- the additional actions which could be undertaken by NGOs to reduce marine litter, such as contribution to the establishment of action plans and/or targets for marine litter prevention through their effective participation in relevant fora.

C.1.2.2. Following up Rio+20, Johannesburg WSSD, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other global and regional processes (UN CSD, UNECE, etc.)

The Chairman attended a conference organised by the Mediterranean Sustainable Development Solutions Network dedicated to the 'Sustainable Development Solutions for the Mediterranean Region' (3-5 July 2013, Sienna). The United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, directed by Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs (Earth Institute, Columbia University), is a new independent global network of research centres, universities and technical institutions to help find solutions for some of the world's most pressing environmental, social and economic problems. The University of Siena acts as a regional hub and will coordinate the activities of a network of universities, research centers and businesses interested in identifying and promoting Solutions Initiatives in the Mediterranean basin (MED Solutions Network).

A major outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (or Rio+20) was the decision to establish a universal, intergovernmental high-level political forum (HLPF). The outcome document also stipulates that the forum could, as one of its functions, "strengthen the science-policy interface through review of documentation bringing together dispersed information and assessments, including in the form of a global sustainable development report, building on existing assessments" as well as to enhance evidence-based decision-making at all levels. In this context, a UN Task Team has been formed to reach out to scientific communities across the world and to prepare a first edition of the Global Sustainable Development Report. An Executive Summary of a prototype edition of the Report was launched at the inaugural session of the High-level Political Forum on 24 September 2013 for further consultations.

An Expert Group Meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report - A prototype report, future directions and network of scientific contributors was organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for Sustainable Development (DESA/DSD) together with the Government of Croatia, on 21-22 October 2013, in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the discussions of the Group and made a presentation on "Reducing marine litter for the sake of the environment and blue growth" at the session focusing on highlights on some regional "hot topics" related to oceans and seas and integrated coastal management. The main output of the 2-day deliberations was the Dubrovnik Declaration reflecting the Mediterranean perspective on science-policy interface for a sustainable future. One of the main key messages promoted by MIO-ECSDE at the meeting was that there is an imperative need for a strong civil society with dedicated participation to push and pull the Sustainable Development agenda forward into the spotlight.

During 2013 MIO-ECSDE took into consideration in all its thematic priorities and activities the outcomes of the various global summits and the priorities of various fora (UN CSD, UNECE, etc.). A few of the areas where MIO-ECSDE is involved in are:

- co-ordinator of the MEDIES Type II Initiative (www.medies.net see D.3.);

- active role in the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative which is a key contribution to the Plan of Implementation of the WSSD particularly in order to help achieve water related MDGs;
- active proponent of the UN Decade for Education for Sustainable Development (UN DESD 2005-2014) (see below C.1.2.3);
- work relating to the Aarhus Convention: MIO-ECSDE steadily (and in cooperation with the Brussels-based NGO Networks) follows developments concerning the three pieces of EU legislation underpinning the implementation of the Aarhus convention and when appropriate tries to bring Mediterranean concerns into the forefront. Furthermore, MIO-ECSDE continued its efforts at the regional and international fora it attended to commit Mediterranean countries to adhere to Principle 10 of Agenda 21 and consider acceding also to the Aarhus Convention establishing domestic regimes which provide for public access to environmental information, participation in decision-making and access to justice.

C.1.2.3. Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in UNECE and UNESCO

8th Meeting of the UNECE ESD SC and UNESCO Regional meeting for UNDESD, Geneva, 21-22 March. Prof. Scoullos, MEDIES Coordinator, represented Greece and MIO-ECSDE in the 8th Meeting of the Steering Committee of ESD of UNECE that took place on 21-22 March. During the meeting the member states reviewed the progress achieved in promoting educators' competences for ESD and in various aspects on the implementation of the Strategy in their countries including the introduction of ESD in each school, training of teachers, adapting the vocational education to ESD. Additionally they agreed for a framework to be developed for action related to the ESD Strategy beyond 2014, the end of the UN Decade on ESD and request for a session on ESD at the next Ministerial of the "Environment of Europe".

At the regional UNESCO meeting, further to progress and obstacles presented, Prof. Michael Scoullos had the opportunity to elaborate on the MSED and also request for an opportunity to present the results at the Nagoya, Japan World Conference on the completion of the DESD.

Preparation and adoption of the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development. The international conference for the adoption and launching of the Mediterranean Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development had been scheduled for 2013: October 21st in Monaco. When MIO-ECSDE was in Rio+20, Prince Albert of Monaco and the 'Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco' were very pleased by the achievements and progress for the MSED. On a formal request by Prof. Michael Scoullos, Monaco agreed to invite the Ministerial Meeting for the adoption of the Strategy. MIO-ECSDE submitted, presented and discussed with the Fondation and the Monegasque government a full proposal and their official decision was to support the Meeting. The only available time slot was October 2013, hence the relevant preparatory meeting for the drafting of the Strategy was arranged for June 2013 in Croatia, with the full support of Horizon 2020 and also of the Government of Croatia. The MIO-ECSDE Secretariat continued in the meantime the preparations of the text itself as well as for gaining maximum political support from all the relevant fora: EU, UfM, UNECE, UNESCO, UNEP, etc. Unfortunately, and despite the preparation work done and the confirmation of 6 Ministers to attend by early September, due to the developments in the region, particularly the conflicts in Syria during September and October the international conference has been postponed for 2014.

MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES had a strong representation in the **7th World Congress on Environmental Education (WEEC)**, Marrakesh, Morocco on 9-14 June 2013, with two member staff (Iro Alampei & Vasilis Psallidas) and of course the Chairman Prof. Scoullos (also member of the Scientific Committee of the Conference). The themes of the five approved articles presented by MEDIES were: the MEDIES network; the ALTER AQUA project; ESD in BRs; University of Athens within the RUCAS project; and, the Global Experiment in Greece. A side event was also organised on the Role of Higher Education Institutions in preparing for a Mediterranean Strategy on ESD. Various members of the Executive Bureau (Prof. Ftouhi, Patricia Bonelli) and Member organizations (Eco Scholé) were also active in the Organising and Scientific Committee of the Congress. Read more: <http://www.medies.net/articles.asp?cID=7&aID=815>

National report on ESD. Prof. Scoullos, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, contributed to filling in the requested National Contribution (Questionnaire) that assessed the decade on ESD. The questionnaire was circulated to all UNESCO member states and the worldwide results will be presented in the World Conference

on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) to be held in Nagoya, Japan in November 2014. <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco-world-conference-on-esd-2014/> The Secretariat is exploring the possibilities to attend the Nagoya World Conference.

C.1.2.4.Active participation in the Euro-Mediterranean policy area: Union for the Mediterranean and the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) Meetings/Processes

The MIO-ECSDE Secretariat has further strengthened its close relationship with the relevant to the Mediterranean Unit of DG Environment and DG Development and Cooperation while following up on the European Neighbourhood Policy and its financial instrument. It has continued to inform its membership and wider network of developments and initiatives and has addressed related queries, input, etc.

Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), HORIZON 2020 and the ENP: The Secretariat has continued to closely monitor the developments of the UfM and maintained its close relationship with the Secretariat. A Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change has been announced for May 2014 during the Greek EU Presidency (Athens). MIO-ECSDE is following these developments closely. Meanwhile, MIO-ECSDE is jointly with other regionally active environmental NGOs such as WWF, RAED, etc. exploring with the UfM Secretariat possible modalities to ensure civil society participation in the environmental components of the Union. One of the objectives of this group is to also formulate and submit to the UfM funding mechanism a project for civil society enhancement on environment and water issues in current realities. Although it has been a long process (over a year and a half) it seems that the proposal is close to its completion and submission to the UfM Senior Officials Meeting.

MIO-ECSDE participated in the 6th Steering Group Meeting of the Horizon 2020 Initiative (Brussels, 19-20 November 2013). It also participated in the fourth meeting of the H2020 Capacity Building Sub-Group (19 November 2013) which assessed the implementation of its work programme so far and took decisions for the next steps to be taken till 2014 and in the phase 2014-2020. MIO-ECSDE Chairs this sub-group.

MIO-ECSDE involvement in H2020 implementation is very high also through the consortium it participates in which is led by the University of Athens and which is responsible for the capacity building required for proper implementation of the H2020 initiative (see D.6.1). It is one of the major partners of the consortium providing important logistical and thematic support.

The EuroMed NG Platform: MIO-ECSDE was an active member of the Platform, represented by Project Officer Barbara Tomassini and Executive Bureau Member Ziyad Alawneh. However, the problems of the Platform, which are mainly financial but also linked to poor governance issues, are not getting any better. Therefore, given also the lack of funds in 2013 to pay membership fees, MIO-ECSDE has decided to stop being a member till signs of progress in the right direction are manifested.

C.1.3. MIO-ECSDE activities as partner in the GWP-Med

MIO-ECSDE acts as Host Institute of the GWP-Med Secretariat and continues its fruitful collaboration with it. As a member of the GWP-Med network, MIO-ECSDE promotes a specific number of outputs for 2013 which are integral to both the GWP-Med and MIO-ECSDE agenda:

- co-organisation of many meetings and seminars (see C.2.);
- submissions of joint project proposals;
- facilitation of the Circle of the Parliamentarians (COMPSUD), facilitation of the Circle of Media/Journalists (COMJESD);
- partners in the 'Petersberg Africa' project;
- collaboration with the Mediterranean Education Initiative for Environment and Sustainability (MEdIES, see D3);
- The HYDRIA project on water management techniques of the past (see D.3.1);

- The Rain Water Harvesting in the Cyclades and the Non Conventional Water Resources Management in Malta, particularly its educational components (see D.3.2 and D.3.3 respectively);
- administrative support as it concerns the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative;
- the Drin Dialogue;
- etc.

