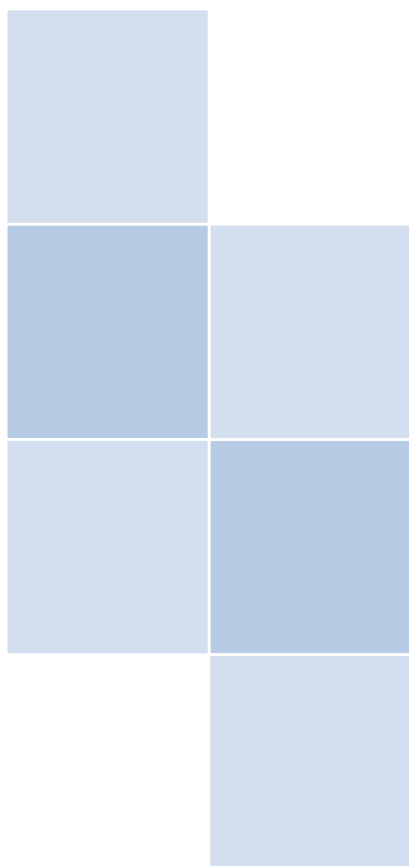




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Executive Summary

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 2014 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 2014 (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 2014 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 in tackling marine litter) and as a partner in the UNEP/MAP-GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem (or **MedPartnership**). The revision of the Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development is underway and MIO-ECSDE has contributed in the consultation process.
- Strengthening **the environmental component of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)**, the **European Neighborhood 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 **Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), Public Awareness, Public Participation and Access to Information** at regional and national levels. 2014 was a year with a major ESD milestone: the endorsement of the **Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development** by the 43 UfM Member countries and presented in Nagoya at the World Conference on ESD. MIO-ECSDE has been working incessantly since 2005 toward this goal. Furthermore, **MEDIES** and its 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.
- 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)**.

- 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 2014.

MIO-ECSDE was called upon to function at its best without the annual EU support for its 2014 work programme.

Preamble

The present report describes the progress and development of MIO-ECSDE's main activities, projects and achievements for 2014.

The activities carried out followed the priorities described in the MIO-ECSDE Annual Programme decided during the 18th AGM (virtual via WebEx – 28 December 2013) (see annex I).

Continuing to seek opportunities for the formulation of common NGO positions, it has organised and supported 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 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, re-vamped, 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 2014 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 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 2014 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 2014 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 for part of the year and Mr. Ali Değer Özbakir for the rest (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. Fadi Hussein (Lebanon)
	Mr. Vincent Attard (Malta)
	Mr. Imad Attrash (Palestine)
	Mr. Mario Alves (Portugal)
	Mr. Milan Vogrin (Slovenia)
	Mr. Angel Huarez and Mr. Jeremie Fosse (Spain)
	Mr. Habib Ben Boubaker (Tunisia)

One virtual Executive Bureau Meeting (57th) took place on the 4th of December 2014.

A.3. Membership

At the 18th AGM (28 December 2013) two new organisations were approved, bringing the MIO-ECSDE Membership to 128 member organizations for 2014 (see also Annex II). No organisations submitted complete applications to the Secretariat in 2014.

A.4. MIO-ECSDE Secretariat Staff

During 2014 the status of the Secretariat staff was as follows:

Ms. Anastasia Roniotes continued working, full-time, with main fields of responsibility: administrative matters relevant to the Annual Work Programme and MIO-ECSDE governance (Executive Bureau and AGM), policy formulation and monitoring, representation, running of specific projects, submission of project proposals, 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 (since early June when her maternity leave ended).

Danai Amplianiti, Hanna Virtanen and **Vangelis Kalambokis** also were part of the junior staff of the Secretariat assisting in specific projects and tasks.

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

Mr. Kostas Drakopoulos continued as part-time Official Accountant of MIO-ECSDE with **George Paneris** assisting.

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 2014 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. Bendaoud, Mr. Attrash, as well as by other members of the EB.

A.5. Audit report for the year 2013

The overall audited financial report of MIO-ECSDE for 2013 was completed in September 2014 by PKF Euroauditing SA. 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. Quality management and accountability standards

The Secretariat is in the process of integrating its quality management system and accountability charter procedures (see directly below) in view of facilitating the certification process and unnecessary administrative burden. It will have to also update the MIO-ECSDE Code of Conduct accordingly. It is also continuing to explore ways to facilitate and capacitate its members in also applying the above principles and practices.

MIO-ECSDE staff upholds ISO 9001 (2008) related requirements and continually identifies any significant improvements that strengthen the management of the organization's processes. 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/>).

A.7. Capacity building of MIO-ECSDE staff

MIO-ECSDE staff working on Horizon 2020 CB/MEP was trained on web site administration (jumla), while the financial administration is following an e-course on sustainable business administration (160 hours).

In turn the MIO-ECSDE staff mentors and trains interns mainly from relevant University programmes. Two such interns spent three months each, learning from participating in MIO-ECSDE projects.

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 2014 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) events having to do with important Mediterranean issues; and
- (d) activities performed by Member Organisations;

(ii) The Newsletter 'Sustainable Mediterranean'

Only one issue of the newsletter Sustainable Mediterranean was printed and disseminated in 2014 (without the annual support from the EU more were not possible). It is dedicated to the collective achievements of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in higher education in the Mediterranean and was disseminated at the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (Nagoya, November 2014). (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=7&cID=44&aID=381>)



(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 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, forwards incoming useful information to its membership and to the wider network it collaborates with (up to around 4000 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.

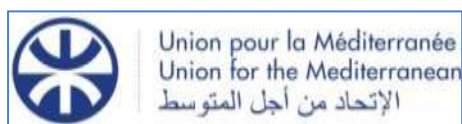
In addition, in the framework of the MedPartnership project MIO-ECSDE continued its efforts in enhancing the effective participation of NGOs in the project activities.

The **MIO-ECSDE web-site** <http://mio-ecsde.org> was regularly updated in 2014 and toward the end of the year underwent a routine re-vamping (every 2-3 years).

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 2014.

- A number of (sub)regional MIO-ECSDE projects are running with the active partnership of member NGOs (see D).
- The 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 2014 (see C.1.2.). Mid-year, within the framework of the Mid-term review of Horizon 2020, UNEP/MAP took on the role of Co-Chairing the Sub-Group with the European Commission. MIO-ECSDE continues to participate and contribute to the Sub-Group in any case.



- MIO-ECSDE is a partner in the UfM labelled (June 2014) "BlueGreen Med-CS" which, once fully running, will be devoted to capacity building and networking of NGOs, participatory processes with close involvement of the authorities and also a small grants programme for pilot

programmes in 5 Mediterranean countries ([http://ufmsecretariat.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/BlueGreen Med-CS snapshot -final.pdf](http://ufmsecretariat.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/BlueGreen_Med-CS_snapshot_final.pdf)). However, funds for its full implementation are not in place yet and all partners and the UfM Secretariat are trying to tap relevant resources (see C.1.2.4). Another project dedicated to Marine Litter is also currently under development for labelling by the UfM in which the participation of member organisations is integral.

MIO-ECSDE's Med Action Day 2014 could not take place without the annual support from the EU.

For the 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.



Although an annual meeting of the Circle did not take place in 2014, the Chairperson, Ms. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou was included in the Federation's major events of the year (Marine Litter Week – see C.2.1), its members were informed about major developments that took place during the year and key relationships with the other institutions of Members of Parliament, i.e. the UfM Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on Energy, Environment and Water and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean were further strengthened.

COMPSUD's promotional video is 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** (see D.3)
- **Mediterranean Universities Network for Education for Sustainable Development**

MIO-ECSDE launched in November 2008 the MedUnNet in partnership with the University of Athens (UoA) to revitalize the Higher Education system towards sustainable development. The tasks of the network are:

- to provide a forum for consultation and radical re-thinking on ESD among academics, students, public administration representatives, future employers, NGOs, etc.
- the eventual development and implementation of an international Master Course on ESD.
- facilitating the “whole institute approach” on SD in each participating University which encompasses the concepts of green, resource efficient, low carbon-footprint buildings and services, along with opening up to societies and becoming platforms of sustainable innovation.

MIO-ECSDE provides the Administrative Secretariat while the UoA provides the Scientific Secretariat of the Network. The 10 partner universities come from the EU countries: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, and the non-EU: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey. For details on 2014 activities see D.3.7.

- **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 62 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, but there have been some first developments in the setting up of a **Youth network** on water and sustainable development in the process leading toward the 7th World Water Forum, combined also with the project on perceptions of youth in Mediterranean countries for consolidating the concept of sustainable development (D.3.10)

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** mentioned above.

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
- (d) UNEP/MAP expert working groups

Furthermore, MIO-ECSDE maintains good relations with international institutes, networks and groups such as:

- the European Commission and particularly DGs Environment, DEVCO, MARE, etc.
- 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 Euromediterranneennes 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 MCSO

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, its RACs (Regional Activity Centres) and of MCSO.

The Chairman of MIO-ECSDE formally met with the new Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, Mr. Gaetano Leone, in September 2014. It was an all encompassing meeting covering past and present achievements and insights as well as a first sharing of ideas for future collaboration and meaningful mutual support. Furthermore, in November 2014, Head Officer Anastasia Roniotes was interviewed as a representative of MIO-ECSDE as a UNEP/MAP Partner by external consultants who are assessing the impact of the MAP Programme of Work.

