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The Mediterranean NGO Federation for Environment and development

MIO-ECSDE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31st December 2020

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1. Corporate data

MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENT CULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MIO-ECSDE.

Country of Incorporation :	GREECE
Registered Office :	12,KYRRISTOU Str. 105 56 ATHENS GREECE
Activity :	NON GOVERNMENTAL NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
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2. Executive Bureau's Report

We hereby submit the Financial Statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, as well as this report from the Executive Bureau for the fiscal year 2020 (from 1 January to 31 December 2020). This Report has been prepared in accordance to paragraph 5 of article 2 (part B) of Greek law 4336/2015 as well as the minutes of the Executive Bureau of MIO-ECSDE.
We note the following:

Performance and financial position / Annual activity review

MIO-ECSDE has not experienced any major changes in its structure or hierarchy in 2020. Its membership has increased by six more member organisations, while one UK-based member closed its offices due to Brexit (it will continue its work from a Greece-based branch which is also a member of MIO-ECSDE).

At its 25th Annual General Assembly on 22 December 2020, the Croatian seat of the Executive Bureau (EB), the only Mediterranean EU country not represented on the EB, became active bringing the number of seats to 19 (one from each of the 3 founding members, one from each of the 9 EU Mediterranean countries, 7 from non-EU Mediterranean countries).

For two biennia in a row (2018-2019 and 2020-2021) MIO-ECSDE has been awarded with co-financed Operating Grants by the EU Life Programme. We consider this as a direct acknowledgement by the EU of MIO-ECSDE's role in the Mediterranean but also of:

- the relevance of MIO-ECSDE's strategic plan for the EU's environmental and climate action policies;
- MIO-ECSDE's contribution to shaping, developing or updating the EU's environmental and climate action policies;
- the organization's contribution to the implementation and enforcement of the EU's environmental and climate action policies;
- MIO-ECSDE's importance in addressing new and emerging environmental and climate-related issues; and
- the potential of becoming an even more efficient stakeholder in the EU's policy process, including in as-pects relating to transparency and accountability.

Reacting to the COVID-19 pandemic

The MIO-ECSDE Secretariat worked remotely as soon as lockdown conditions were imposed in Greece in March 2020 due to the pandemic. In May, as restrictions became less strict, staff members were coordinated on a weekly basis, so that those who wished to also work from the office, were able to do so, on a rotational basis. Hygiene protocols, 2-meter distancing of work stations and other provisions as dictated by the health authorities were set in place, as well as an adaptation of the MIO-ECSDE travel procedure by which any staff member who wished to travel (either for work or for personal reasons) would have to take a direct flight even if more expensive (to minimize exposure risk) and self-quarantine for at least seven days upon return.

For the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, MIO-ECSDE, like most organisations, was affected by delays in administrative and financial procedures of its various donors and funding bodies, but towards the second part of the year the situation was somewhat normalised and the implementation of the 2020 WP continued with needed adjustments.

All of the running projects were gradually adapted to accommodate alternatives to replace physical meetings requiring air travel, or activities that did not align with social distancing, while the Secretariat constantly assessed the global, regional and national state of play, to see how the relaxation of measures was advancing, double-back actions taken, forecasts of the scientific, political and

business community, etc. Several projects very soon were granted 3 to 6-month extensions. Overall, MIO-ECSDE proved to have the required adaptability and flexibility to maintain a full work programme. However, remote coordination of all the staff as well as of the activities is proving to be a challenge, alarmingly increasing the time spent in front of laptop and desktop screens.

Activities that could support the Mediterranean environmental NGO community were boosted with budget re-allocated from travel and meeting costs that never took place (e.g. open call for proposals for the 2020 Mediterranean Action Day dedicated to marine Natura 2000 sites and other coastal and marine protected areas), while at Secretariat level, not only was all staff maintained without reductions in salaries, but one new junior policy officer was hired and external expertise (short term contracts) was strengthened, in an effort to actively contribute to alleviating the socio-economic implications of the pandemic.

Several COVID-19 recovery plans have been announced by the regional and national institutions and political processes that the MIO-ECSDE work programme is linked with (European Union, Union for the Mediterranean, Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Programme, financing institutions, countries, etc.). Some of these are development plans designed before the pandemic and restructured to include COVID-19 lines, while others are newly designed initiatives for building resilience to and fighting socio-economic impacts of the pandemic. Environment and sustainability objectives, although mentioned are not adequately integrated at operational level opening a new set of actions that need to be taken by MIO-ECSDE and its members for a green and fair, carbon-neutral recovery.