C.2. (Co-) Organisation of Meetings at Mediterranean or national level

C.2.1. Opportunities and threats of sustainable tourism and ecotourism development in the Mediterranean – side event at the European Maritime Day 2013



Within the framework of the European Maritime Day 2013, the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) in cooperation with the EU funded Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme and the MedPartnership organized a panel discussion on the opportunities but also the threats of sustainable tourism and ecotourism development in the Mediterranean. The discussions highlighted and focused on the concern related to the expansion of the tourism season, which seems to be one of the most common recommendations and is favoured uncritically.

The European Maritime Day is celebrated every year in May, across the European Union to showcase the importance of the sea and oceans for our everyday life. This year, Valletta (Malta) hosted the 6th edition of the European Maritime Day Conference where 847 participants gathered to discuss the opportunities and challenges currently faced by maritime regions and sectors across Europe. The main focus of the conference was the theme of “Coastal development and sustainable maritime tourism”. The European Maritime Day 2013 was organised by the European Commission (DG for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries) in partnership with the Maltese Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business, and the Maltese Ministry for Tourism.

The event served as a platform for dialogue offering the opportunity to 120 participants to exchange views and experiences on challenges relevant to the concept of ‘Blue Growth’. The event took place on the 22nd of May 2013 in Valletta (09.30-11.00, Mediterranean Conference Centre, Mediterranean Street, Valletta, Temi Zammit Hall) and was opened by HE Leo Brincat, Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change, Malta. The list of speakers included:

- Hon. Leo Brincat, Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change, Malta
- Ms. Beate Gminder, Head of Unit D.1 of DG MARE.
- Prof. Michael Scoullas, Chairman of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE); University of Athens, Team Leader of Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP).
- Mr. Gordon Sillence, Vice-President of ECOTRANS European Network for Sustainable Tourism Development.
- Mr. Paulo Augusto Lourenço Dias Nunes, Scientific Coordinator, Policy and Technical Expert Committee WAVES.

Back-to-back with the European Maritime Day and within the framework of H2020 CB/MEP the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) with contributions from ACR+, CP/RAC and UNESCO-IH organized an intensive training on Sustainable Tourism and Ecotourism in the Mediterranean in the wider context of Blue Growth: Challenges & Opportunities, 20-22 May 2013, Valetta, Malta with trainees from most Mediterranean countries

C.2.2. Workshop on Climate Variability and Change and the 10th Meeting of COMPSUD

The Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) held its 10th Meeting, organised by its joint Secretariat, MIO-ECSDE and GWP/Med. Preparations began in May 2013 in order to hold



Group photo from the Hellenic Parliament

it in Ancient Olympia at the end of September 2013. In the end it was postponed to take place in Athens on the 13th and 14th of November, back to back with an MPs Workshop on Climate Variability and Change supported by a related GEF MAP/UNEP Project and the SWIM-SM Steering Group Meeting. There was a session

in the Greek Parliament, as well as a field visit to Ancient Olympia and the surrounding area which suffers from many of the impacts of climate variability and change.

Participating COMPSUD members were from the following countries: Algeria, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine and Portugal. The Regional Workshop for Members of Parliaments on Climate Variability and Change in the Mediterranean Coastal Area, aimed to:

- inform MPs on on-going and upcoming regional initiatives and programmes on Climate Variability and Change in the Mediterranean as well as their linkages with Water and Environment programmes, and to identify ways for more active MPs engagement;
- share experiences and views among MPs and with other stakeholders on how MPs can enhance their role for shaping related policy agendas and promoting priority action at regional and national level.

Members of Parliaments (MPs) are among the key actors in designing, promoting and deciding about integrated policies for sustainable development at country level. They represent the citizens, monitor the Government's performance, develop legislation and ratify environmental, water, land, energy and other laws, approve national and sectoral budgets as well as major infrastructure interventions including those that enable the State to put its development policies in force. Climate variability and change as well as ICZM and IWRM are among areas of focus and interest of MPs. It is widely recognized that there are valuable experiences to be shared at regional level among MPs and with a range of stakeholders (governments, civil society, users, local authorities, private sector, media, etc.), promoting dialogue and common understanding. Particularly in the light of the Arab Spring there is a strong call for more democracy, equity, transparency, accountability and enforcement of the rule of law. Poverty eradication, gender equality and youth empowerment are also central towards a more just society. To effectively deliver their roles, as relates to agendas that are critical for development and social equity, MPs need to be well informed, capacitated and constructively engaged.

The Workshop was part of the activities of the GEF UNEP/MAP Project on 'Integration of climatic variability and change into national strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean' (Climate Variability Project) which is jointly implemented by UNEP/MAP, Plan Bleu, PAP/RAC and GWP-Med.

C.2.3. Capacity building events within the framework of H2020 CB/MEP

In the framework of the EU funded Horizon 2020 Capacity Building /Mediterranean Environment Programme (www.h2020.net), MIO-ECSDE in collaboration with the project's partners has contributed to the very successful organisation of a considerable number of workshops in 2013 across the Mediterranean and Europe, on the H2020 priority thematic areas. In all these activities MIO-ECSDE has ensured the participation and involvement of its members to the maximum extent possible. Some indicative trainings that MIO-ECSDE has co-organized, are the following:

- Education en vue du Développement Durable (EDD) dans l'Université: Théorie et Pratique, 23–24 avril 2013, Rabat, Maroc

- Developing a green economy in Jordan: focus on resource and energy efficiency, Amman, 28 – 30, April, 2013
- Sustainable Tourism and Ecotourism in the Mediterranean in the wider context of Blue Growth: Challenges & Opportunities, 20-22 May 2013, Valetta, Malta. MIO-ECSDE Treasurer Vincent Attard has provided a significant support for the preparations of this event.
- Green Growth & Green Economy in Egypt, 4-5 June 2013, Cairo, Egypt.
- Strengthening Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) policies in the Mediterranean, 17-18 June 2013, Zagreb, Croatia.
- Financing Green Economy, 1-2 October 2013, Tunis, Tunisia
- Country strategies to move from low levels of recycling to 50 %, 3-5 December 2013, Athens, Greece

C.2.4. Meetings and Workshops organized by the MEDIES Secretariat

See D.3.

C.2.5. The 18th AGM of MIO-ECSDE, Athens, Greece

At the 56th Meeting of the Executive Bureau of MIO-ECSDE (Athens, 15 November 2013) it was decided to hold the 18th AGM of MIO-ECSDE in Athens, Greece on December 28th 2013. Due to the budgetary restrictions of 2013, a year without annual EC support, the Secretariat could financially support only the hotel accommodation costs of the member organizations that would attend the AGM. Travel costs would have to be covered by the member organizations themselves while for the members whose representatives will not be able to join in Athens, provisions would be made to participate through internet connection (skype or WebEx).

A special thanks goes to those member organizations which registered to come to Athens paying their own flight costs.

C.3. Joint Mediterranean Actions/Campaigns

C.3.1. Mediterranean Action Day 2013

Due to the unfortunate developments of the 2013 Annual EC Grant submission there will not be any Mediterranean Action Day 2013 events organized. It was foreseen for these events to be dedicated to the issue of Invasive Alien Species in the Mediterranean. Hopefully, the 2014 submission will be successful and the membership will be supported to hold activities next year.

C.3.2. The Mediterranean Honorific Award

Every June, for the past 12 years (except for 2011), Mediterrània - Centre d'Iniciatives Ecològiques (which has now become Mare Terra) and MIO-ECSDE have been awarding organizations working for the improvement and protection of the Mediterranean environment with the MEDITERRANEAN HONORIFIC AWARD, as recognition of its exceptional achievements.

The Mediterranean Honorific Award was launched in 2001 and it is open to all those organisations in the Mediterranean region working on innovative, successful projects relating to the environment and sustainable development. This year's (2013) focus was given to projects and initiatives aiming to involve sectors of civil society (the private sector, professional or other groups, local authorities etc.) in efforts to protect the environment and/or sustainable development. This year's winner was HEAD Human Environmental Association for Development (a MIO-ECSDE Member organisation) for the implementation of a Solid Waste Management System in Jbeil (Byblos). Head association has taken the initiative to join the efforts of the public sector (represented by the municipality), the private sector (Contra International and the Zero Waste ACT project) together with the local community in support of the vision for the Municipality of Jbeil becoming a "Zero Waste City".

C.3.3. The Sustainable Management of the Drin River Basin

Two years after the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in favour of the sustainable management of the extended Drin Basin, the institutional basis for its implementation has been set up, including the establishment of three Expert Working Groups: (a) Water Framework Directive implementation, (b) monitoring and information exchange and (c) biodiversity. MIO-ECSDE's dynamic promotion of transboundary dialogues continued in the framework of the Drin Dialogue and now apart from being a member of the Drin Core Group, has also the status of an Observer in the above mentioned expert working groups. MIO-ECSDE attended the 8th Drin Core Group (DCG) meeting in Tirana on 28 May 2013. The meeting was organized with the support and collaboration of UNECE, and GWP-Med. Back-to-back with the DCG meeting, an inception meeting was held for the preparation phase of the GEF Project "Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Extended Drin River Basin".