MIO-ECSDE participated in the Correspondence Group on Monitoring, Pollution and Litter (CORMON), held in Athens, 8-9 May 2014. The main objectives of this meeting were to discuss the options laid out in the Monitoring Guidance documents prepared by the secretariat, in order to find the best cost-effective and scientifically mature way of monitoring the common indicators of the pollution and litter cluster; to follow-up on the recommendations of the Integrated CorGest Group on monitoring, targeting specifically pollution and litter; to give specific, more detailed monitoring related recommendations on the common indicators of the pollution and litter cluster; to give recommendations, regarding EOs/indicators, which are not mature enough yet, but on which scientific developments and work in other International Bodies would suggest to include them already in early discussions. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer, Thomais Vlachogianni, actively contributed to the meeting and made several interventions/recommendations on Contaminants/Ecological Objective 9 and Eutrophication/Ecological Objective 5. Specific emphasis was given to the issues related to Marine Litter/Ecological Objective 9, where MIO-ECSDE was among the very few participants that made constructive comments on the guidance monitoring documents with regards to technical issues and advocated for a more ambitious approach when it comes to monitoring of marine litter in different environmental compartments, while it also raised the issue of the added value of citizens' science initiatives in collecting useful data.

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 Steering Committee Meeting (17 - 20 February 2014, Hammamet, Tunis). The meeting was attended by representatives from all executing partners of the MedPartnership, as well as representatives from UNEP DEPI and the European Commission. The meeting reviewed the activities implemented under the four components of the project throughout 2012-2013 highlighting challenges and lessons learnt. At the meeting, MIO-ECSDE presented its major successes, challenges and lessons learned for the years 2012-2013 when it comes to strengthening public awareness (with

particular emphasis on NGO networks) and supporting NGO participation in the implementation of the project. In addition, it presented the progress made regarding the set of communication activities that MIO-ECSDE has been leading.

The MIO-ECSDE Communication contract (signed in October 2012 and ending in 2015) ran throughout 2014. Within the framework of this contract MIO-ECSDE has undertaken the implementation of selected activities, such as the development of two e-learning modules on public participation and stakeholders' involvement; the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach, the drafting of a brochure with lessons learned, etc.

MIO-ECSDE participated in the 6th MedPartnership Coordination Group Meeting, held in Barcelona on 4-5 November 2014. Representatives of the executing partners presented the progress of their activities within the 4 components of the project. The group also drew a clear roadmap with well defined steps for achieving the project's goals and ensuring its successful completion in the months to come. A complete session was also dedicated to the sister project on climate variability and change. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer, Thomais Vlachogianni, actively contributed to the brainstorming session of the meeting focusing on the future project's activities. Meanwhile, the GEF 6 new strategy was presented to set a frame for the future project. MIO-ECSDE stressed that within the activities of the future project, the NGO component needs to be properly integrated and funded with provisions for activities in each beneficiary country and at regional level. These activities should go hand in hand with pilots and communication activities towards enhanced impacts of the project.

MIO-ECSDE participated at the regional stakeholders' consultation meeting on the Sustainable Consumption and Production Action Plan for the Mediterranean, held in Marseille, France, 1-2 October 2014. The meeting was structured around 4 working groups dealing with the themes of goods manufacturing, tourism, food and agriculture, housing and construction. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the discussions of the 2 first groups, actively promoting MIO-ECSDE's positions and contributing to the identification of SCP priority actions and tools to effectively implement the obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The outputs of the meeting will serve as a basis for the development of a first version of the SCP Action Plan to be presented for the first time to country's representatives by the end of 2014.

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 were co-organised with MIO-ECSDE (see D.4.1).

Since April 2014, Blue Plan has been coordinating the consultation process for the revision of the Mediterranean Strategy on Sustainable Development (MSSD). At a first stage, MIO-ECSDE, in consultation with the whole of its membership, contributed to the on-line call for input. Later, in October, the second phase of the consultation was launched through on-line questionnaires in six different working groups: Seas and coasts; Natural resources, rural development and food; Climate; Sustainable cities; Transition towards a green economy; Governance. The third phase was a meeting of various stakeholders on 19-21 November 2014 in Sophia Antipolis for a validation exercise and discussion-based consensus with the experts in charge of drafting the revised Strategy. Head Officer Anastasia Roniotes participated in this stakeholder meeting, contributing to 2 working Groups and the plenary sessions. The first draft of the revised MSSD is expected before the end of the year. Meanwhile, the Chairman was invited by UNEP/MAP Coordinator Gaetano Leone to contribute to the Conference on the revision of the MSSD that eventually took place in Malta in February 2015, hosted by the Maltese Government, which is co-chairing the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD).

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 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 2014 (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 the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) which has replaced the European Neighbourhood and Partnership 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-ECSCDE, given the opportunity, will 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:

The Chairman of MIO-ECSDE was an invited speaker at the informal **Meeting of EU Ministers of Environment** that took place in Athens on the 14th of May 2014. He made a presentation on Marine Litter in the European Regional Seas. MIO-ECSDE also arranged and had the MARLISCO exhibition on Marine Litter set up in the venue of the Ministerial Meeting.

NGOs joint reaction to the European Commission's 'must do better' report for Marine Strategies: In February 2014, MIO-ECSDE together with Seas At Risk, Coalition Clean Baltic, Black Sea NGO Network Birdlife Europe, WWF UK, joined voices in a press release reacting to the European Commission's 'must do better' report, reviewing the progress of Member States (MSs) in implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). In a nutshell the Commission's view of the progress achieved underlined the poor level of implementation, the lack in common understanding of what Good Environmental Status (GES) is really about, and often weak and non-measurable targets set by the MSs. The report also pointed out shortcomings in coordination between countries across regional seas and in the integration with other environmental legislation. The above mentioned NGOs expressed their dismay and called for a higher level of ambition by MSs to achieve GES in their marine waters in 2020 (read more here <http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=&cID=1&aID=356>).

NGOs lay out their priorities for MSFD measures: Within 2014 the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) entered a crucial implementation phase, as countries have been working on the development of the programmes of measures to maintain or achieve Good Environmental Status for marine waters by 2020. The programmes of measures have to be submitted to the Commission in 2015, for entry into force by 2016. In July 2014, MIO-ECSDE together with a wide network of international and national NGOs (Seas At Risk, Marine Conservation Society, Coalition Clean Baltic, BUND, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation, Oceana, World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF), BirdLife Europe, The Fisheries Secretariat (FISH), Black Sea NGO Network, France Nature Environnement, North Sea Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Europe, Coastwatch Europe,

Sustainable Water Network, MEDITERRANEAN SOS Network, OceanCare), released a joint NGO paper with proposed priority measures to be implemented as of 2016. The document was sent to the Marine Strategy Coordination Group and has also been presented in relevant foras, such the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR) Intersessional Correspondence Group-MSFD Meeting and the DG ENV workshop on public participation. Early and effective public participation and consultation in the development of these programmes was stressed as a prerequisite for their success. With the joint NGO paper 'Priorities for MSFD programmes of measures', MIO-ECSDE aimed to improve and facilitate the participation process and to support NGOs and authorities in their work developing their national plans. The paper includes the priority measures and targets NGOs would like to see implemented for a number of the MSFD descriptors, i.e. commercial fish and shellfish, biodiversity, eutrophication, contaminants and marine litter, as well as recommendations for the establishment of an ecologically coherent network of well-managed marine protected areas. It also provides good practice guidance for organising effective public participation and consultation. MIO-ECSDE led the development of the Descriptor 2 (Non-indigenous species) related document and contributed to a large extent to the drafting of the Descriptor 10 and the public participation and consultation related priorities.

Advocating for a circular economy and striving to save the EU waste reform proposal: On the 19th of November, MIO-ECSDE together with twenty six (26) organizations/institutions including the European Environment Bureau, Seas at Risk, Greenpeace EU, Surfrider Foundation Europe, Friends of the Earth Europe, Zero Waste Europe, ACR+, OCEANA Europe, KIMO International, University of Plymouth, etc. sent an open letter to the European Commission President Juncker and Vice-President Timmermans, requesting that they do not withdraw the vital waste management proposal. The proposal, part of the broader Circular Economy Package, proposes ambitious recycling targets amongst other things, and is a vital step towards ending the input of waste into the marine environment. The proposal is under threat and may be withdrawn by the new Commission, under the principle of 'political discontinuity', which allows the new Commission to withdraw the outgoing Commission's pending proposals. In a leaked letter from Juncker on the Commission's 2015 Work Programme, the waste proposal was marked as one that could be withdrawn because it does not fit with the new 'jobs and growth' agenda. However, the Commission's own impact assessment has demonstrated that the proposal, combined with full implementation of existing waste rules, could provide Europe with 580.000 additional jobs.

C.1.2.2. Following up Rio+20, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), etc.

During 2014 MIO-ECSDE took into consideration in all its thematic priorities and activities the outcomes of the various global developments and priorities of various fora that are follow-up actions of Rio+20 or linked with the process leading to the finalisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

9th Meeting of the UNECE ESD SC Geneva, 3 April. Prof. Scoullou, MEdIES Coordinator, represented Greece and MIO-ECSDE in the 8th Meeting of the Steering Committee of ESD of UNECE that took place on 3 April 2014. During the meeting the Member States reviewed their progress achieved during the third phase of implementation of the UNECE Strategy on ESD and the educators' competences for ESD, particularly in technical and vocational education. Additionally they discussed about the last mandatory national implementation reporting in 2014 and post -2014 period for ESD, as the UN Decade of ESD is coming to its end. In this line, they agreed in strengthening synergies with other organizations and processes (UNESCO, SDGs, etc.) and in contributing to the World Conference on ESD in Nagoya, Japan in November 2014.

Adoption of the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development, Athens, 14 May. The Mediterranean Strategy on ESD (MSESD) was formally and unanimously endorsed by the 43 Ministers of Environment and Climate Change of the UfM in their meeting in Athens on 13 May. The Strategy was annexed to the Ministerial Declaration. This is the first Regional Strategy after the UNECE one (and is actually its "child" as it is largely based on it). The aim of this Strategy is to encourage countries of the Mediterranean region to develop and incorporate ESD into all relevant subjects of their formal, non-formal and informal educational systems. The Strategy was developed through a participatory process involving formal and informal educational institutions and relevant government officials. The scientific support was provided by the UNESCO Chair and Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean, held by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Mediterranean Information Office (MIO-ECSDE)/MEdIES. The final preparatory process of drafting the Strategy was supported by the European

Commission under the Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (CB/MEP). Under the Horizon 2020 CB/MEP project a tri-lingual publication on the Strategy (<http://www.h2020.net/en/resources/publications/finish/67/2930.html>), which also includes the history, the process and the Strategy itself in English, French and Arabic was also produced. It was widely disseminated at Nagoya by the Chairman and shipped to Ministers of Education and Environment, members, and other major relevant institutions in the region. Furthermore, at the CAMRE (Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment) meeting in November 2014, Executive Bureau member Dr. Emad Adly, presented the Strategy and the publication to the Arab Ministers, promoting it as an option to be followed for ESD implementation in the Arab countries.