All the above were reflected in the 2020 MIO-ECSDE Profit and Loss Statement.

As it can been seen from the analysis of "Profit and loss Statement" presented in paragraph No 4 below for the fiscal year 2020, the result before taxes amounted to a profit of € 11.885,98 as of profit of € 16.157,34 for the previous fiscal year. We note with satisfaction the positive result continued also for the year 2020 despite the COVID 19 pressure and restrictions imposed.

For the fiscal year of 2020 the total income amounted to € 3.040.439,17 out of which € 1.040.013,69 euro was for the MIO-ECSDE Work Program and activities while € 2.000.425,48 were managed on behalf of the hosted organization GWP-Med. Previous year's income was € 3.719.515 out of which € 980.192 was for the MIO-ECSDE Work Program and activities and € 2.739.323 euro were managed on behalf of GWP-Med. Comparing the two years a total income decrease of € 679.075,75 or 18,26% was observed mainly in GWP-Med funds. 2020 was the second consecutive year with a registered decrease following the 15,53% decrease observed in 2019.

This decrease is mainly due to the fact that 2020 was still a transition year for GWP-Med Activities with newly secured projects only gradually coming in, while delays in starting new secured activities were observed due to COVID-19.

The observed decrease in total income was accompanied, as expected, by a decrease in total expenses by € 737.147 or 16,60% amounting to € 3.028.553,19 for 2020 compared to € 3.703.358 in 2019.

As expected, the decrease in expenses came from fewer activities of the new GWP-Med projects that were not fully initiated in 2020. From the total expenses made in 2020, 54% (69% in 2019) was allocated for project activity costs, 39% (28% in 2019) was allocated for labour cost, and 7% (3% in 2019) for office running and other costs. It is interested to mark here the imprint of COVID-19 restrictions and the need to reshape activities like meetings etc to online virtual events and the additional personnel effort needed to support the transformation thus increasing labour cost for 2020.

The result of the fiscal year 2020, was charged with tax expense of € 9.404,47 following the tax clearance procedure which can be found in note 21 below. The result after tax, amounted to earnings of € 2.478,51 from earnings of € 5.679,87 in the previous year.

In the field of investments for the fiscal year of 2020, MIO – ECSDE has invested in tangible assets of € 13.705,60 (from € 14.431,97 for the fiscal year of 2019). More specifically in building improvements, in office space, furniture and IT and telecommunication equipment.

Financial risks

MIO – ECSDE is exposed to some financial risks such as the risk of market prices, credit risk, cash flow risk from changes in interest rates and liquidity risk which the Organisation faces with success because of its structure and its prudent policy.

Credit risk

The credit risk is limited because MIO-ECSDE liabilities come mainly from contributors, mostly public funds from the EU, and other International Organisations.

In order to minimize the risk of insecurity as much as possible, the Organisation monitors frequently the balances of each program and the terms of payment granted.

Currency risk

Although MIO-ECSDE is active internationally, it is not exposed to foreign exchange risk because all major transactions are carried out in euro or carried our directly from the US accounts for specific GWP-Med projects managed on a cash basis.

Risk of interest rate fluctuations.

This risk remains low, as there is no short-term or long-term borrowing.

Liquidity risk

The Organisation meets its financial needs with a satisfactory level of bank deposits.

Environmental issues

The operation of the office has limited effects on the environment, remaining compatible to the principles it advocates as an organization that deals with its protection. At all MIO-ECSDE premises there is a complete system for recycling paper, glass and aluminum waste as well as systems for minimizing the waste of energy and water. Several members of the Staff travel to and from the office on foot or by using public transport and bicycles. The MIO-ECSDE environmental policy can be found at https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability/

Labor issues

The company regarding the future recruitment of staff, but also for existing staff, has ensured: a) the policy of differentiation and equal opportunities (regardless of gender, religion, disadvantage or other aspects), b) respect for workers' rights and trade union rights freedom and c) health and safety at work, education/on service training systems, way of promotion, d) travel insurance, pension schemes etc. The MIO-ECSDE related policies can be found at https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability/

Research and Development activities

The Organisation carries out limited activities in the field of research and development mostly in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair & Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean at the University of Athens.