On 10-11 December 2013, again in Tirana, Albania, the Drin Basin Multi-Stakeholders Conference was organized by the Drin Core Group with the assistance of its Secretariat (GWP-Med) and the support of the GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit). It was organized within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding for the management of the Drin Basin (Drin MoU – signed in Tirana, 25 November 2011). It is one of the activities under the Drin Action Plan. MIO-ECSDE actively participated in the Conference, presenting its activities (already implemented and upcoming) to raise public awareness, enhance knowledge and empower NGOs to protect and conserve freshwater ecosystems in the Drin River Basin. Back to back with the Conference, the 9th Meeting of the Drin Core Group also took place.

Thomie Vlachogianni represents the Secretariat in the Drin events, while Executive Bureau Member Milan Vogrin is also actively involved in the Drin Dialogue activities of MIO-ECSDE.

C.3.4. Water in the Mediterranean

It is clear throughout this report that Water in the Mediterranean was a top priority for the MIO-ECSDE Secretariat and its collaborating experts also in 2013. Water is a cross cutting issue that permeates MIO-ECSDE activities both at policy level and for activities in situ.

Following-up on all previous MIO-ECSDE efforts, the Secretariat did the following throughout this year:

- Played a role in the Mediterranean Component (MED EUWI) which is an integral part of the EU WI and shares its overall objectives. MED EU WI was announced in WSSD and gives particular emphasis to Mediterranean and South-eastern Europe priorities, according to needs and strategies defined in partnership with governments, the EU Commission and major stakeholders. MED EUWI is led by the government of Greece. The Secretariat of the Component has been undertaken by the GWP-Med Secretariat. The main objectives of the MED EUWI are to create a higher efficiency of water-related development by providing a platform to co-ordinate and streamline existing and future EU activities related to water in the region. MIO-ECSDE contributes substantially in North-South interfacing and also is active under Objective 8 (Education) of the MED EU WI.
- Co-organized important events relating to water (see C.2.).
- Continued to promote the Educational Material on "Water in the Mediterranean" which is available to download in many Mediterranean languages [here](#).
- Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) in the Cyclades: The fourth year of implementation of the rainwater harvesting project was conducted the Dodecanese islands, Greece, in 2013. The overall RWH project is coordinated by GWP-Med having as main tasks the following:
 - Installation of water harvesting systems in selected public buildings of water-scarce islands.
 - Enhancement of related technical skills through training of local workers.
 - Implementation of related education activities in schools in the Dodecanese, using appropriate educational material (Undertaken by MIO-ECSDE/MEdIES, read more at D.3).

This overall RWH project, funded by Coca Cola Hellas constitutes a model-best practice and from 2012 is being replicated in Malta (read more at D.3.2) and 2013 in Cyprus. From 2014 onwards, it will also be implemented in Italy!

C.3.5. Biodiversity, Climate Change and Desertification in the Mediterranean

The MIO-ECSDE efforts to activate Mediterranean NGOs, governments, etc. on issues directly or indirectly related to biodiversity, climate change and desertification continued in 2013 mainly through advocacy during all relevant major international and regional meetings attended by the Chairman, members of the EB and Secretariat and by collaborating experts, with emphasis on the impact of climate change on desertification, strengthening the use of renewable energy resources (see below), emphasising the urgent need to safeguard the integrity of the water cycle and of soil, the need to halt further loss of wetlands and minimise undesirable effects on biodiversity, etc.

Of particular importance was the promotion of MIO-ECSDE's position paper on "Biodiversity in the Mediterranean region" revised in 2012 in view of the regrettably poor results in achieving the objectives previously set to preserve biodiversity at International, European and Mediterranean level (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=7&cID=43>). In addition, MIO-ECSDE promoted its Framework Paper on Sustainable Tourism & Biodiversity: Opportunities and Threats and the information leaflet on Invasive Alien Species in the Mediterranean (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=7&cID=46>). Executive Bureau Member Milan Vogrin was also actively involved in the above mentioned activities.

The MIO-ECSDE Secretariat continued its efforts in trying to increase mobilisation of the social and political will to promote more effective implementation and adaptation strategies that will reduce climate-associated vulnerability at the regional, national and community levels, and also in making very clear what the role of NGOs and civil society in general should be.

C.3.5. Marine and Coastal issues

Throughout the last quarter of 2012 and the first quarter of 2013, MIO-ECSDE followed closely the progress of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and continued to be a member of the Working Group on Good Environmental Status (WG GES) and the Marine Strategic Coordination Group (MSCG). Furthermore, the Chairman and Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni have been actively contributing to the work of the EU /MSFD Good Environmental Status (GES) Technical Subgroup on Marine Litter. In 2013 MIO-ECSDE intensified its efforts to contribute to the work of the Subgroup. More specifically, MIO-ECSDE has contributed to the development of a new publication on Marine Litter Technical Recommendations for the Implementation of MSFD Requirements. MIO-ECSDE was co-leading the task related to the development of common marine litter monitoring strategies and was involved in a number of other tasks. The publication entitled "Guidance on Monitoring of Marine Litter in European Seas" is now finalized and has been submitted to the MSCG for final adoption. MIO-ECSDE will continue to be an active member of the TSG-ML which will keep working throughout 2014 to further elaborate on outstanding issues, such as: assessment of harm; approaches to identification of land and marine-based sources, including monitoring of riverine litter. A subsequent document is expected to be published at the end of 2014 covering these topics.

Furthermore, MIO-ECSDE had the opportunity to work face-to-face with the other experts in a number of side meetings organized back-to-back with the International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas held in Berlin, Germany, from 10 to 12 April, 2013. This event brought together more than two hundred European policymakers, scientists and representatives from civil society and industry that debated on ways to combat marine litter in the European regional seas. The conference was organized by the German Federal Environment Agency on behalf of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature conservation and Nuclear Safety, in cooperation with the European Commission. The main outcome of this event, depicted in 'The Message from Berlin', lays out the key principles and priority actions as stepping stones towards achieving Good Environmental Status across European Seas. The Message from Berlin was handed over in a bottle to the EU Commissioner Janez Potočnik who made a call to 'Free our oceans from the litter plague'.

At the press conference following the conference, Bund handed over to the Commissioner and Irish and German Ministers of Environment, a joint NGO Marine Litter Manifesto, signed by eighteen environmental NGOs from across the EU, among which MIO-ECSDE, calling on EU Member States to increase their level of ambition and set firmer marine litter reduction targets with the aim of ending the marine litter problem within a generation.

C.3.6. Culture and Sustainability in the Mediterranean

Among the main objectives of MIO-ECSDE is the protection of the cultural heritage of the Mediterranean region. It proposes that on the one hand cultural values and assets should be used to preserve biodiversity in the Mediterranean and promote sustainable development, and on the other to obtain for many sites in the Mediterranean simultaneous protection of cultural and natural diversity and goods. To this purpose MIO-ECSDE seeks to make the best use of its network of Mediterranean NGOs (as well as of the other sub-networks it facilitates i.e. COMPSUD, educators, journalists, etc.).

Within this overall framework, during 2013:

- The enrichment of the interactive HYDRIA website (www.hydraproject.net) – acknowledged as an outstanding example of work bridging ESD and Cultural practices (see [here](#)). Read more about HYDRIA in D.3.1
- MIO-ECSDE promoted the educational package “Mediterranean Food: Historical, Environmental, Health & Cultural dimensions” which has been produced in five Mediterranean languages (find it here <http://www.medies.net/staticpages.asp?alD=371&overrideCategory=1>).
- Pursued funding for various related projects particularly on Cultural diversity and Biodiversity including proposal submissions.
- Supported member organisations’ and other initiatives where possible.
- etc.

D. DRAFTING, RUNNING, COMPLETION AND/OR FOLLOW-UP OF PROJECTS

D.1. Annual EC Funding 2013

2013, like 2011, is a year that MIO-ECSDE is called upon to function at its best without the EU annual support for its 2013 work programme. Mixed messages are being sent from Brussels, since on the one hand we are constantly congratulated for the great work we are doing and the valuable contribution to the developments in the region and at the same time we were not awarded the financial support for the work being congratulated for. When in February-March 2013, the Secretariat was informed that MIO-ECSDE was not selected, a series of letters and strategic meetings were coordinated by the Secretariat, as the justification for MIO-ECSDE not being selected was extremely weak just like in 2011. The decision was not reversed.

D.2. Annual EC Funding 2014

The deadline for submitting the 2014 Annual Funding under the LIFE+ Instrument was the 15th of October 2013. The decision will be taken by the EC in February-March 2014.

D.3. The MEDIES Secretariat

MEDIES (Mediterranean Education Initiative for Environment & Sustainability), is a WSSD Type II Initiative on Education for Environment and Sustainability. It is led by MIO-ECSDE, the Greek Government, UNESCO, and UNEP/MAP and closely collaborates with GWP-Med in water issues. There are many confirmed partners to the initiative such as Governments (through Ministries), NGOs active in the Mediterranean region, etc. (see them all [here](#)).

MEDIES is actually an e-network of Educators and Schools in countries around the Mediterranean basin that implement integrated educational programmes on cross-cutting themes, such as water, waste, cultural & biological diversity, sustainable consumption, protected areas, etc. as a vehicle to ESD.