The Strategy was formally presented by the Greek Minister of Education, Mr. Loverdos, at the UNESCO World Conference on ESD in Japan (10-12 November 2014) on the occasion of the end of the UN Decade of ESD (DESD) as a concrete contribution of the Mediterranean region to the DESD. A Side Event was also organised on November 12, on the issue of "Regional ESD Strategies" (UNECE and Mediterranean). The Mediterranean Strategy on ESD was included in the Final Report of the DESD as an exemplary Case of Regional Policy. Furthermore, the preparation of an Action Plan of the Mediterranean Strategy on ESD is included in the Launching Commitments for the Global Action Programme on ESD in the thematic area "Advancing Policy".

The **Action Plan** for the Implementation of the Strategy is to be developed under the UfM framework with the technical support of MEDIES. A meeting with the UfM Secretariat is scheduled for mid-December 2014.

World Conference on ESD, Nagoya-Japan, 10-12 Nov 2014. Prof. Scoullos, MEDIES Coordinator and MIO-ECSDE Chairman, was invited by UNESCO as an international expert on ESD/UNESCO Chair holder and participated in



the World Conference on ESD in Nagoya (associated events: 8-9 November and 10-12 November: the main Conference). Prof Scoullos played a very active role in various sessions of the Conference, being speaker/panellist, moderator and rapporteur in various Workshops and Side Events. He also handed the publication on the MSED to UNESCO's Director General Irina Bokova and HSH Princess Lalla Hasnaa of Morocco - the President of the Mohammed VI Foundation for the Protection of the Environment at the opening session of the Conference. The Conference marked the end of the UN Decade on ESD- DESD (2005-2014) and produced/presented the following land-mark documents:

1. The Final Report of the DESD: "*Shaping the future we want*" in which MIO-ECSDE, the Network of the Mediterranean Universities on ESD and the MEDIES Network of educators

have been reported as "*good practices of building competences*" and "*exemplary cases of networking*" (the Report is available here: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002301/230171e.pdf>)

2. The Aichi-Nagoya Declaration, for which Prof. Scoullos had made comments elaborated and sent by the Greek Ministry of Education.

3. Last but not least, during the Conference the Global Action Programme (GAP) on ESD was launched. The MEDIES Network activities, the Action Plan of the Mediterranean Strategy on ESD as well as the Network of the Mediterranean Universities on SD/ESD have been included there as "Launching Commitments for the GAP". All Launching Commitments for the GAP on ESD are presented at: <https://unesco4esd.crowdmap.com/main>

The UNESCO Roadmap for implementing the GAP is available at <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002305/230514e.pdf>

C.1.2.4.Active participation in the Euro-Mediterranean policy area: Union for the Mediterranean and the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) 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 new financial instrument (ENI).

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 took place in May 2014 during the Greek EU Presidency (Athens), where MIO-ECSDE was very active, mostly through its role within the EU funded CB/MEP which also supported the Ministerial Meeting. Ministers agreed to launch the second phase of the Horizon 2020 Initiative with the full involvement of the UfM Secretariat and agreed on future strategic directions to reduce pollution and increase resource efficiency in the Mediterranean. They also endorsed the Mediterranean Strategy on ESD (see C.1.2.3.).

MIO-ECSDE and RAED are partners in the project proposal "BlueGreen Med-CS" which is in the process of securing the funds to be launched. It was labelled by the Union for the Mediterranean earlier in 2014. Through a capacity building programme and a small grants scheme, the project will enable NGOs to acquire skills in various areas of sustainable development. Throughout the process, the relevant public authorities will be constantly informed of and involved in the activities organised in order to strengthen the dialogue between CSOs and national authorities. It will eventually be implemented in Albania, Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia. Read more at: <http://ufmsecretariat.org/bluegreen-med-cs/> (see also B.1.2)

MIO-ECSDE participated in the fifth meeting of the H2020 Capacity Building Sub-Group (17 November 2014) which discussed the draft Capacity Building Work Programme of the next phase of Horizon 2020 (2015-2020). MIO-ECSDE no longer co-chairs this sub-group, but rather participated as a member of the group. The Chairman also participated the Steering Group Meeting of the Horizon 2020 Initiative which took place back-to-back with the Steering Group of the EU funded SWIM Project (December 2014).

MIO-ECSDE involvement in H2020 implementation was very high till the end of October 2014 also through the consortium it participated in, which was led by the University of Athens and which was responsible for the capacity building required for proper implementation of the H2020 initiative (see D.4.1). It was one of the major partners of the consortium providing important logistical and thematic support.

C.1.3. MIO-ECSDE activities as partner in 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 2014 which are integral to both the GWP-Med and MIO-ECSDE agendas:

- co-organisation of many meetings and seminars (see C.2. and D.3.);
- submissions of joint project proposals;
- facilitation of the Circle of the Parliamentarians (COMPSUD), facilitation of the Circle of Media/Journalists (COMJESD);
- collaboration with the Mediterranean Education Initiative for Environment and Sustainability (MEdIES, see D.3);
- 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, Cyprus and Italy, particularly its educational components (see D.3.2 and D.3.3 respectively);
- the Drin Dialogue;
- etc.

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

C.2.1. The Mediterranean Marine Litter Week

From 12 to 16 of May 2014, MIO-ECSDE organized the Mediterranean Marine Litter Week within the frameworks of the IPA Adriatic funded DeFishGear project, the Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean

Environment Programme and MARLISCO, under the auspices of the Greek Presidency of the European Union and the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Greece.

Janez Potočnik, EC Commissioner for Environment and well-known advocate for cutting marine litter in Europe, together with Ioannis Maniatis, Greek Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change and Lila Iskandar, Egypt's Minister of State for Environment Affairs, launched on May 12th the Marine Litter Week held back-to-back with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change (13 May 2014) and the informal Meeting of EU Ministers of Environment (14 May 2014).



The Marine Litter Week included the following events:

- **A Marine Litter Experts meeting from the Adriatic Region**, within the framework of the IPA Adriatic project entitled: Derelict Fishing Gear Management System in the Adriatic Region (DeFishGear). More than thirty five marine litter experts from all seven countries of the Adriatic Sea, the European Commission, international organizations, including the Regional Sea Convention(s) (Barcelona Convention, OSPAR Convention), Non-Governmental Organizations and other stakeholders met in Athens on the 12th of May 2014 to jointly define a monitoring and assessment strategy for marine litter in the Adriatic Sea. The strategy will be deployed within the framework of the IPA Adriatic funded DeFishGear project in all marine compartments of the seven countries of the Adriatic Sea (Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Slovenia). The experts focused their discussions on the proposed key elements of the strategy. The working drafts for macro-litter and micro-litter monitoring were prepared by MIO-ECSDE and the Institute for Water of Slovenia, respectively (read more here <http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=&clD=1&aID=363>).
- **A Conference on Marine Litter and their Sustainable Management in the Adriatic Region, within the framework of the DeFishGear project**. More than one hundred and thirty decision makers, scientists and representatives of civil society and industry from all over the Euro-Mediterranean area met in Athens on 12-13 of May 2014 to share information across borders, identify common goals and initiate joint actions to make a difference in the collective fight against marine litter. The working sessions of the conference were initiated the next day by Ms. Dionusia – Theodora Avgerinopoulou, President of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament and President of COMPSUD. Intensive and productive discussions and deliberations followed, triggered by a series of presentations on the main challenges of the marine litter issue and key initiatives to tackle the problem at European and Mediterranean level through actions to prevent, reduce, remove and sustainably manage marine litter. The Conference was co-chaired by the Coordinator of the DeFishGear project, Andrej Krzan (National Institute of Chemistry) and MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer and DeFishGear WP Leader Thomais Vlachogianni, who also moderated the afternoon working session focusing on concrete actions and measures needed to tackle marine litter in the region. These measures, as main outcomes of the conference, were elaborated and presented by Prof. Michael Scoullou H2020 CB/MEP Team Leader at the Informal Meeting of EU Environment Ministers held in Athens, Greece on the 14th May 2014 (read more here <http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=&clD=1&aID=364>).
- **A 3-day regional training on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean**, which was organised by MIO-ECSDE as consortium member of the Capacity Building – Mediterranean Environment Program (funded by the EU) which supports the implementation of the objectives and work programme of the Horizon 2020 Initiative to depollute the Mediterranean.

- **The launching of an Exhibition on Marine Litter**, organized within the framework of the FP7 project entitled: MARine Litter in European Seas – Social Awareness and CO Responsibility (MARLISCO). One of the main highlights of the marine litter week was the official launching of the MARLISCO Exhibition, which was set up in two major venues of Athens: the Central Building of the University of Athens and the Zappeion Megaron where the Ministers of Environment of Europe met and whose



agenda included the issue of marine litter and blue growth (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=&cID=1&aID=365>).

C.2.2. The DeFishGear workshop: a stepping stone towards harmonized marine litter monitoring in the Adriatic Sea



Monitoring of macro- and micro-litter was the focus of a two and half-day sub-regional workshop that took place in Split on 18-20 June 2014. It was co-organized by MIO-ECSDE and the Institute of Water of the Republic of Slovenia (IWRS) within the framework of the IPA Adriatic funded DeFishGear project.