Premises

The Organisation, in addition to its main offices at 12, Kyrristou street in Plaka, has two other premises also in Plaka Athens, in close proximity to the main building, one in 4, Tripodon street and the other on 4, Erehtheos street.

Prospects of MIO – ECSDE.

Considering the general economic situation in Europe and in Greece where the organization is based, the above percentages of changes are satisfactory and the dynamics of the Organisation is great and proven through its long course and stability.

The ongoing effort in all activities strengthens the Bureau's hopes for a further improved course despite the additional restrictions and challenges imposed by COVID 19 pandemic, as it knows that there are prospects for recovery of the economy, and the many years of experience and hard work of the staff guided by the rational and efficient administration will effectively contribute to this.

The organization is every year awarded the ISO 19001 certification, and we are pleased to also see that MIO-ECSDE remains and active member of Accountable Now as this connection allows to further reflect and celebrate MIO-ECSDE's work, analyzed through an accountability perspective. It is also an opportunity to welcome independent scrutiny and feedback, helping us to improve.

The prospects of further development and impact of our work in the Mediterranean capitalizing on the strong commitment of our 133 members, the EU support in funds and innovative tools and progressive policies,
The close cooperation with the two major Mediterranean bodies namely UfM and Barcelona Convention UNEP/MAP and the Mediterranean Committee for Sustainable Development (MCSD) and also with UNESCO, UNECE and LAS,
The adjacent Circles of Members of Parliaments through COMPSUD; of Educators through MEdIES; of Media trough COMJEST; of Academia through MEDUNET,
Are very positive indeed.

With the certainty that the Executive Bureau and the Secretariat made every legitimate effort to achieve the objectives of the year 2020 and based on the information and explanations provided herewith regarding the management of the affairs of the Organisation during the year 2020, we hereby submit the Financial Statements.

Athens, August 6th, 2021
The chairman of MIO-ECSDE

Prof. Michael Scoullos

3. Independent Auditors' Report

To the members-organizations of Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development MIO-ECSDE

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the company Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development MIO-ECSDE (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2020, the profit and loss statement and cash flow statement for the year then ended, as well as a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development MIO-ECSDE as of December 31, 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the Greek law 4308/2014.

Basis for opinion

We have conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as they have been transposed in Greek Legislation. Our responsibilities under those standards are described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report. During our audit, we have remained independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) as transposed in Greek legislation and the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the financial statements in Greece. We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of the currently enacted law and the requirements of the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Greek law 4308/2014, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs, as they have been transposed in Greek Legislation, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs as they have been transposed in Greek Legislation, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Taking into consideration that management is responsible for the preparation of the Board of Directors' Report, according to the provisions of paragraph 5 of article 2 (part B) of Greek law 4336/2015, we note the following:

a) In our opinion the Board of Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements of article 150 of Greek Law 4548/2018 and its content is consistent with the accompanying financial statements for the year ended 31.12.2020.
b) Based on the knowledge we obtained during our audit, about the Company Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development MIO-ECSDE and its environment, we have not identified any material inconsistencies in the Board of Directors' Report.

Athens, September 8th, 2021
The Chartered Accountant Auditor

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4. Balance sheet

	Note	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
ASSETS			
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	13.482,44	11.991,07
Intangible assets (software)	12	223,16	2.440,90
Total Fixed Assets		**13.705,60**	**14.431,97**
CURRENT ASSETS			
Amounts receivable	13	614.982,97	568.367,48
Other receivable	14	24.393,13	321.190,42
Cash at bank and in hand	15	1.191.274,33	2.062.674,10
Prepaid expenses		0,00	0,00
Total Current Assets		**1.830.650,43**	**2.952.232,00**
TOTAL ASSETS		**1.844.356,03**	**2.966.663,97**
EQUITY & LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Establishment contributions	16	733,68	733,68
Accumulated results		3.605,06	-2.074,82
Results of the year		2.478,51	5.679,88
Total Equity		**6.817,25**	**4.338,74**
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LIABILITIES			
Trade debts (Suppliers)	17	1.431.285,87	2.600.355,86
Wages, tax and social charges	18	119.529,09	119.189,81
Deferred income (restricted funds, grant funds)	19	151.274,12	107.879,00
Other liabilities (accrued charges & provisions)	20	135.449,70	134.900,56
Total Liabilities		**1.837.538,78**	**2.962.325,23**
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES		**1.844.356,03**	**2.966.663,97**