MEDIES has been selected in a pan-European inventory of innovative practices on ESD by the European Commission - DG Education and Culture (DG EAC). MEDIES was selected among 40 good ESD practice examples across all EU Member States illustrating how the concept of SD has been used and implemented in educational practices

MEDIES was accredited for the 3rd time as an International Network for Environmental Education/Education for Sustainable Development by the Hellenic Ministry of Education for the period 2013-2016.

In 2013 the following main horizontal activities of the secretariat are underway or have been fulfilled:

- Facilitating the e-network through the webpage: www.medies.net is updated on a weekly basis with ESD news, competitions, announcements, outcomes of major fora, etc. of Euro-Mediterranean interest. Also the e- Bulletin of MEDIES circulated to its members is distributed on a quarterly basis. Find here the latest [MEDIES bulletins](#).
- Targeted ESD trainings for educators in various Mediterranean countries.
- Targeted activities with students.
- Links with UNESCO have been strengthened through strategic meetings that the Chairman of MIO-ECSDE has had throughout the year with various UNESCO departments and divisions.
- The Mediterranean Universities Network for Education for Sustainable Development (MedUnESD) continues to be facilitated by the Secretariat.
- Many activities targeting educators and students have taken place in Greece as well.

D.3.1. The HYDRIA project

The project entitled 'HYDRIA' - *collection, storage & distribution of water in antiquity: linking ancient wisdom to modern needs* began in 2008 as a web tool (www.hydriaproject.net) targeting youths, teachers, potential visitors and other audiences. The overall objective of HYDRIA is to unfold and present a small part of the diverse, yet common tangible and intangible Mediterranean Cultural Heritage using as a vehicle, selected cases of the most representative ancient water management works, concepts and techniques. The website includes texts, photos and animations to present the cases and is fully functioning in the English and Arabic languages.

During Phase I (Nov 2008 – Dec 2009) HYDRIA included 14 cases from 6 Mediterranean countries (Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco). Phase I was supported by MIO-ECSDE (through the EU annual funding), GWP-Med and the UNESCO Participation Programme.

During Phase II (Nov 2010 - Dec 2011) the site expanded to include 5 more cases from Mediterranean countries (Cyprus, Algeria, Tunisia, Italy, and Greece) and was transformed to a form of CMS that can be managed and enriched by the MEDIES Secretariat, without the need of an IT expert.

The latest expansion of HYDRIA (phase III) is funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation. The project ran from 01/10/2012 to 30/09/2013, and foresaw 18 new case studies and 4 new animations. In this project there were some delays due to the large size of the partnership, but also because some of the partners had difficulty in delivering on time. Therefore, during the last months of the project MIO-ECSDE had to make 5 changes of partners in order not to lose funds and complete all outputs. So far, 14 of the expected 18 cases and 2 of the 4 animated clips have been completed and uploaded and the remaining ones will be uploaded by the end of the year. The Arabic version of the new cases will also be uploaded in the next few weeks. HYDRIA has evolved into a rather rich site and MIO-ECSDE / MEDIES will keep seeking funds for its further expansion.

D.3.2. The educational component of the "RWH in the Greek Islands" project

The role of MIO-ECSDE and specifically MEDIES in the Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) project is to support the awareness and education component, targeting students, teachers as well as the wider public.

The overall project is coordinated by GWP-Med having as its main tasks to install rain water harvesting systems in selected public buildings of water-scarce islands; enhance the related technical skills of local workers; implement educational and awareness raising activities in schools. The main partner and donor of the project is the "Mission Water" environmental program of Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company & Coca-Cola Hellas. This project is considered a model of best practice to be replicated in other local communities in Greece and other EU and non-EU Mediterranean countries.

The project has been running since 2008 (Phase I: Syros, Tinos, Naxos; Phase II: Anafi, Santorini, Ios, Naxos, Iraklia, Koufonisia; Phase III: Serifos, Sifnos, Milos, Folegandros, Sikinos, Syros; Phase IV: Paros, Antiparos, Andros, Kea, Kythnos). This school year was the 5th year of the application of the overall project, including its educational component, targeting the **Dodecanese Islands** (Phodes, Kastelorizo, Simi and Chalki), and entailing the production of the second edition of the educational material "The gift of the rain", school activities for pupils and teacher trainings. More particularly, the MEDIES activities for 2013 within the RWH project were the following:

- Reproduction of the existing educational poster (for students) in 2.000 copies to be disseminated to school children in the four Dodecanese islands (March 2013).
- Production of the second edition of the educational material "The gift of the rain" (Greek) in 200 copies (April 2013) to be disseminated to educators in the four Dodecanese islands.
- Educational activities in schools. The purpose of the educational activities in schools is to inform and sensitize students on the issue of water saving, particularly through the revival of the practice of collecting rainwater in cisterns. The first round of school activities took place in the project islands (Phodes, Kastelorizo, Simi & Chalki) in May 2013, reaching 451 students. The second round of school activities took place in November-December 2013 in schools of Athens.
- A major teacher training took place in Rhodes (May 15) plus some sessions in the other islands during which the teachers were informed on how to use in their classes the educational material "the Gift of Rain". In total 105 teachers from the dodecanese have been trained. This number is expected to grow even further with the November activities in the schools of Athens.

<http://www.medies.net/articles.asp?cID=8&aID=801>

- In the meantime, a school art contest is being prepared to be launched in 2014. This contest will be addressed to primary and secondary level and comes after a five year active engagement with schools of the Aegean with the RWH project and will informally assess the impacts of the project so far. The winners will be announced in a ceremony during the 2014 World Water Day (22 March).

D.3.3. The educational component of the “NCWRM in Malta” project

This was the second and final year of the project implemented (also known as *Alter Aqua*) by GWP-Med in partnership with: the Ministry for Gozo; the Eco-Gozo project; the Coca-Cola System in Malta (Coca-Cola Malta and General Soft Drinks); in collaboration with MIO-ECSDE/MEdIES (leading the educational component); Nature Trust Malta (NTM) and the EkoSkola programme.

The overarching aim of the project is to advance the use of non conventional water resources, such as rainwater harvesting, grey water and treated wastewater reuse, as a sustainable way of providing access to water in the water scarce communities of the Maltese Islands. *Alter Aqua* focuses particularly on rainwater harvesting as a promising alternative for supplying freshwater, by installing modern innovative rainwater harvesting systems in public buildings and areas and by training technicians on new techniques and materials available. The project aims also to raise awareness of students and teachers on NCWRs and sustainable water use and to enhance the capacity of local and regional councils on non conventional water resources management.

MEdIES coordinates the educational component of the project. During the last months of the project the educational activities that took place are the following:

- Coordination and support when needed, regarding the school interventions in Gozo and Malta performed by NTM.
- Alter Aqua was awarded the European stencil award, based on a proposal submitted by NTM. This is indeed an important recognition for the project. Read more: <http://www.medies.net/articles.asp?cID=27&aID=842&ereg=>
- The second teacher training for educators of Gozo (as part of their in-service training) was held on 08-10 July 2013. This was undertaken by MEdIES officer Iro Alampai and NTM / Eko Skola officer Marvic Refalo. It was attended by 21 teachers. <http://www.medies.net/articles.asp?cID=8&aID=819>

D.3.4. Educational component of the “NCWRM in CYPRUS” project

The project builds on the NCWRMs projects that have taken place in Greece and Malta. It is led by GWP-Med in partnership and with the support of Coca-Cola.

MIO-ECSDE/MEdIES leads the educational component and is in collaboration with the Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus. The project activities for 2013 include:

- The drafting and production of an educational poster for students (by Jan 2014)
- The drafting and production of a new educational material, custom made for the Cypriot reality entitled “Educational Material for Non Conventional Water Resources in Cyprus”(by early 2014)
- The reproduction of a series of HANDS-ON material (in two sets) for the Cypriot educational community (by early 2014)
- The organization of two teachers’ seminars in Cyprus to promote the Educational Material (Jan 2014)

The RWH and NCWRM projects are considered so successful that that the project will now be expanded to include Italy. More news on this in 2014!

D.3.5. UNESCO BRESCE and MIO-ECSDE / MEdIES initiatives on ESD

UNESCO and MIO-ECSDE published the kit “ESD in MAB BRs and other Designated Areas: A Resources Book for Educators in SE Europe and the Mediterranean.” The Book is addressed to trainers, officers of MAB Biosphere

Reserves (BRs), Protected Areas (PAs), Environment Centres, Nature Parks, Eco-museums, NGOs, etc. within any "Designated Area" in SE Europe and the Mediterranean. Eventually, it can be used by all those involved in implementing awareness raising programs in the field, whether from formal or non-formal education.

Read more: <http://www.mio-ecsde.org/protarea/index.html>

Download the book: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002199/219946e.pdf>

The EuroMAB 2013 took place in Canada 15-19 October 2013. The Chairman, Prof. Scoullos participated with the support of UNESCO BRESCE that also organised a two day workshop devoted to ESD in MAB BRs to promote the joint MIO-ECSDE & UNESCO newly released publication "ESD in BRs and other Designated Areas: A Resource Book for Educators in South-Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean." The whole EuroMAB had some 200 participants while the more focused ESD training was attended by ~35 officers interested in education. EuroMAB 2013 was organised in the Frontenac Arch Biosphere, in collaboration with the Canadian Biospheres Reserves Association, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, etc. MEDIES work was mentioned and commented several times, while Prof. Scoullos was asked to coordinate the women's group of EuroMAB on ESD.