Thirty DeFishGear partner representatives as well as invited technical experts gathered to exchange experiences and know-how with regards to marine litter monitoring methodologies for macro- and micro- debris in different environmental compartments. The participants had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience on microplastics sampling and floating macro-litter monitoring at the sea surface, beach litter monitoring, beach sediment sampling for micro-litter, pellets sampling for POPs analysis, on-site identification of synthetic materials with NIR spectroscopy, microplastics sample preparation and separation.

This workshop is considered to be a step towards harmonized, coordinated, compatible and comparable marine litter monitoring activities in the Adriatic Sea with the aim to facilitate EU Member States to meet the legally binding requirements of Article 11 of the MSFD to establish and implement coordinated monitoring programmes, as well as to provide strategic input to the implementation of Article 12 on a Regional Marine Litter Monitoring Programme under the legally binding Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean (adopted by the Barcelona Convention COP18 in December 2013). Read more here <http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=&cID=1&aID=367>

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) (see more at D.4.1.) MIO-ECSDE, in collaboration with the project's partners, has contributed to the very successful organisation of a considerable number of workshops in 2014 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. The trainings and consultations that MIO-ECSDE has organized in 2014 under CB/MEP, are the following (while it has contributed to several others):

[Supporting the implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, 13-15 May 2014, Athens, Greece](#) (regional)

[Waste to Energy in Lebanon: start off consultation with all key stakeholders including local communities, NGOs and the media to raise awareness, 27-28 May 2014, Beirut, Lebanon](#) (national). This national consultation led to the *Beirut Accord* where all major Lebanese stakeholders agree on the needed steps for implementing a sustainable management of solid waste in the country.

[Rehabilitation of soils from industrial pollution with emphasis on highly toxic pollutants i.e. PCBs, Mercury, Cadmium and Lead, 24 – 25 September 2014, Algiers, Algeria](#) (sub-regional)

[Iron and steel mills in the Mediterranean: pollution loads and pollution reduction prospects, 14-16 October 2014, Athens, Greece](#) (regional) This workshop was the first of its kind, addressing a specific industrial sector, bringing together for the first time relevant decision makers, enforcers and the industry itself. The workshop produced a document with Result, Strategic Orientations and Recommendations.

[Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development in Palestine, 19-20 October 2014, Ramallah, Palestine](#) (national)

[Assessment of the Lake Bizerte Charter and the relevant projects in view of obtaining a fully Integrated Coastal Zone-Water Resources Management, 23-24 October 2014, Bizerte, Tunisia](#) (national)

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

See D.3.

C.2.5. The 19th AGM of MIO-ECSDE

For the 19th AGM of MIO-ECSDE (21 December 2014, 15:00-16:30) due to the budgetary restrictions of 2014, another year without annual EC support, the Secretariat could financially support only the hotel accommodation costs of the member organizations that could pay their travel expenses to attend. For the members whose representatives were not able to join in Athens, provisions were made to participate through internet connection (WebEx). The WebEx experience is quite positive, although there is no better option than a physical AGM. A special thanks goes to those member organizations which physically attended the AGM in Athens paying their own flight costs.

C.3. Joint Mediterranean Actions/Campaigns

C.3.1. Mediterranean Action Day 2014

Due to the unfortunate developments of the 2014 Annual EC Grant submission there was no call for Mediterranean Action Day 2014 events to be organized. It was foreseen for these events to be dedicated to the issue of Invasive Alien Species in the Mediterranean.

C.3.2. 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 2014. 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:

- Contributed to the preparations to the 7th World Water Forum and the Mediterranean process with particular focus on Water Education and Capacity Building
- Participated in numerous important events relating to water (see F).
- Continued to promote the Educational Material on “Water in the Mediterranean” which is available to download in many Mediterranean languages [here](#).
- Ran and expanded the Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) and Non-Conventional Water Resources Management projects in the Greek Islands: The sixth year of implementation of the rainwater harvesting project was conducted the Dodecanese islands and Attica, Greece, in 2014. 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 2015 onwards, it will also be implemented in Italy. It is also now geared to urban settings and not only small island settings.

C.3.3. Biodiversity, Climate Change, etc. in the Mediterranean

The MIO-ECSDE efforts to activate Mediterranean NGOs, governments, etc. on issues directly or indirectly related to biodiversity and climate change continued in 2014 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 safeguarding the provision of ecosystem services and enhancing natural resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change; applying an ecosystem-based approach as a means for protecting and rehabilitating the environmental integrity and as a management approach that offers a valuable yet under-utilized approach for climate change adaptation and halting biodiversity loss.

MIO-ECSDE continued to promote its position paper on “Biodiversity in the Mediterranean region” developed 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>).

C.3.4. Marine and Coastal issues

Throughout 2014, 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 2014, MIO-ECSDE has been involved in the elaboration of the upcoming MSFD Technical Group 10 reports expected to be published in 2015, focusing on the assessment of harm; approaches to identification of land and marine-based sources, and monitoring of riverine litter. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer, Thomais Vlachogianni participated at the latest meeting of the group held in Riga (Latvia), 11-13 June 2014. In September 2014, MIO-ECSDE provided input to the discussion document on the MSFD review process for D10.

In June 2014, MIO-ECSDE together with 13 other European NGOs developed a joint NGO paper on Priorities for Programmes of Measures within the MSFD process. The paper was presented at the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR) Intersessional Correspondence Group-MSFD Meeting and the DG ENV workshop on public participation and it was well received by the participating Member States (read more in C1.2.).

Promotion of the “integration of the integrated” (IWRM, ICZM, Marine Spatial Planning, Ecosystem Approach) was also a loud and clear message of MIO-ECSDE given the complexity of the management tools that are available and yet not implemented.

C.3.5. 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 2014:

- 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
- The Non-Conventional Water Resources Management programmes implemented by MIO-ECSDE have a very prominent component linked with cultural heritage.
- 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?aID=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. RUNNING, DRAFTING, COMPLETION AND/OR FOLLOW-UP OF PROJECTS

D.1. Annual EC Funding for 2014

2014, like 2011 and 2013, is a year that MIO-ECSDE is called upon to function at its best without the EU annual support for its 2014 work programme. The threshold for proposals was very high (87/100) and the MIO-ECSDE submission scored 83/100 which was higher than last year's submission (78 with a threshold of 79) but still below the threshold. The evaluation comments were requested and the 2015 submission took them into consideration.

D.2. Annual EC Funding for 2015

The deadline for submitting the 2015 Annual Funding under the LIFE+ Instrument was the 15th of October 2014 and the results are expected to be communicated to the Secretariat by the EC in February-March 2015.

D.3. Implementing Education for Sustainable Development - the MEDIES Secretariat

Via the MEDIES Secretariat MIO-ECSDE plays a leading and catalyzing role in promoting Education for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean, Europe and the rest of the world from policy formulation to implementation, monitoring and assessment of progress. It is an initiative on ESD that was launched in Johannesburg during the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD, 2002) 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 in line with the principles of the 2010 Conclusions of the Council of the European Union on Education for Sustainable Development (which invites Member States to take appropriate measures at the relevant level of responsibility - local, regional or national – in order to encourage the further development and implementation of ESD and its integration into the education and training system at all levels, in non-formal and informal learning just as in formal learning), the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), other post Rio+20 priorities, the UN Decade on ESD (2005-2014) and its post 2014 phase which in Nagoya, Japan at the UN Global Conference on ESD was launched as the new Global Action Programme on ESD.

Furthermore, MEDIES objectives and activities directly contribute to the EU partnership with UNESCO on education, culture, science and human rights (signed between the Director-General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, the former EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Catherine Ashton, and the former Development Commissioner, Andris Piebalgs).

The educational programmes developed by MEDIES so far are based on cross-cutting themes in the existing school-curricula of the countries. Such themes include freshwater, solid waste, resource-efficiency, consumption behaviour, diet/food (biodiversity), climate change, marine litter, etc. giving emphasis on the methods applied within ESD.

ESD ultimately equips people with knowledge and skills in sustainable development, making them more competent and confident and increasing their opportunities for acting for a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature and with concern for social values, gender equity and cultural diversity.

Special emphasis is given to the role of students/learners as "messengers for sustainability" to their families and local communities. The exchange and close collaboration of EU countries and non-EU countries of the Mediterranean allows the development of a methodological framework that could be further implemented in other regions of the world.

MEDIES has been selected in a pan-European inventory of innovative practices on ESD by the European Commission - DG Education and Culture (DG EAC). It 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 also included in the Report of the UN Decade on ESD (UNESCO, Nov.2014) among the

international Networks performing significant achievements in the field of teacher/educator capacity building on ESD.

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 2014 the following main horizontal activities of the secretariat are underway or have been fulfilled:

- Facilitating the 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.
- Maintaining the MEDIES webpage: www.medies.net. It 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 web application

The website '*HYDRIA*' - *collection, storage & distribution of water in antiquity: linking ancient wisdom to modern needs* (www.hydraproject.net) was launched in 2008 as an e-tool targeting youth, teachers, potential visitors/travellers 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) was 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 2014 the Arabic version of the site was advanced. 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 Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) 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 (initially) 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 2009 (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; Phase V: Rhodes, Kastelorizo, Simi and Chalki). This school year was the 6th year of the

application of the overall project, including its educational component, targeting the **Dodecanese Islands** (Patmos, Leipsi and Leros), as well as a significant number of schools in the **Attica region**. In other words, the third edition of the educational material “The gift of rain in the city” evolved and was developed and produced in order to meet the needs of school activities and teacher trainings taking place in urban centers, such as Athens (and the wider Attica region).