5. Profit and loss statement

	1.1-31.12.2020	1.1-31.12.2019
INCOME		
A. Contributions received for MIO-ECSDE projects		
EUROPEAN COMMISSION - NGO Operating Grant	*270.000,00*	*277.749,00*
ATTICA REGION - National Contribution	*17.864,27*	*9.262,76*
KA1-ERASMUS EDUCATIONAL COURSE (73.05)	*6.033,00*	*7.840,00*
MINISTERIO FINANCE SPAIN- Plastic Buster Project	*99.337,00*	*59.841,30*
MINISTERIO FINANCE SPAIN- MPA EngageProject	*27.222,42*	*0,00*
FOUNDATION IBERCIVIS -D-Noses Project	*109.890,00*	*56.946,00*
GWPO/MED (Host Institute , Alter Aqua, MEdIES, Drin-brochure)	*101.957,00*	*70.000,00*
LDK-EUROPE - WES MED EU (73.02)	*304.173,00*	*87.800,62*
GREEN FUND (PRASINO TAMEIO) HELLENIC GOVERNMENT	*30.000,00*	*25.000,00*
HERAKLION DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (73.00)	*19.600,00*	*14.000,00*
HERCO - Hellenic Recycling Company (73.00)	*23.044,00*	*29.200,00*
CYPRUS PEDAGOCIG INSTITITE	*5.000,00*	*1.000,00*
UNESCO -Summer University	*10.000,00*	*0,00*
WIND FARMS ANATOLI PRINIA S.A	*11.640,00*	*0,00*
INTRASOFT ENV LOT 2	*1.470,00*	*0,00*
ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY MALTA-Educational Programmes (73.02)	*0,00*	*38.522,00*
MINISTRY FOR ENVIRONMENT CYPRUS	*0,00*	*5.000,00*
CATALAN WASTE AGENCY - SCP/RAC - ACT4LITTER	*0,00*	*17.246,01*
LDK-EUROPE - SWIMH2020-SM (73.02)	*0,00*	*249.656,70*
MAKHZOUMI FOUNDATION	*0,00*	*10.000,00*
UNESCO (DIVE IN PROJECT)	*0,00*	*13.935,95*
PLOHGOS - Development Agency, Greece (73.00)	*0,00*	*2.100,00*
Other income		
Membership Fees (74.06)	2.783,00	4.325,00
Other income from providers (73.00)	0,00	100,00
Other income from providers (73.02)	0,00	241,93
Financial Income	0,00	40,41
Difference in Exchange Rate	0,00	424,51
TOTAL A	**1.040.013,69**	**980.232,19**
B. Contributions received as HI for GWP-MED		
GWPO - (Core Funding and AIP WAGDEP G)	*100.905,00*	*142.600,00*
UfM - Techical Assistance Program (73.02)	*92.500,00*	*121.060,00*
MAVA -Med Capacity Building Platform on Water Managment	*29.528,00*	*0,00*
MAVA - IUCN -Governance	*13.248,00*	*0,00*
MAVA-BUNA Delta Protection	*7.090,00*	*0,00*
MAVA-GEMWET Project	*34.754,00*	*0,00*
CCF - ALTER AQUA (2014-2018)	*6.200,00*	*143.670,00*
SIDA - Water Cooperation in the MED	*334.585,39*	*562.412,00*
CCF - Water for the City - Alexandroupolis Project	*120.934,00*	*531.302,00*
ADA - Water Food Energy Nexus	*387.851,00*	*149.132,21*
UNDP-Albania - DRIN FSProject	*648.654,45*	*691.852,00*
UNDP-Kosovo - DRIN MSProject	*95.655,66*	*114.015,00*
NCWR-Malta Energy and Water Agency (73.02)	*400,17*	*22.500,00*
CCF - NCWR Malta 2019-2020	*55.388,00*	*0,00*
RECKITT BENCKISER HELLAS - Water in our Hands	*25.000,00*	*0,00*