The project "Education for Sustainable Development /Environmental Education in Protected Areas" (GR-2014-293-001) has been selected for EU co- financing and it is included in the Comenius and Grundtvig Training Database (<http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/search.cfm>). The course will take place in Amfissa, Greece, from 05/03/2014 to 12/03/2014. 22 adults have been accredited to participate. There is the option of another 5-10 participants, provided they are funded by the UNESCO BRESCE.

D.3.6. MEDIES as partner in the RUCAS-EU Tempus project

The RUCAS (Reorient University Curricula to Address Sustainability) is an EU TEMPUS project led by the Dpt. of Primary Education of the University of Crete that was launched on October 2010 with a 3-year duration. The main goal of RUCAS is to support the development of ESD in the Higher Education sector in developing countries (Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon) with the help of developed countries (Greece, France, Ireland, Italy, Sweden).

The Closing Consortium Symposium of RUCAS (Reorienting University Curricula to Address Sustainability) took place on 13-15 September 2013, in Athens. During the meeting an overview of the RUCAS Outputs and Deliverables, took place. The partner Universities presented a wealth of case studies/good practices taken over the 3-yr implementation of the project. During RUCAS hundreds of Curricula have been revised and are currently implemented in the partner Universities. Meanwhile a series of other initiatives in teaching, governance and infrastructure show that ESD is starting to be truly integrated in these Institutions.

MIO-ECSDE / MEDIES as well as the University of Athens were partners in the RUCAS project.

D.3.7. Network of Mediterranean Universities

After the December 2012 meeting of the network members, two proposals were submitted to the EC Life Long Learning Programme by the University of Athens on behalf of the Network involving most of the members and in cooperation with MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES Secretariat:

(I) One about the organization of a Summer Course on "ESD in Designated Areas" in Greece in July 2014 (ERASMUS IP Programme). (approved!)

(II) One on the Mediterranean Master Course on ESD (TEMPUS Programme). (not approved)

The ERASMUS IP Programme started in September 2013 and the actual course will take place in Amfissa, Greece on 6 - 19 July 2014. A total of 45 people, 35 students and 10 teaching staff are expected to attend the IP. Read more: <http://www.mio-ecsde.org/erasmus-IP-2014/>

D.3.8. Online Learning Course of ESD

This course was the first in a series of e-learning courses of the UNESCO publication: “Education for Sustainable Development in Biospheres Reserves and other Designated Areas: A Resource Book for Educators in South-Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean”.

The course was targeted at people working mainly with ESD in MAB BRs and other designated areas, Environment Centres, Nature Parks, Eco-museums, NGOs etc and is been developed by MIO-ECSDE/MEdIES in partnership with the University of Athens (UNESCO Chair on ESD and Management in the Mediterranean) with the support of the UNESCO-BRESCE Venice Office, the Greek National MAB/UNESCO Committee and the European Commission (DG ENV).

Building on one of the UNESCO Book chapters (ref. 5.2.6) , the MIO-ECSDE/ MEdIES secretariat has developed the 4 week long e-learning course entitled “Management in Designated Areas” that was piloted between 25/03/2013 – 21/04/2013. The e-course aimed to build the capacities of staff working in Designated Areas on how such areas can be managed sustainably. It was based on the book but enriched with many real life scenarios. The e-course was piloted with the participation of 31 learners from Mediterranean and SE European countries. Given the high number of registrations; the very limited drop-outs (26 of 31 participants successfully completed the course) and the high interest of learners to follow up, MIO-ECSDE / MEdIES aims to standardize it and repeat it regularly, but also to develop similar courses based on other chapters of the UNESCO book.

Read more: <http://www.mio-ecsde.org/protarea/index.html>

<http://www.envirolearning.net/mioecsde/index.php>

D.4. Other projects

D.4.1. Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP)

MIO-ECSDE is a key partner in the Consortium that is responsible for the implementation of the EU funded Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP). The project started in November 2009, and its first phase was till the end of October 2012. The Consortium is led by the University of Athens.

The main objective of this project is to support the implementation of H2020 with a special focus on environmental mainstreaming. It aims to address the following problems: low political priority given to the environment; insufficient integration of environment in the different sector policies (agriculture, tourism, transport or energy) and lack of inclusion of the different actors from local to international level; insufficient capacities and resources at institutional and civil society level. More specifically, the purpose is to support the implementation of the Horizon 2020 Initiative Road Map and Work Plan through capacity building and awareness raising activities in the thematic areas of urban solid waste, urban waste water and industrial emissions, and to promote integration of environment issues in other sectors policies (agriculture, tourism, etc.). See full description of the Initiative and its projects at www.h2020.net

In April 2012 at the H2020 Steering Group Meeting, the EC announced that due to the success of the project and the unanimous support of the beneficiary countries, a follow-up phase of 2 more years was decided..

D.4.2. The Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Sea Marine Ecosystem (MedPartnership)

The MedPartnership is a collective effort of leading organizations (regional, international, nongovernmental, etc.) and countries sharing the Mediterranean Sea towards the protection of the marine and coastal environment of the Mediterranean. The MedPartnership is being led by UNEP/MAP and is financially supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other donors, including the EU and all participating countries.

Within the framework of the project, MIO-ECSDE's activities aim to strengthen public awareness (with particular emphasis on NGO networks) and support NGO participation in the implementation of the project.

More, specifically the aim is to ensure effective NGO involvement in the project and feeding into and complementing the Communication Strategy. Furthermore, since December 2010 MIO-ECSDE has been leading the communication and information dissemination activities of the project. The contract expired in March 2011 and a follow-up contract for the whole duration of the project (end of project: August 2014) is on the way. Read more at www.themedpartnership.org and see C.1.1.

D.4.3. FP7 project: MARine Litter in Europe Seas: Social Awareness and CO-Responsibility (MARLISCO)

Together with eighteen other organizations from the EU, MIO-ECSDE is a partner in FP7 project entitled MARLISCO "MARine Litter in Europe's Seas: Social Awareness and CO-Responsibility". The 36-month long project is led by Provincia di Teramo, Italy and officially started in June 2012 (signing of contracts).

The main objective of the MARLISCO project is to increase the awareness on the consequences of societal behaviour in relation to waste production and management on marine socio-ecological systems, to promote co-responsibility among the different actors and to define a more sustainable collective vision through concerted actions. The main focus is to provide and evaluate mechanisms to enable society to perceive the impact of litter on the marine environment, to identify the land-based activities that are involved and collectively arrive at solutions to reduce that impact – in particular solutions that can be implemented locally but have a regional effect.

The main elements described above are addressed through six work packages: Information about marine litter trends in Europe's Seas was gathered (WP1), together with an evaluation of the relevant policy background. Examples of good practices were identified (WP2) and this will help to identify and inform the stakeholders from a wide range of industrial, commercial and civil sectors in a structured dialogue (WP4). A web portal is providing information about the findings of the project (WP3). A challenge will be issued to the younger elements of society in the form of a video competition (WP5) to raise societal awareness and potentially suggest innovative solutions. A range of educational and other materials will be generated to inform and engage the various stakeholder groups, and disseminate the results of MARLISCO to the widest possible audience (WP6).

MIO-ECSDE, given its long-standing experience at policy/advocacy/awareness raising level and Education for Sustainable Development is involved in almost all working packages and has undertaken the role of leading the Med Node and the educational component of the project. MIO-ECSDE member organization MerTerre (France) is also a partner.

One of the highlights of MARLISCO in the second half of 2013 include the finalization of a cutting-edge awareness raising exhibition on marine litter targeted to the general public and students in all partner countries of MARLISCO. MIO-ECSDE undertook the tasks of research, authoring, synthesis and layout design of the Exhibition that has started to be exhibited in various ways in all partner countries and utilized for educational purposes (school visits, etc.). Currently, MIO-ECSDE is developing an educational material on marine litter to be translated in 14 languages. The material is expected to be ready by February 2014.

In addition, within the context of MARLISCO, on the 27th of September 2013 MIO-ECSDE & MEDIES participated in the MAREXPRES (MARine EXPLoring REsearchers) event. Then event was organized within the framework of the European Researchers' Night 2013 by the laboratory of Natural Geography, Faculty of Geology and Geoenvironment, University of Athens and the Association of Greek Oceanographers in cooperation with the Dpts. of Environmental Education (EE) of Primary and Secondary Education of Athens.

MIO-ECSDE / MEDIES carried out a series of educational activities on the topics of climate change and sea water rise; marine litter and key threats of the coastal and marine environment of the Mediterranean, highlighting also important values, such as respect for nature, multiculturalism, solidarity, democracy and sustainable development. The interactive activities targeted primary-level students, aged from 6 to 10 and attracted the attention of some 60-70 children. In parallel, members of the MIO-ECSDE team, had the opportunity to showcase the FP7 MARLISCO project, where MIO-ECSDE is a key partner, and also hand out information material with useful tips on how to minimize litter entering the marine and coastal environment (find more info at the 'Keep the Mediterranean Litter free' pamphlet). (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=&cID=1&aID=350>)

D.4.4. EU Pilot Project on the plastic recycling cycle and its loopholes in the four European regional seas

Together with six other organizations, namely ARCADIS, MILIEU, Coastal and Marine Union (EUCC), Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF), REC-Bulgaria, Green Partners, MIO-ECSDE was a key partner in the pilot project launched in 2012 on the plastic recycling cycle and marine environmental impact. It was a 9-month EU project aiming to identify the loopholes in the local or regional plastic cycle in the 4 marine regions of the EU and develop proposals for measures to fill the identified gaps in the plastic cycle. More specifically, the main tasks of the project included: (a) data collection and identification of possible sources of marine litter in the four study areas; (b) description of loopholes and gaps found in the plastic cycles; (c) identification of measures to fill loopholes and gaps; (d) assessment of the feasibility of possible measures based on a set of criteria; (e) recommendation of a feasible, affordable mixture of measures per case study.