More particularly, the MEDIES activities for 2014 within the RWH project were the following:

- Production of the third edition of the educational material “The gift of rain in the city” (Greek) in 400 copies (September 2014), disseminated to educators in the Attica region.
- 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 traditional practices of collecting rainwater, e.g. in cisterns. School activities took place in the project islands (Patmos, Leipsi and Leros) from 7-11 April 2014, reaching 459 students, while school activities took place throughout the year in numerous schools in Athens/Attica.
- A major teacher training took place in Patmos (April 7) 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 71 teachers from the Dodecanese have been trained. This number is expected to grow even further with the November-December activities in the schools of Athens.
http://www.medies.net/uploaded_files/rain_water_harvest/2014_rwh_report_gr_ekpaideytika.pdf
- A School Art Contest took place from January to March 2014. The contest was addressed to primary and secondary level students from schools of the Aegean that have been actively engaged in the 5 years of implementation of the RWH project. In a way, the contest was an informal assessment of the project giving an indication of the impacts of the project so far. The winners were announced and awarded in a special event held in the framework of the 1st Athens Science Festival on 3 May 2014. The School Contest was organised under the auspices of the Hellenic Ministry of Education and more than 600 students from 100 schools participated, in groups (not individually). There were three categories: drawings, posters and videos. Certificates of participation were given to all students that participated.

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

This was the third year of implementation of *Alter Aqua* by GWP-Med in partnership with the Ministry of Gozo; the Ministry for Energy and Health; 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 (NCWRs), 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 were 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?clD=27&alD=842&ereg=>
- The educational material [Alter Aqua](#) was reproduced in 2014 to meet the needs of the Maltese educators participating in the project as well as a set of hands-on materials for the activities in school. Furthermore, a seminar for educators on ESD on the application of the *Alter Aqua* material is to take place in December 2014.

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

The project is a programme on Non Conventional Water Resources (NCWR) in Cyprus and is the expansion of the Programme previously held in the Greek and the Maltese islands. The program in Cyprus was initiated in 2013 by the Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-Med), aiming to mobilise NCWRs on the Island, as a sustainable solution for water availability in view of increasing water scarcity, escalating demand and climate change. It is a multi-stakeholder programme bringing together GWP-Med, the Coca-Cola system in Cyprus (Lanitis bros & Coca-Cola Cyprus), MIO-ECSDE through MEDIES, the Cyprus Pedagogic Institute (PIK) and other national stakeholders.



MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES leads the educational component in collaboration with the Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus. The project activities for 2014 included the organization of two teachers' seminars in Cyprus to promote the educational material (*The other water*) on November 20th. During the 1st seminar (09.00-14.00) a group of 25 teachers – all staff from Centres of Environmental Education (CEEs) - followed a half day-long seminar (at the CEE of Athalassa). The seminar was facilitated by Iro Alampei & Vassilis Psallidas (MEDIES) together with Mariella Antonakopoulou (GWP-Med). During the afternoon of the same day, another seminar took place (16.00-19.00) where the MEDIES staff, invited by Dr. Aravella Zachariou, introduced a group of post graduate students of the Frederic University to the educational material and activities of *Alter Aqua*.

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 2015!

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

UNESCO and MIO-ECSDE published in 2013 the kit “ESD in MAB BRs and other Designated Areas: A Resource 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>

Based on the Resource Book, a Summer Course (ERASMUS Intensive Program (IP)) on “**ESD in Protected Areas and MAB BRs**” was successfully organised by the University of Athens/ UNESCO Chair and Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean and MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES, in Amfissa, Greece on 6-19 July 2014, with the participation of 8 Universities (see about the links with the Mediterranean Universities Network for Education for Sustainable Development in D.3.7). The 2 week long Summer School, directed by the Chairman, Prof. M. Scoullas, provided a high quality intensive training on how ESD can be practically applied in various types of designated areas, such as MAB Biosphere Reserves, National Parks, Natura 2000 sites, etc. to thirty nine (39) trainees coming from 12 countries. The Summer School was held in Amfissa's Environmental Education Centre, under the auspices of the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO and its National Committee of MAB/UNESCO. The project was also supported by the UNESCO Regional Office in Venice. Mr. Vassilis Psallidas of the MEDIES Secretariat also supported the organisation of the school. More information on the Summer School & its Report are available on the website: <http://www.mio-ecsde.org/erasmus-IP-2014/index.html>



D.3.6. MEDIES as partner in the UE4SD EU Tempus project

The University Educators for Sustainable Development (UE4SD) is a 3 year-project (2014-2016), focusing on enabling university staff to prepare students, regardless of their courses or specialisation, to understand and apply their professional and global responsibilities in sustainability. It engages a consortium of 55 partners from 33 countries across Europe seeking to re-orient higher education curricula to address sustainable development. Thus, UE4SD will establish a leading expert group in ESD competences in higher education in Europe and will create a platform to combine and share the expertise of network partners so that they can inform policy and practice beyond the life of the project. Its activities are closely associated with COPERNICUS Alliance – the European Network of Higher Education for Sustainable Development. MIO-ECSDE, through the MEDIES Secretariat, and the University of Athens are partners in the UE4SD project. In 2014, through the UE4SD Project, MEDIES:

- participated in the Regional Kick off meeting on 4-5 March in Madrid during which the objectives, deliverables and timetable of tasks were discussed and clarified to all partners. Prof M. Scoulllos and Ms. Iro Alampeï participated.
- conducted, in cooperation with the University of Athens, the mapping exercise on Higher Educators Competences in ESD for Greece and prepared the related National Report. Furthermore, MEDIES compiled and submitted a report on the Mediterranean Universities for SD/ESD regarding its work related to building competences of university staff in ESD. These documents are included in the respective publication of the project presenting an overview of ESD competences in Higher Education from all over Europe (soon to be completed and uploaded at www.ue4sd.eu).
- participated in the UE4SD Annual Meeting on October 2. Ms. Vicky Malotidi representing MEDIES and Prof Michael Scoulllos participated actively in the meeting, reviewing the progress so far and planning next steps. They also participated in the “Copernicus Alliance Conference - Education for Sustainability: Building Capacity in Higher Education” that took place on the next day, during which Prof. Scoulllos made two presentations: “The Mediterranean Universities’ Response to the UN Decade on ESD” and the “Challenges Higher Education faces in addressing ESD”.

D.3.7. Mediterranean Universities Network for Education for Sustainable Development

In March 2013, a proposal was submitted to the EC Life Long Learning Programme (ERASMUS IP Programme) by the University of Athens on behalf of the Network involving most of the members and in cooperation with MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES Secretariat about the organization of a **Summer Course on “ESD in Designated Areas”** in 2014. The Summer School was approved and took place from 6-19 July in Amfissa, Greece, also with the support of UNESCO-BRESCE and hosted by the Centre for Environmental Education of Amfissa (see more in D.3.5.)

Mediterranean Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development in Higher Education (HE), Gibraltar, 28-29 July. Many members of the Network participated in the Mediterranean Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development in Higher Education (HE), Gibraltar, 28-29th July, co-organised by MIO-ECSDE and Gloucestershire University and hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Health of Gibraltar. The meeting was attended by academics working on sustainable development and ESD issues in their institutions from both shores of the Mediterranean. A total of 17 international experts representing HIEs, Ministries, NGOs and other bodies from Greece, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia and the UK, participated together with 7 experts from Gibraltar. Participants reviewed aspects and capitalized on the work done so far in the Higher Education Institutions (HIEs) in the countries represented and discussed future priorities, at the Euro-Mediterranean level, building upon three key strategic frameworks: (i) the UNECE Strategy on ESD; (ii) the Mediterranean Strategy for ESD; and (iii) the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) (under the Barcelona Convention).

The outcomes of the experts' meeting, together with other ESD initiatives in Higher Education have been compiled in a special Issue of Sustainable Mediterranean that was presented at the World Conference on ESD held in Nagoya, November 2014 to mark the end of the Decade (see C 1.2.3)

D.3.8. Online ESD Learning Courses

E-course on the MARLISCO educational material, 23-30 June 2014. The course aimed to introduce the educational material “Know, Feel, Act! to Stop Marine Litter: Lesson plans and activities for middle level

students of formal and non formal European educators” produced in the framework of the MALISCO Programme (see also D.4.3). For this first round of the course 69 participants (formal and non formal educators and field practitioners) from 13 countries were accepted (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Turkey and the UK) based on their registration forms. During its 8-day duration, the 69 trainees viewed and commented videos, studied online documents, undertook e-assignments, shared their experiences in online discussion forums, and developed their own ideas, thus forming a lively, highly engaged learning community. The course was evaluated through a survey carried out by the University of Plymouth which demonstrated a high degree of trainee satisfaction. A second round of the e-course is to take place in December 2014. The e-course was developed and facilitated by Iro Alampei, MEDIES Secretariat.

E-learning platform on Education for Sustainable Development for Greek educators. The MEDIES Secretariat, in cooperation with a large group of Greek experts and practitioners, designed and created the "Education for Sustainable Development Platform" in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair and Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean of the University of Athens. This e-learning platform operated from 10/03/2014 to 14/05/2014 during which time 23 Greek teachers participated. The e-learning's evaluation results were positive and provided valuable insight: participants expressed their interest in continuing their training, especially in methodologies and best practices of ESD and new ICT software. The weaknesses had to do with limited availability due to busy schedules of the trainees, lack of skills in the area of ICTs and a need for more access to the facilitators (given that the e-course was an asynchronous one). The e-learning platform was developed within the Regio European Programme "ICT Integration in Primary Education - Comenius Regio Collaboration" 2012-14 and it was coordinated by Vassilis Psallidas, MEDIES advisor.

D.3.9. MEDIES as a partner in the AKFAR Project

MIO-ECSDE through the MEDIES Secretariat is a partner in the 2-year long project “Lebanese Youth as Messengers for Sustainability” (AKFAR). The Project fosters a culture of sustainability among the Lebanese children and youth, their families and the local communities, in order to enhance a sustainable development in the country and sustainable relationships in the Mediterranean region. The Project deals with four different dimensions of sustainable development in a wider framework of promoting the empowerment of citizens in contributing as such to socio-economic development and better living conditions. These are: i) the important role of education ii) the enhancement of the values of citizenship and civic engagement among people, iii) the cultural and ethical dimensions of sustainable development, and iv) the local and global dimension of sustainable development. The project is led by the Member organisation Makhzoumi Foundation and consortium partners include apart from MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES also OMSAR, CERD, ALMEE, and ARMADILLA. In the 1st Steering Group meeting (Beirut, 12 March 2014) the partners established a common framework of understanding and communication for the project. Staff member Iro Alampei represented MIO-ECSDE and MEDIES at the meeting.