D.5. Proposals submitted for funding in 2013

In 2013 MIO-ECSDE submitted the following proposals for funding:

Proposal Title	Submitted to:	Project budget (EURO)	Submission date	Notes	Status
Adult Learning for Sustainability of Protected Areas (ALSPA)	LLP/Grundtvig Multilateral Projects	232.962 euros	31/1/2013	To train adult educators in PAs through e-learning and study visits & Application of new ESD programmes in the PAs	Rejected
Mobile technologies for project based learning and educational telecollaboration (MPBL)	LLP/ Transversal programme (ICTs)	total ~ 350.000 MIO: 75%96.000 ~ 72.000	28/2/2013	The project aims to create international telecollaborative learning projects, based on new methodologies and technologies (mobile = m-learning) in the field of science, EE and ESD. MIO will have the role of evaluation	Applicant REC Bulgaria, pending
IP on Education for Sustainable Development in Protected Areas	ERASMUS Intensive Programme	60.186 euros	6/3/2013	A 2 weeks long seminar for post graduate students with the participation of 8 universities.	Approved. Applicant UoA
Mediterranean Master Course on Education for Sustainable Development	TEMPUS	1 218 244,22	22/3/2013	Aims to establish and pilot implement a Mediterranean Post-Graduate Course on ESD.	Applicant UoA, rejected July 13
WATER TALES	ALF Medium Term Call	Total: 29.948,00 MIO's part: 2000 (1600 in fees, 400 own contribution)	15/4/2013	Aims to develop a series of water tales from Mediterranean countries, to be uploaded in the HYDRIA webpage as means of water related intangible heritage. Lasts 8 months (Oct 13 - May 14)	Applicant: MED SOS, rejected (July 2013)
YOUTHXCHANGE FOR CLIMATE IN GREECE	YPEKA: 1. Gen Sec 2. Prasino Tameio 3. Directory of Public Information	1. 62.500 2. 26.400 3. 26.400	1. 1/4/2013 2. 19/4/2013 3. 22/4/2013	Aims to transfer the UNEP/UNESCO guidebooks in Greek, disseminate to the educational community and build capacity to educators across Greece	Pending but not likely
Life for Clean Waves	LIFE+	3.006.232	26/06/2013	Aims to creating the enabling environment through collaborations, development of targeted tools and effective mechanisms to expand people's awareness on the issue of marine litter and promote concrete, comprehensive and continuous actions towards litter-free European seas.	Pending (expected results March 2014) Applicant: MIO-ECSDE

Derelict Fishing Gear Management System in the Adriatic Region (Defishgear)	IPA Adriatic Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007–2013	5.796.040 (511.630 for MIO-ECSD)	22/06/2013	Aims to reduce marine litter pollution in the Adriatic Sea (Oct 2013-Mar 2016)	Approved!! Applicant: National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana, Laboratory for polymer chemistry and technology
Living well in harmony with the Drin	Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund(CEPF)	277.358 \$	15/07/2013	Aims to raising public awareness, enhancing knowledge and empowering NGOs to protect and conserve freshwater ecosystems in the Drin River Basin.	Approved! Applicant: MIO-ECSD
E - learning courses on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Protected Areas	MAVA Foundation	55.000 (46.000 from MAVA, 9.000 from UNESCO BRESCE)	01/08/2013	16M project concerning two e-courses based on the ESD in BRs toolkit. Concept note submitted	Rejected (in December)
Production and Promotion of an awareness raising EXHIBITION on marine litter	Coca Cola	20.000		To raise awareness in the issue of marine litter through a bilingual exhibition (EN, GR) to be produced and promoted as wide as possible reaching out to the general public (including tourists) and especially students.	Approved! Applicant: MIO-ECSD
Lebanese Youth as Messengers for Sustainability	Support to CSOs / AFKAR / EuropeAid	6.000 - 7.000 Euro for MEDIES	25/9/2013	24M project where MEDIES undertakes tasks of - elaboration of educational materials;- training seminars for local authorities - trilateral network (Italy, Lebanon and Greece) of educators through the MediES network.	Good first signs but still pending

E. PUBLICATIONS & WEB-APPLICATIONS

- A publication on '**Aliens in the Mediterranean**' developed in English, French and Arabic. It is the first of its kind on the issue of invasive alien species addressing the wider public but also containing more advanced information on the issue which could be used by MIO-ECSDE membership to formulate their positions on how to address the matter. (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=7&cID=46>)
- A publication on '**Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals: a lurking threat**'. It is a 32-page leaflet providing basic information on EDCs aiming for a deeper understanding of the implications when it comes to health or the environment and establishing the links with the EU efforts to address all relevant issues. The brochure was developed in English and French. (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=7&cID=46>)
- The UNESCO/MEDIES publication on "**Education for Sustainable Development in Biosphere Reserves and other Designated Areas: A Resource Book for Educators in South-Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean**" (has been printed by UNESCO). (http://www.unesco.org/ulis/cgi-bin/ulis.pl?catno=219946&set=51593347_0_346&gp=1&lin=1&ll=1)
- The updating of MIO-ECSDE's **web-based application on Nanotechnologies (NanoVirtualium)**. The English version of the application was updated to reflect recent scientific/regulatory developments, with the aim to be translated into the aforementioned languages in 2013. The updating process was realised in close cooperation with IVAM. The layout of the application was redesigned in order to make the application more attractive and easy to read and other types of ICT formats were used in order to ensure that the application can be viewed by different types of computers (including tablets and phones) (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/nanovirtualium/index.html>).
- A calendar for 2013 to promote the HYDRIA project plus postal cards.
- **HYDRIA WEBSITE:** <http://www.hydriaproject.net/> So far, 12 of the expected 18 cases have been uploaded, and the remaining will be uploaded before the end of the year. The Arabic version of the new cases is also pending.

F. MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATIONS

The Co-Chairman of the Executive Bureau of MIO-ECSDE, Prof. Mohamed Ftouhi, participated in the workshop "Strengthening Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making: Building Connections for Africa and the Middle East" which took place on 7-9 January 2013 in Rabat, Morocco.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the Roundtable discussion on future governance options to best implement Ecosystem-Based Management in the Mediterranean Sea, which was held on 15-16 January 2013, in Athens, Greece.

The members of MIO-ECSDE staff, Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, Ms. Iro Alampei and Ms. Vicky Malotidi, participated in the MARLISCO coordination meeting which took place on 7-8 February 2013, in Brussels, Belgium.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas, actively participated in a series of meetings in the UNESCO Headquarters on 27 February 2013 in Paris, France, with H.E Mr. Ambassador Theodoros Passas and Ms. Meriem Bouamrane in order to coordinate with them on future activities related to MAB.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the 1st Eye on Earth User Conference which took place on 4-6 March 2013 in Dublin, Ireland. The Conference was combined with the 3rd meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Indicators which took place on 5 March 2013.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the Seas at Risk Seminar on 'Marine Litter at the European level' which was held on 13 March 2013 in Brussels, Belgium.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the meeting on "Tracing 'Nano' for Downstream Users and Consumers" which was held on 14 March 2013 in Brussels, Belgium.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the 8th Session of the UNECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development which was held on 21-22 March 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland, back to back with the 13th Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable and the Joint Segment with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the coordination meeting, on 26 March 2013, which was attended by several Ministries of the Government of Monaco, in view of the Ministerial Meeting that H.S.H. Prince Albert of Monaco is going to host on October 2013, for the adoption of the Mediterranean Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development.

Ms. Vicky Malotidi, MIO-ECSDE/MEdIES Programme Officer constructively participated in the Sustainability Week 2013 organised by the Deree College in Athens and delivered a presentation about the Network of the Mediterranean Universities on SD/ESD on 3 April 2013.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the 4th MedPartnership Coordination Group Meeting which was held on 3 - 5 April 2013 in Paris, France.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas that was held on 12-14 April 2013, Berlin, Germany.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the 12th FEMIP Conference under the title: "Mediterranean Blue Economy: Enhancing Marine and Maritime Cooperation" which was organised by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and took place on 18-19 April 2013 in Athens, Greece.

The Team Leader, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the H2020 CB/MEP Training entitled: "Education en vue du Développement Durable (EDD) dans l'Université: Théorie et Pratique", which took place on 23-24 April 2013 in Rabat, Morocco. Prof. Scoullas made a series of presentations (available on the H2020 website).

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas, actively participated, in the first day, Arab-Mediterranean Regional Conference on Coastal Environmental Resources Management and Monitoring, which took place on 15-16 May 2013, in Beirut, Lebanon. Prof. Scoullas made a presentation entitled: "Integrated Coastal Zone Management concepts, methods and tools including Civil Society participation".

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas, actively participated in the 60th Executive Bureau meeting which was held on 16 May 2013 at the EEA premises in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas, Chaired the 55th Meeting of the Executive Bureau of MIO-ECSDE.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the meeting of Government-designated Experts to Review the Regional Plan on the Marine Litter Management in the Framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol, held on 17-18 May 2013, in Barcelona, Spain.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas, actively participated in the H2020 Training entitled: “Sustainable Tourism and Ecotourism in the Mediterranean in the wider context of Blue Growth: Challenges & Opportunities” which was held on 20-22 May 2013 in Valetta, Malta. Prof. Scoullas made several presentations (available on the H2020 website). Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer also participated at the training and made a presentation entitled “Reducing Marine Litter for the Sake of the Environment and Blue Growth”.

During his mission in Malta Prof. Scoullas also participated in the European Maritime Day 2013 where he made a presentation, on 22 May 2013, entitled: “Tourism and Biodiversity: Opportunities and Threats”. In The Malta meetings Prof. Scoullas was accompanied by the MIO-ECSDE members of staff Ms. Anastasia Roniotes, Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in a preparatory meeting for the IPA funded proposal on “Derelict Fishing Gear” which was held on 23-24 May 2013 in Piran, Slovenia.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the 8th Drin Core Group Meeting which was held on 28 May 2013 in Tirana, Albania.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the “Governance & Financing for the Mediterranean Water Sector’ project” which was held on 28-29 May 2013 in Barcelona, Spain.

The MIO-ECSDE staff member Ms. Eleana Tsakiri participated in the H2020 CB/MEP Training entitled “Green Growth and Green Economy in Egypt” which was held on 4-5 June 2013, Cairo, Egypt.

Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the 7th World Environmental Education Congress which took place on 9-14 June 2013 in Marrakesh, Morocco. Prof. Scoullas was accompanied by the MIO-ECSDE members of staff Ms. Iro Alampei and Mr. Vassilis Psallidas.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the Coordinators Meeting of EU Projects in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea regions, held on 13-14 June 2013, in Athens, Greece.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the H2020 Training “Strengthening Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) policies in the Mediterranean”, which was held on 17-18 June 2013 in Zagreb, Croatia. Prof. Scoullas was accompanied by the MIO-ECSDE staff Member Ms. Eleana Tsakiri.

The members of MIO-ECSDE staff, Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni and Ms. Iro Alampei, participated in the MARLISCO 2nd Steering Group meeting which took place on 17-18 June 2013 in Brussels, Belgium.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the MED POL and CP/RAC Focal Points Meeting which was held on 18-21 June 2013 in Barcelona, Spain.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the Environment and Energy Sub-Committee, of the Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development Committee, of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, which took place on 27 June 2013 in Strasbourg, France. Prof. Scoullas made a presentation entitled: “Addressing pollution in the Mediterranean Region”.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the International Conference “Sustainable Development Solutions in the Mediterranean Region” which took place on 3-5 July 2013 in Siena, Italy.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the 3rd Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Coordination Group, held on 9 September 2013, in Athens, Greece.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the MAP Focal Points meeting which took place 12-13 September 2013, in Athens, Greece.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the Athens Consortium Symposium of RUCAS (Reorienting University Curricula to Address Sustainability), which was held on 13-15 September 2013, in Athens, Greece. Prof. Scoullas was accompanied by the MIO-ECSDE Members of staff Ms. Iro Alampei and Mr. Vassilis Psallidas. Prof. Scoullas made a presentation.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in the H2020 CB/MEP Training entitled “Innovative wastewater treatment and reuse”, which was held on 17-20 September 2013, in Poreč, Croatia.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in a series of coordination meetings about the H2020 CB/MEP programme. The meetings took place on 1-2 October 2013, in Brussels, Belgium.

The MIO-ECSDE member of staff Ms. Olga Papathanasopoulou, participated in the H2020 CB/MEP Training entitled “Financement de l’économie verte”, which was held on 1-2 October 2013, in Tunis, Tunisia.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in the World Social Science Forum 2013, which was held on 13-15 October 2013 in Montreal, Canada.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in the EuroMAB 2013, which was held on 15-19 October 2013, in Brockville, Canada.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in the ESD EuroMAB post event which took place on 19-20 October 2013, in Mont-Saint-Hilaire Biosphere Reserve, Canada.

Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer constructively participated in the Expert Group Meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for Sustainable Development (DESA/DSD) together with the Government of Croatia, on 21-22 October 2013, in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in the Visit of the ENVI Delegation to the EEA which took place on 28-29 October 2013, at the EEA premises in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The MIO-ECSDE Head Officer, Ms. Anastasia Roniotes, actively participated in the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting of the SWIM SM, which was held on 12-13 November 2013, in Athens, Greece.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in the “Regional Workshop for Members of Parliaments on Climate Variability and Change in the Mediterranean Coastal Area, which was held on 13-14 November 2013, in Athens, Greece. Prof. Michael Scoulllos made several presentations.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in the 56th Executive Bureau Meeting of MIO-ECSDE, which was held on 15 November 2013, in the MIO-ECSDE Premises, Athens, Greece.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in the 6th Meeting of the HORIZON 2020 Steering Group, which took place on 19-20 November 2013, in Brussels, Belgium.

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoulllos actively participated in the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, organized by UNEP/MAP, which took place on 3-6 December 2013, in Istanbul, Turkey.



17TH MIO-ECSDE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Athens, 21 October 2012

15:00 – 20:00

Divani Acropolis Hotel

(draft) MINUTES

The 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of MIO-ECSDE took place in Athens, Greece at the Divani Acropolis Hotel, on 21 October 2012. The meeting was organized back-to-back with an ENPI Horizon 2020 CB/MEP workshop on “How Members of Parliament can better contribute to the effective depollution of the Mediterranean” that succeeded to gather more than 120 Members of Parliament, journalists and NGOs from 22 Mediterranean countries. The meeting was organised by MIO-ECSDE, who is member of the H2020 CB/MEP Consortium led by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA).

Thirty six (36) NGO members of MIO-ECSDE from twenty (20) Mediterranean countries travelled to Athens, Greece in order to participate in the 17th AGM of MIO-ECSDE

The Chairman, Prof. M. Scoullas and the Co-Chairman Prof. Mohamed Ftouhi chaired the meeting. From the MIO-ECSDE Secretariat, Finance and Administration Officer Ms. Bessie Mantzara presented the agenda items relating to the MIO-ECSDE financial management and Programme Officer Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni kept the minutes of the meeting. In his opening address, the Chairman welcomed the participants to Athens and the 17th AGM and highlighted that MIO-ECSDE and its Membership have successfully undertaken over 20 years of joint action. He also stressed that it is important to remember from where we have started and Prof. Ftouhi complemented his thought by saying that the two main values that are at stake these days, are embedded since the very beginning in the network and these are cooperation and solidarity for the benefit of the Mediterranean Environment.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Agenda

The Chairman presented the Agenda items and the corresponding attachments. The Agenda (attachment 1) was unanimously approved without amendments.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the 16th AGM

The Chairman went through the minutes page by page. The minutes of the 16th AGM of MIO-ECSDE (attachment 2) were unanimously approved without amendments.

Agenda Item 3: Report by the Executive Bureau of MIO-ECSDE

a. Report of Activities 2012

The Chairman, Members of the Executive Bureau, MIO-ECSDE staff and Member organizations involved in specific activities of the Work Programme, presented highlights from the various sections of the 2012 Report of Activities. The pre-circulated Report itself had been previously approved by the Executive Bureau.

After the discussion of the Report, where many positive comments were made by the membership, the Chairman thanked the members of the Federation and the members of the Executive Bureau as well as the staff of the organization for their contribution in the successful implementation of the programme.

b. Financial Report 2011

Ms. Bessie Mantzara presented the financial report of 2011, which has been audited also by Independent External Auditors (PFK). This was the first time they audited MIO-ECSDE and proved to be equally professional and collaborative as the previous ones.

She also referred to the significance of transparency and accountability in the finances of MIO-ECSDE which is under the scrutiny of several financial authorities (Greek, independent auditors, EU and GWP audits/assessments/evaluations, etc.).

The members thanked the Executive Bureau and the Secretariat for the proper monitoring and good governance in the funds management of MIO-ECSDE as well as for the amount and quality of work achieved with the budget.

c. Estimated Financial Report 2012

The Estimated Financial Report for 2012 was also presented by Ms. Bessie Mantzara. A comparative table of the running and forecast budgets was presented and some of the terms used were explained.

It was concluded that, despite general austerity measures in Greece and the EU, in general the finances of the organisation are sound, provided that we continue to obtain the Commission's support for the core budget.

The Chairman informed of the continued commitment of the Secretariat, under his supervision, to increase the "non-core" budget to have flexibility and allow for activities also in non-EU countries.

Agenda Item 4: The MIO-ECSDE Communication Strategy

The MIO-ECSDE Communication Strategy developed by the Secretariat and a working group formed by members of the Executive Bureau was presented by the Chairman. He stressed that this is a living document to be revisited every few years. After a brief discussion, MIO-ECSDE members expressed their appreciation for the work done and committed themselves to contribute to the appropriate 'differentiation' of MIO-ECSDE's key messages to meet the needs of the target groups they directly address, as well as to widely disseminate them at national level and beyond. In addition, a request was made to MIO-ECSDE to repeat the exercise, carried out in the past, of collecting all Member NGOs' profiles and post them on the website.