On 22-23-24 October 2014, three seminars were held in Beirut, Tripoli and in the Bekaa region to enhance common approaches towards sustainable development and consumption. The seminars were organized by the Makhzoumi Foundation with the technical support of ALMEE and MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES, and aimed to increase the awareness of the local public and private actors on their role and responsibilities towards sustainable development and consumption. The three one-day-long seminars were each attended by around 20-25 participants. Several

sustainability issues emerged as particularly relevant to the Lebanese reality, such as security, water and human rights issues. MIO-ECSDE / MEDIES staff member Iro Alampei coordinated part of each of the three workshops.

D.3.10. Mediterranean Youth Responses towards sustainable development and the current crisis: A Mediterranean Survey

This survey, currently under development, invites young people aged 15-35 years from all over the Mediterranean region to share their thoughts about sustainability issues (environmental, social and economic) and also their visions for the future. It aims to capture the current state of youth in countries of the Mediterranean, record the challenges and especially the need for skills necessary to combat these and to propose a series of actions for post-2015. The results of the research will be used by MIO-ECSDE itself as a

knowledge base to design future activities, but it will also be disseminated to policy-making institutions at national and regional levels, educational institutions at all levels, associations and youth groups, donors, businesses, etc.

The proposed Survey Research is expected to conclude in an 8-month period and will be conducted as follows:

- 1) Determination of the target group in all Mediterranean countries (Institutions of formal and informal education, Associations and Youth Groups, MEdIES e-Network, etc.).
- 2) Bibliographic Research. Configuration of Research Tool (Questionnaire in English and French, possibly).
- 3) Confirmation of suitability (validation) of the questionnaire through an expert group and pilot implementation on an appropriate Mediterranean youth sample.
- 4) Conducting the Survey (online). Utilizing all the MIO-ECSDE communication channels and collaborators and collecting the maximum possible number of questionnaires and increasing to the extent possible the representativeness of the sample.
- 5) Synthesis of results based on collected questionnaire results.
- 6) Proposals for appropriate common actions based on survey results.

Co-financing has been secured by the General Secretariat of Youth, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece.

D.4. Other projects

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

MIO-ECSDE was a key partner in the Consortium 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 successfully ended in October 2014. The Consortium was led by the University of Athens.

The main objective of this project was to support the implementation of H2020 with a special focus on environmental mainstreaming. It aimed 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 was 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

During 2014, the Work Programme, leading toward its completion, was very heavy both for MIO-ECSDE and for RAED, which also participates in the consortium, with tasks linked to capacity building activities (see C.2.3), but also support to the UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change (May 2014); working towards the endorsement of the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development by the aforementioned Ministerial

Meeting; production of a tri-lingual film on H2020; H2020 booklets including one on the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development.

(<http://www.h2020.net/en/resources/publications/finish/67/2930.html>)

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, MIO-ECSDE has been leading several of the communication and information dissemination activities of the project. The follow-up contract for the whole duration of the project (end of project: December 2014) was extended and it will end in December 2015. 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 EU-based organizations, MIO-ECSDE is a partner in an 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 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.

Highlights of MIO-ECSDE's participation in the MARLISCO project in 2014 is the finalization of:

- the English educational material on marine litter that will be translated in 14 more EU languages by the other project partners. MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES has also completed the Greek version (both to be printed soon).
- an on-line course "Know, Feel, Act! to Stop Marine Litter: Lesson Plans and activities for middle level students to formal and non formal European educators" (see D.3.8).
- showcasing the MARLISCO mobile awareness raising exhibition on marine litter targeted to the general public and students in various key events, including at the informal EU Environment Ministers Meeting in May 2014.

In addition, within the context of MARLISCO, on the 20th of September 2014, MIO-ECSDE and MEDIES, in collaboration with HELMEPA, Geitonas School and the Hellenic Recovery Recycling Corporation, joined the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day 2014.

D.4.4. Living well in harmony with the Drin (Act4Drin)

Living well in harmony with the Drin (Act4Drin) is a CEPF (Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund) funded project aiming at raising public awareness, enhancing knowledge and empowering NGOs to protect and conserve freshwater ecosystems in the Drin River Basin.

This Act4Drin project (www.act4drin.net) comes as a direct follow-up of MIO-ECSDE's intensive efforts of the past few years to enhance the ability and capacity of its member and collaborating NGOs in the region in order to act in an effective and constructive way within the Drin Dialogue Process. Furthermore, this project builds upon MIO-ECSDE's long standing experience at policy/advocacy/awareness raising/capacity building level when it comes to nature and biodiversity protection, integrated water resources management, stakeholder's involvement and participatory processes in transboundary set ups.

The Act4Drin project was launched in March 2014 and has a timeframe of two years. The activities focus on building the capacities of local/national NGOs to promote IWRM and freshwater biodiversity conservation in transboundary settings; enhancing coordination, cooperation and networking of local/national NGOs working in the Drin River Basin and catalyzing the effective involvement of local/national NGOs in the Drin Dialogue process and/or other relevant projects; raising awareness of local communities and the wider public on the importance of the Drin River Basin and its freshwater ecosystems.

Key partners of the project are Kawka Production (<http://www.kawkaproduction.com>), a documentary film production company from Slovenia experienced in communicating nature protection concepts; the Macedonian Ecological Society, who are implementing a 'sister' project entitled "Water for lakes, bogs, streams and people on Jablanica Mt."; three grassroot organizations, from Albania (EDEN), Montenegro (GREEN HOME) and FYR Macedonia (BIOSFERA) who are involved in all phases of project implementation as associate partners and act as the national ambassadors in promoting the project's objectives and results in their respective countries.

Read more here www.act4drin.net.

D.4.5. The DeFishGear project

Together with fifteen other organizations from all seven countries of the Adriatic Sea, MIO-ECSDE is a key partner in the IPA Adriatic project entitled "Derelict Fishing Gear management system in the Adriatic Region". MIO-ECSDE is leading the 'Marine Litter Monitoring & Assessment' related component of the project.

The DeFishGear project aims to facilitate efforts for integrated planning to reduce the environmental impacts of litter-generating activities and ensure the sustainable management of the marine and coastal environment of the Adriatic Sea. Ultimately, the DeFishGear project will provide a strategic input to regional efforts in successfully achieving good environmental status in the Mediterranean Sea. Read more at www.defishgear.net

The project kicked off in December 2013 and its activities will be completed in March 2016. Within 2014, MIO-ECSDE has invested considerable time and effort on the project activities, particularly in the preparation of all technical guidance documents to facilitate coordinated marine litter pilot monitoring activities in all environmental compartments. Some of the highlights of the project within 2014, were the organization of the Marine Litter Week (May 2014) and the workshop on marine litter monitoring (June 2014). Furthermore, in November 2014, MIO-ECSDE launched beach litter surveys in Thesprotia, Greece. The results of the one-year-long pilot 'monitoring' activity on amounts, composition and potential impacts of marine litter, carried out in 6 sampling sites are expected to be published by the beginning of 2016.

D.5. Submissions of proposals

The status of MIO-ECSDE proposal submissions for 2014 are as follows:

Proposal Title	Submitted to:	Project budget (EURO)	Submission date	Status
Life for Clean Waves	LIFE+	3.006.232	26/06/2013	Not approved (April 2014) Applicant: MIO-ECSDE

EC Annual funding (Life+)	EC	428.000	15/10/2013	Not approved (March 2014) Applicant: MIO-ECSDE
EC Annual funding (Life+)	EC	390.000	15/10/2014	Pending Applicant: MIO-ECSDE
A Mediterranean Survey: Youth and Sustainable Development	General Secretariat for Youth (Greece)	55.000	December 2013 and then again January 2014	Approved Applicant: MIO-ECSDE
Lebanese Youth as Messengers for Sustainability	Support to CSOs / AFKAR / EuropeAid	6.000 - 7.000 Euro for MEdIES	25/9/2013	Approved in 2014
"BlueGreen Med-CS"	UfM Secretariat	2.855.000	April 2014	Labelled by the UfM in June 2014 (pending financing)
Minimizing waste packaging	Coca Cola	50.000	December 2014	Under development Applicant: MIO-ECSDE
Proposal on Combating Marine Litter in the Mediterranean	UfM Secretariat for labelling	tbd	December 2014-January 2015	Under development
Proposed extension of Marine Litter activities to Coca Cola for 2015	Coca Cola	tbd	December 2014-January 2013	Under development

E. PUBLICATIONS & WEB-APPLICATIONS

- **The educational material “Know, feel, act! to stop Marine Litter”.** It is a joint product of the MARLISCO project partners aiming to inform, sensitise and enable European teachers and students to take action in tackling the problem of litter in our seas and coasts. Within the project’s duration (2012-15) it will be translated by the partners and applied in their countries. MIO-ECSDE has undertaken the original English product and the Greek translation. It has been designed to primarily address youth aged 10-15 yrs, but can be used also by educators outside the formal schooling system. It will soon be available online in the MARLISCO webpage (www.marlisco.eu) in English and Greek and in many more European languages.
- **The “Gift of Rain in the City”.** This educational material aims to raise the awareness of students of late middle and secondary level (10-15 years old) about the *traditional*, partly abandoned practices of rainwater collection, that have been applied (in Greece) over the centuries, as well as the *modern* techniques related to non-conventional water resources than can be applied today at the level of an urban building or a city. (<http://www.medies.net/staticpages.asp?aID=382&overrideCategory=1>).
- **HYDRIA WEBSITE:** This website showcases Mediterranean examples of collection, storage & distribution of water that link ancient wisdom to modern needs. In 2014, it was enriched with the remaining of the 18 new cases developed under the ALF funded project Water Tales. (<http://www.hydriaproject.net/>)
- **NanoVirtualium:** The updated English version of this web application dedicated to nanotechnologies and their impacts on health and the environment was supported throughout 2014. (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/nanovirtualium/>)
- **‘Aliens in the Mediterranean’** - produced in English, French and Arabic. It is the first publication 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>)
- **‘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 produced in English and French. (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=7&cID=46>)
- Issue No 70 of ***Sustainable Mediterranean*** was printed in colour. It was dedicated to the collective achievements of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in higher education in the Mediterranean. (<http://www.mio-ecsde.org/articles.asp?cMC=7&cID=44&aID=381>)

F. MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATIONS

1. MIO-ECSDE /MEDIES Programme Officers Ms. Iro Alampeï and Mr. Vassilis Psallidas facilitated the Training of Trainers on the Educational Material on NCWRs in Cyprus: the two half-day teacher trainings were held on 28 - 29 January 2014 in Nicosia and Lemessos, Cyprus.
2. The MIO-ECSDE Members of staff Mrs. Thomais Vlachogianni and Ms. Iro Alampeï, participated in a MARLISCO Steering Committee, which was held half way through the project, on 5-6 February 2014 in Brussels, Belgium.
3. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the MedPartnership Steering Committee Meeting, held in Hammamet, Tunisia on 18-19 February 2014.
4. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the South Regional Meeting of University Educators for Sustainable Development (UE4SD), which was held on 3-4 March 2014 in Madrid, Spain. During the event, Prof. Scoullas was accompanied by MIO-ECSDE member of staff Ms. Iro Alampeï.
5. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the DeFishGear Technical Meeting on microplastic methodologies, held in Vipava, Slovenia on 10-11 March 2014.
6. MIO-ECSDE /MEDIES Programme Officer Ms. Iro Alampeï participated in the Launching and 1st Steering Group meeting of the Project entitled "Lebanese Youth as Messengers for Sustainability" (AFKAR), which was held on 12 March 2014 in Beirut, Lebanon.
7. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the Workshop "Oceans and Human Health: a rising tide of challenges and opportunities for Europe", which was held on 20-21 March 2014 in Cornwall, UK.
8. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the MED POL Focal Points Meeting on LBS NAPs Update, which was held on 26-28 March 2014 in Athens, Greece.
9. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the Act4Drin kick-off meeting, held in Skopje, FYROM on 28 March 2014 and in the CEPF supervision mission, held in Ochrid, FYROM, on 29 March 2014.
10. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the 14th Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD, which took place on 2 April 2014, back to back with its 9th yearly meeting on 3-4 April 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland.
11. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated at the Irish National MARLISCO Forum, held in Dublin, Ireland on the 2 April 2014.
12. MIO-ECSDE /MEDIES Programme Officers Ms. Iro Alampeï and Mr. Vassilis Psallidas travelled to the Dodecanese Islands of Patmos, Leros and Leipsoi, in Greece, on 7-11 April 2014 in order to visit schools in the framework of the NCWRM program in Greece.
13. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the DeFishGear Steering Group Meeting & Communication training, held in Neum, Bosnia & Herzegovina, on 8-9 April 2014.
14. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the Union for the Mediterranean Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change, which took place on 13 May 2014, in Athens, Greece.
15. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the Informal Meeting of EU Environment Ministers, which took place on 14 May 2014, in Athens, Greece. He also made a presentation entitled: Marine Litter in European Seas.

16. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the International Conference “Adaptation Strategies to Global Environmental Change in the Mediterranean City and the Role of Global Earth Observations” which was held on 10-11 June 2014, in Athens, Greece.
17. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the MSFD TG 10 Meeting held in Riga, Latvia on 11-13 June 2014.
18. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the Act4Drin filming mission in Albania & Montenegro, on 14-16 June 2014.
19. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the DeFishGear Training on Marine Litter Monitoring Methodologies in Split, Croatia, on 18-20 June 2014.
20. The Co-Chairman of MIO-ECSDE, Prof. Mohamed Ftouhi, represented MIO-ECSDE at the Kick-off meeting of the 2nd Mediterranean Water Forum, which took place on 18th June 2014, in Rabat, Morocco.
21. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the Act4Drin filming mission in Albania, FYROM, Kosovo and Montenegro, on 27 June-3 July 2014.
22. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the Summer School for ESD in Protected Areas and Biosphere Reserves held in Amfissa’s Environmental Education Centre, in Greece on 6-19 July 2014. The workshop was under the auspices of the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO. Prof. Scoullas was accompanied by the MIO-ECSDE member of staff Ms. Olga Papathanasopoulou and Senior ESD Consultant Mr. Vasillis Psallidas.
23. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the Summer School entitled “Sustainable Community: we all care, we all participate”, which was organized on 21-27 July 2014 in Oinousses Island, Greece. Prof. Scoullas made a presentation entitled: “Sustainable Development and Education for Sustainable Development: Importance and International Opportunities for Greece and the Aegean”.
24. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the Mediterranean Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development in Higher Education which was held on 28-29 July 2014, In Gibraltar. The meeting was Co-organised by MIO-ECSDE and University Gloucestershire and hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Health HM Government of Gibraltar Prof. Scoullas was accompanied by the MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES Programme Officer Ms. Iro Alampe.
25. MIO-ECSDE Head Officer Ms. Anastasia Roniotes and Financial Officer Ms. Bessie Mantzara attended the LIFE operating grants for NGOs Information day in Brussels on 22 September 2014.
26. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the consultation meeting for the drafting of the SCP Action plan for the Mediterranean, held in Marseille, France on 1-2 October 2014.
27. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the Annual Meeting of the UE4SD (Prague, 2 October 2014) and also participated in the “Copernicus Alliance Conference - Education for Sustainability: Building Capacity in Higher Education (Prague, 3 October 2014)”. Prof. Michael Scoullas was accompanied by the MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES Programme Officer, Ms. Vicky Malotidi.
28. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the EEA’s meeting on the elaboration of the Marine Litter Watch App, held in Copenhagen, Denmark on 4 October 2014.
29. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in the EU Project Coordinators Meeting organized by the PERSEUS project, held in Rome, Italy on 6 October 2014.
30. MIO-ECSDE staff members Thomais Vlachogianni and Bessie Mantzara participated in DeFishGear Steering Committee Meeting, held in Lecce, Italy on 8-10 October 2014.

31. MIO-ECSDE /MEDIES Programme Officer Mrs Iro Alampeï, facilitated as a trainer three successive capacity building seminars targeting for Lebanese Local Authorities, on 23 October (Beirut), 24 October (Tripoli) and 25 October 2014 (Chautra), Lebanon, in the framework of the AFKAR project.
32. MIO-ECSDE Executive Bureau Member, Ms. Patrizia Bonelli, actively participated, on behalf of MEDIES, in the 10th Anniversary of the Anna Lindh Foundation, which was celebrated on 27-28 October 2014, in Naples, Italy.
33. MIO-ECSDE staff members Thomais Vlachogianni and Bessie Mantzara participated in the MedPartnership Coordination Group Meeting, held in Barcelona, Spain on 4-5 November 2014.
34. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development which was held on 10-12 November 2014, in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Prof. Scoullas made substantial contribution during the various meetings. Prof. Scoullas also chaired the side-event of MIO-ECSDE which was co-organised by UNECE and held on 12 November 2014, under the title “Driving ESD through regional policy frameworks”.
35. MIO-ECSDE members of staff Ms. Olga Papathanasopoulou, Ms. Thomais Vlachogianni and Mr. Vangelis Kapampokis participated in the first sampling mission which took place on 10-14 November 2014, in Igoumenitsa, Parga, Sivota and other nearby beaches in Ipiros Region in Greece.
36. MIO-ECSDE Head Officer, Ms. Anastasia Roniotes, actively participated in the H2020 RMR Sub Group meeting, which was held on 12 November 2014, in Athens, Greece.
37. MIO-ECSDE Head Officer, Ms. Anastasia Roniotes, actively participated in the H2020 CB Sub Group, which was held on 17 November 2014, in Brussels, Belgium.
38. MIO-ECSDE Programme Officer Thomais Vlachogianni participated in DeFishGear WPLs Meeting held in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 18-19 November 2014.
39. MIO-ECSDE Head Officer, Ms. Anastasia Roniotes, actively participated in the MSSD Review meeting, organised by Plan Bleu, on 19-20 November 2014, in Sophia Antipolis, France.
40. MIO-ECSDE /MEDIES Programme Officers Ms. Iro Alampeï and Mr. Vassilis Psallidas facilitated the Training on the Educational Material on NCWRs in Cyprus: two more teacher trainings were held (one for trainers of CEEs and another one for post graduate students at Frederic University). Each was about half day long and they both took place on 20 November 2014, in Cyprus.
41. MIO-ECSDE/MEDIES Programme Officer, Ms. Iro Alampeï participated in the “2nd Mediterranean Water Forum”, which was organized by IME and held on 26-27 November 2014, Murcia, Spain.
42. The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated in the “Barcelona BioEconomy Forum on Sustainable Competitiveness and Well-being”, which was co-organized by Sant Pau, together with the Catalan Government, the European Forest Centre and the Finnish Koli Forum, on 27-28 November 2014, in Sant Pau Region, Barcelona, Spain.
43. *The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas actively participated, and was also the moderator of the opening session, in the EEB’s 40th Anniversary Conference “Europe at the crossroads: the challenge of environmental sustainability”, which was held on 1-2 December 2014, in Brussels, Belgium.*
44. *The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas participated in the Fourth Steering Committee Meeting of the Sustainable Water Integrated Management Programme - Support Mechanism (SWIM-SM), which was held on 15-16 December 2014 in Barcelona, Spain.*
45. *The Chairman Prof. Michael Scoullas participated in the H2020 Steering Group, which was held on 17 December 2014, in Barcelona, Spain.*



18TH MIO-ECSDE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Athens, 28th December 2013

11:00 – 13:30

e-AGM via WebEx

(draft) MINUTES

The 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of MIO-ECSDE took place as an e-AGM, via WebEx, on Saturday the 28th of December 2013.

Twenty four (24) NGO members of MIO-ECSDE from fifteen (15) Mediterranean countries were connected on-line and participated in the 18th AGM of MIO-ECSDE

The Chairman, Prof. Michael Scoullas chaired the meeting from the MIO-ECSDE Secretariat premises in Plaka, Athens, Greece. Finance and Administration Officer Ms. Bessie Mantzara presented the agenda items relating to the MIO-ECSDE financial management and Head Officer Ms. Anastasia Roniotes kept the minutes of the meeting.

In his opening address, the Chairman welcomed the participants to the 18th AGM and for the first time to a new era of virtual Annual General Meetings, where novel technologies are in full use in a form of web conferencing.

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 17th AGM

The Chairman went through the minutes page by page. The minutes of the 17th AGM of MIO-ECSDE (attachment 2) were unanimously approved without amendments.

Agenda Item 3: Report by the Executive Bureau of MIO-ECSDE for 2013

3.1.a Report of Activities 2013

The Chairman presented highlights from the various sections of the 2013 Report of Activities. The pre-circulated Report itself had been previously approved by the Executive Bureau.

After the presentation of the Report, many positive comments were made by the membership, especially concerning the large number of trained people in the Mediterranean as a result of MIO-ECSDE activities and the many important publications produced by the Secretariat. The Chairman thanked the members of the Federation and the staff of MIO-ECSDE for their contribution in the successful implementation of the programme.

3.1.b Approval of the Report of Activities

The Report of Activities for 2013 was approved unanimously by the Plenary.

3.2.a. Financial Report 2012

Ms. Bessie Mantzara presented the financial report of 2012, which has been externally audited by PKF – EUROAUDITING S.A. While presenting the report, she pointed out that GWP-Med's financing is funneled through MIO-ECSDE accounts, as is the case with many project activities, especially within Horizon 2020 CB/MEP project, where money flows through MIO-ECSDE's accounts not actually contributing to MIO-ECSDE's core functions. It was also confirmed that PFK will continue to be the external Auditors for 2014.

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.

3.2.b. Approval of the Financial Report

The Financial Report for 2012 was approved unanimously by the Plenary.

3.3.a. Estimated Financial Report 2013

The Estimated Financial Report for 2013 was also presented by Ms. Bessie Mantzara. A comparative table of the confirmed and received budgets for 2013 was presented along with the expense distribution in percentages.

3.3.b. Approval of the estimated Financial Report

The Estimated Financial Report 2013 was approved unanimously by the Plenary.

Agenda Item 4: Provisional planning for 2014

4.1.a. Provisional Work Programme for 2014

The Chairman presented the foreseen activities for 2014 as prepared by the Secretariat and approved by the Executive Bureau.

4.1.b. Approval of the Provisional Work Programme

The Provisional Work Programme for 2014 was approved unanimously by the Plenary.

4.2.a. Provisional Budget for 2014

Ms. Bessie Mantzara presented the Provisional Budget for 2014.

It was concluded that should there be a successive year without the Commission's direct annual support, the Secretariat would most likely not function properly anymore.

4.2.b. Approval of the Provisional Budget

The Provisional Budget for 2014 was approved unanimously by the Plenary.

Agenda Item 5: Membership affairs

5.a. New applications

The Chairman informed the AGM that during 2013, the Secretariat received two (2) valid new applications for Membership (see table below). The Executive Bureau (EB) proposals to the 18th AGM for these applications are as follows:

	Name of organisation	Type	Country	Type of Membership Requested
1	Armadilla	NGO	Italy	Full
2	Global Footprint Network	NGO	Geneva (international)	Full

5.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 6: On-line Elections for Members of the Bureau

6.a. Results of the on-line Elections for Members of the Bureau

MIO-ECSDE conducted from 17-20 December 2013 on-line elections for those members of its Executive Bureau for which their terms have come to a close. The term of the newly elected Executive Bureau Members will expire at the AGM of 2015.

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 election results were as follows:

- Number of valid ballots received by the Secretariat: 23
- Non valid ballots: 1 from a corresponding member, 3 from members with pending fees

	Name of candidates and organisation	Representing Member NGOs of:	Votes/Confirmations		
			Yes	No	Abstention
1)	Ms. Antonia Theodosiou (Federation of Environmental Organisations of Cyprus)	<i>Cyprus</i>	18	none	none
2)	Mr. Fadi Hussein (AMWAJ for the Environment)	<i>Lebanon</i>	18	none	none
3)	Prof. Mohammed Ftouhi (CMED)	<i>Morocco</i>	19	none	none
4)	Mr. Imad Attrash (Palestinian Wildlife Society)	<i>Palestine</i>	18	none	none
5)	Mr. Mario Alves (ETNIA)	<i>Portugal</i>	19	none	none
6)	Mr. Angel Juarez (Mare Terra) & Mr. Jeremie Fosse (Eco-Union) ¹	<i>Spain</i>	17	none	none
7)	Mr. Serdar Sarigul (TEMA)	<i>Turkey</i>	17	none	none

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

Dr. Adly informed that he has been re-appointed to represent RAED on the Executive Bureau of MIO-ECSDE.

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

6.b. Confirmation of Chair and Co-Chair

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.

Therefore, the MIO-ECSDE Executive Bureau for 2014 is as follows:

Bureau Members	
1)	Prof. Michael Scoullas (Greece) / Chairman
2)	Prof. Mohammed Ftouhi (Morocco) /Co-Chairman
3)	Prof. Gerasimos Arapis (Elliniki Etairia)
4)	Mr. Mikael Karlsson (EEB)
5)	Mr. Riad Nacer Bendaoud (Algeria)
6)	Ms. Antonia Theodosiou (Cyprus)
7)	Dr. Emad Adly (RAED)
8)	Mr. Jean-Valère Geronimi (France)

¹ The two organisations will share the same seat in the Bureau

9)	Ms. Patrizia Bonelli & Ms. Romina Bicocchi (Italy)
10)	Mr. Ziyad Alawneh (Jordan)
11)	Mr. Fadi Hussein (Lebanon)
12)	Mr. Vincent Attard (Malta)
13)	Mr. Imad Attrash (Palestine)
14)	Mr. Mario Alves (Portugal)
15)	Mr. Milan Vogrin (Slovenia)
16)	Mr. Angel Juarez & Jeremie Fosse (Spain)
17)	Mr. Habib Ben Boubaker (Tunisia)
18)	Mr. Serdar Sarigul (Turkey)

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 7: Any other business

No issue was raised for discussion under this agenda item.

Closure of the 18th MIO-ECSDE AGM: The AGM was closed by the Chairman who thanked the Members for their commitment, support and collaboration and the Secretariat for its dedication and hard work. The Members congratulated the Secretariat for its excellent work as well as the successful launch of web conferencing.

MIO-ECSDE Member Organizations at the 19th AGM (December 2014)

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
9.	ALBANIA	Environmental Center for Administration and Technology	ECAT	Rr. A. Frasheri, Pall.16/ Shk.6/ Ap.53, Tirana	Corresponding
10.	ALBANIA	Environmental centre for Development, Education and Networking	EDEN centre	Rr. "Luigj Gurakuqi" Nd. 33 H. 2 Ap.13, Njësia Bashkiake Nr.2, Kodi Postar 1017 Tirana , Albania	Full
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28.	EGYPT	Arab Media Forum for Environment and Development	AMFED	2/11B, El Hedaya Str., Embassies District, Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt	Corresponding
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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35.	GREECE	Hellenic Association of Educators for Environmental Education	HAEEE	3 Bouboulinas str., 16451, Athens	Full
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40.	GREECE	Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles - GREECE	MEDASSET	1c Licavitou Street, 106 72 Athens	Full
41.	GREECE	Mediterranean SOS Network	MEDSOS	Mamai 3, 104 40 Athens	Full
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	OLON for synthesis and ecological civilization on 21st century	OLON	18, Miaouli Str., 35011, Makri, Fthiotida	Corresponding
45.	GREECE	World Wide Fund for Nature - Hellas	WWF-HELLAS	Fillelinon 26, 105 58 Athens	Full
46.	GREECE	ECOCITY		9, Kefallinias str.151 25 Marousi Athens Greece	Full
47.	ISRAEL	Israel Society for Ecology and Environmental Quality Sciences		Division of Environmental Water and Agricultural Engineering Faculty of Civil Engineering, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa 32000	Full
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76.	MAURITANIA	Club des amis de la nature et la protection de l'environnement	CANPE	Nouakchott – Immeuble BBCIS appart n°1 – République Islamique de Mauritanie – B.P. 4830	Corresponding
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80.	MOROCCO	Club Marocain pour l'Environnement et le Développement	CMED	B.P. 1072, Rabat	Full
81.	MOROCCO	Maison de l'Environnement-Association Atlas Saïs		Imb 48 (NADA) rue Lalla Fatimazohra, AV. Allal ben Abdellah - Fes	Corresponding
82.	MOROCCO	National Drought Observatory of Morocco/Observatoire National de la Secheresse		IAV HassanII, BP 6202, Rabat-Instituts, Rabat	Corresponding
83.	MOROCCO	Société Protectrice des Animaux et de la Nature	SPANA	41 Résidence Zohra, Harhoura 12000, Témara	Full
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91.	SLOVENIA	DPPVN - Society of bird research and nature concervation	DPPVN	Ptujska c. 91, SI23237 Slovenia	Full
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93.	SPAIN	Asociacion Malaguena para la Protection de la Vida Silvestre	SILVEMA	21, Calle Mariblanca, 29012 Málaga	Full
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108.	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
109.	TUNISIA	Association du Reseau Mediterranéen Pour le Developpement Durable	AREMEDD	CITET, BOULEVARD YASSER ARAFAT, 1080 TUNIS	Full
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