Agenda Item 5: Approval of the Reports under Agenda Item 3

The Report of Activities for 2012, the Financial Report for 2011 and the Estimated Financial Report 2012 were approved unanimously, one by one, by the Plenary.

Agenda Item 6a and 6b: Presentation of the Provisional Work Programme and Budget for 2013

The Chairman presented the foreseen activities for 2013 as approved by the Executive Bureau. Most of the proposals made by the Members during the discussion have actually already been considered under the various projects either running or submitted (minor amendments were incorporated).

The Chairman underlined that MIO-ECSDE's visibility should be increased in Brussels.

Agenda Item 7: Approval of Reports under Agenda Item 5

The Provisional Work Programme for 2013 as well as the Provisional Budget for 2013 were unanimously approved one by one by the Plenary.

Agenda Item 8: Membership Affairs

a. New applications

The Chairman informed the AGM that during 2012 the Secretariat received five (5) valid new applications for Membership (see table below). The Executive Bureau (EB) proposals to the 17th AGM for these applications are as follows:

	Name of organisation	Type	Country	Membership
1	EcoOcean	NGO	Israel	Full
2	Human Environmental Association for Development (HEAD)	NGO	Lebanon	Full
3	Fondation Mohammed VI pour la Protection de l'Environnement	NGO	Morocco	Full
4	Terra Cypria	NGO	Cyprus	Full
5	Association pour la Protection de l'Environnement et le Développement Durable de Bizerte (APEDDUB)	NGO	Tunisia	Full

b. Approval of new Members

The proposals made by the Executive Bureau on the new applicants for membership were unanimously approved, one by one for each applicant by the AGM.

Agenda Item 9: Elections for Members of the Executive Bureau

The Chairman explained the system followed for the elections of the Members of the Executive Bureau (EB). Half of the Members are renewed every year with a two-year term of office each. The number of new members should equal the number of outgoing members of the Board.

The following proposals and decisions were made for the NGO seats from EU countries:

For *Greece*: Prof. Michael Scoullas was nominated who was unanimously elected.

For *France*: Mr. Jean Valere Geronimi was nominated and unanimously elected.

For *Italy*: Ms. Patricia Bonelli sharing with Ms. Romina Bicocchi, were nominated and unanimously elected.

For *Malta*: Mr. Vincent Attard was nominated *in absentia* and unanimously elected.

For *Slovenia*: Mr. Milan Vogrin was nominated and unanimously elected.

The following proposals and decisions were made for the three NGO seats from non EU Countries:

Mr. Riad Nacer Bendaoud from *Algeria* was nominated and unanimously elected.

Mr. Ziyad Alawneh from *Jordan* was nominated and unanimously elected

Mr. Habib Ben Boubaker from *Tunisia* was nominated and unanimously elected.

For the *ad hoc* members:

Prof. Gerasimos Arapis has been nominated as alternate to Prof. Scoullas who is appointed by the Elliniki Etaireia as its representative. So for this term Prof. Arapis will represent Elliniki Etaireia.

The EEB appointed its President Mr. Mikael Karlsson to represent it in the Executive Bureau of MIO-ECSDE. His alternate will be Mr. Serdar Sarigul who is also on the Board of the EEB. The AGM agreed with these arrangements.

The AGM confirmed Mr. Vincent Attard as Treasurer of MIO-ECSDE.

The AGM approved the appointees and replacements and welcomed them for their new term.

From the newly elected Executive Bureau Prof. Michael Scoullas was nominated and unanimously elected as Chairman and Prof. Mohammed Ftouhi was nominated and unanimously elected as Co-Chairman.

It was confirmed that PFK will continue to be our external Auditors for 2013.

Therefore, the MIO-ECSDE Executive Bureau is as follows:

Chairman: Prof. M. Scoullas (Greece/EE)

Co-Chairman: Prof. M. Ftouhi (Morocco)

Members (in alphabetical order):

Prof. G. Arapis	Elliniki Etairia
Dr. E. Adly	RAED
Mr. Z. Alawneh	Jordan
Mr. M. Alves	Portugal
Mr. V. Attard	Malta
Mr. I. Attrash	Palestine
Mr. H. Ben Boubaker	Tunisia
Mr. RN Bendaoud	Algeria
Ms. P. Bonelli sharing with R. Bicocchci	Italy
Mr. J-V Geronimi	France
Mr. M. Ghandour	Lebanon
Mr. A. Juarez	Spain
Mr. M. Karlsson	EEB
Mr. S. Sarigul	Turkey
Ms. A. Theodosiou	Cyprus
Mr. M. Vogrin	Slovenia

Its term is valid till the 31st of December 2013 and to be renewed by the AGM of 2013.

The Chairman thanked the members for their renewed confidence and support and promised to continue the efforts for the organization and its cause. He also congratulated the new Members of the Executive Bureau.

Agenda Item 10: Any other business

No issue was raised for discussion under this agenda item

Closure of the 17th MIO-ECSDE AGM: The AGM was closed by the Chairman and Co-Chairman who thanked the Members for their commitment, support and collaboration and the Secretariat for its dedication and hard work. On behalf of the Board they assured the Members that the Secretariat will try to perform even better.

MIO-ECSDE Member Organizations as of the 17th AGM (December 2012)

No	Country	Organisation	Abbreviation	Address	Status
1.	International (Based in BELGIUM)	European Environmental Bureau	EEB	34, Blvd de Waterloo, 1000 Brussels	Full
2.	International (Based in EGYPT)	Arab Network for Environment and Development	RAED	P.O.Box: 2 Magless El-Shaab, Cairo	Full
3.	International (Based in GREECE)	Mediterranean Scientific Association of Environmental Protection	MESAEP	Organization of the Master Plan & Environmental Protection of Thessaloniki, 105 Vas. Olgas Str., 54643 Thessaloniki	Full
4.	International (Based in ISRAEL)	Friends of the Earth Middle East	FoEME	8 Hanegev Str., Tel Aviv 66186,	Full
5.	International (Based in FRANCE)	Centre International de Droit Compare de l'Environnement	CIDCE	32, rue Turgot, F-87000 LIMOGES	Full
6.	International (Based in LIBYA)	International Energy Foundation	IEF	1st September Street, P.O.Box 83617, Tripoli	Corresponding
7.	International (Based in MOROCCO)	Alliance Maghreb Machrek pour l'Eau	ALMAE	53, Rond Point Mers Sultan, 21100 CASABLANCA	Full
8.	International (Based in UK)	Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles - GREECE	MEDASSET		Full
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29.	EGYPT	The Arab Office for Youth and Environment	AOYE	P.O. Box 2, Magles El Shaab, Cairo	Full
30.	FRANCE	Union Régionale pour la Sauvegarde de la Vie, de la Nature et de l' Environnement	URVN	Maison de la Vie Associative - «Le Ligoures», Place Romee de Villeneuve - Encagnane - 13090 Aix-en-Provence	Full
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37.	GREECE	Hellenic Ornithological Society	EOE	Vas. Irakleiou 24, 10682 Athens	Full
38.	GREECE	Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature	HSPN	20, Nikis Str., 105 57 Athens	Full
39.	GREECE	Interdisciplinary Institute for Environmental Research	INIER	65, Charilaou Trikoupi 106 82 Athens	Full
40.	GREECE	Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles - GREECE	MEDASSET	1c Licavitu Street, 106 72 Athens	Full
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42.	GREECE	New Ecology Society	NES	Mavromichali 39, 10680, Athens	Full
43.	GREECE	Society for the Environment and Sustainability on Earth	SENSE	3, Leontariou Str., 14235, Nea Ionia, Athens	Corresponding
44.	GREECE	SOLON for synthesis and ecological civilization on 21st century	SOLON	18, Miaouli Str., 35011, Makri, Fthiotida	Corresponding
45.	GREECE	World Wide Fund for Nature - Hellas	WWF-HELLAS	Fillelinon 26, 105 58 Athens	Full
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81.	MOROCCO	National Drought Observatory of Morocco/Observatoire National de la Secheresse		IAV HassanII, BP 6202, Rabat-Instituts, Rabat	Corresponding
82.	MOROCCO	Société Protectrice des Animaux et de la Nature	SPANNA	41 Résidence Zohra, Harhoura 12000, Témara	Full
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90.	SLOVENIA	DPPVN - Society of bird research and nature concervation	DPPVN	Ptujaska c. 91, SI23237 Slovenia	Full
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104.	TUNISIA	Association de Sauvegarde de la Medina et du Patrimoine de Kelibia	A.S.M.K	Espace Raouf GARA, Port de Kélibia. 8090 Kélibia. Tunisia	Full
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106.	TUNISIA	Association des Habitants d'El Mourouj II		Adresse de la correspondance : BP 1220 – 1045 Tunis RP / Adresse du local : 22 Rue de la Cannelle El Mourouj 2	Corresponding
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112.	TUNISIA	Association pour la Protection de l'Environnement et la Nature du Gouvernorat de Bizerte	APENB	87, Place du 13.1.1952, 7000 Bizerte	Full
113.	TUNISIA	Association pour la Sauvegarde de la Médina de Gafsa	ASM Gafsa	Dar Loungo. Avenue Ahmed Zaïech. 2100 Gafsa Tunisie	Full
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- Assistance for the establishment, strengthening, co-operation and co-ordination of Mediterranean NGOs and facilitation of their efforts by ensuring the flow of appropriate information among relevant bodies.
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