	1.1-31.12.2020	1.1-31.12.2019
UfM Grants - SIDA II "Matchmaker"	*28.916,00*	*0,00*
SWIM backstopping (73.02)	*0,00*	*4.880,00*
MAVA-MED WET Communication Campaign	*0,00*	*8.003,00*
IW-LEARN - (UNESCO-GWPO)	*0,00*	*39.383,00*
Various (ICBA for 2019, Palestinian Water Authority for 2018)	*0,00*	*36.346,82*
GWPO - WACDEP (NAF-TUNIS-MED Region -LRF)	*0,00*	*85.000,00*
UBA - Water Food Energy Nexus	*0,00*	*22.181,00*
Other income		
Financial Income	26,60	0,00
Difference in Exchange Rate	18.592,91	8.193,37
Other income	196,30	4.690,91
Previous years returns on invoiced income	0,00	47.900,66
Provisions on staff compensations	0,00	1.739,89
Other Incomes (GWP and GWP SA travel cost recoverable)	0,00	2.420,87
TOTAL B	**2.000.425,48**	**2.739.282,73**
TOTAL INCOME A and B	**3.040.439,17**	**3.719.514,92**

	1.1-31.12.2020	1.1-31.12.2019
EXPENSES		
A. MIO-ECSDE project expenses		
Personnel Costs (Account 60)	491.943,17	450.916,78
Depreciation Costs (Account 66)	10.116,60	2.755,18
Office Costs (Accounts 62 & 63)	90.870,47	24.024,67
Activity Costs (Accounts 61 & 64)	455.343,61	490.215,53
Other costs		
Financial Costs (Account 65)	1.490,92	1.290,61
Difference in Exchange Rate	324,10	215,14
Provisions for emploee compensations (Account 68)	1.912,14	0,00
A. TOTAL EXPENSES MIO-ECSDE	**1.052.001,01**	**969.417,91**
B. GWP-MED project expenses		
Personnel Costs (Account 60)	688.487,15	583.814,70
Depreciation Costs (Account 66)	0,00	11.020,71
Office Costs (Accounts 62 & 63)	65.417,24	170.877,29
Activity Costs (Accounts 61 & 64)	1.172.116,60	1.933.830,58
Other costs		
Financial Costs (Account 65)	10.625,74	14.095,17
Difference in Exchange Rate	37.437,59	19.465,93
Provisions for emploee compensations (Account 68)	2.059,40	0,00
Prior years' expenses	0,00	600,00
Other expenses	0,09	0,00
Tax penalties and surcharges	408,37	235,28
B. TOTAL EXPENSES GWP-MED	**1.976.552,18**	**2.733.939,66**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	***3.028.553,19***	***3.703.357,57***
RESULT BEFORE TAX	**11.885,98**	**16.157,35**
TAX EXPENSE	**-9.407,47**	**-10.477,47**
RESULT AFTER TAX	**2.478,51**	**5.679,88**

6. Cash flow statement

	1.1-31.12.2020	1.1-31.12.2019
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net profit / (loss) before tax	**11.885,98**	**16.157,35**
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of tangible and intangible assets	10.116,60	13.775,89
Provisions	3.971,54	-1.739,89
Foreign exchange differences	19.113,34	6.761,50
Debit interest and similar expenses	26,60	40,41
Working capital changes		
Decrease / (Increase) in Trade and other receivables	250.181,80	635.650,39
Increase / (Decrease) in Trade and other payables	-1.164.592,33	-865.462,49
Less:		
Debit interest and similar expenses paid	-26,60	-40,41
Income taxes paid	-6.413,88	-6.094,45
Net cash flow from Operating Activities	**-875.736,95**	**-200.951,70**
Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
Purchases of tangible assets	-9.390,23	-17.240,22
Purchases of intagible assets	0,00	0,00
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	0,00	0,00
Net cash flow from Investing Activities	**-9.390,23**	**-17.240,22**
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Borrowings Paid	0,00	0,00
Purchases of Treasury Stocks	0,00	0,00
Payments of finance lease liabilities (capital)	0,00	0,00
Proceeds from bank loans (credit card)	13.727,41	1.488,78
Net cash flow from Financing Activities	**13.727,41**	**1.488,78**
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	**-871.399,77**	**-216.703,14**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	2.062.674,10	2.279.377,24
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**1.191.274,33**	**2.062.674,10**

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

7. Incorporation – Activities - Scope

The Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE), is operating as a Federation of Mediterranean Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for Environment and Development from 1993 in the form of an Independent Legal Equity, Civil non - profit Society subject to Greek Law. In 1995 and in 2007 the members approved versions made in the Statutes of the Federation.

The main scope of the Organization is determined in its Statutes. The Code of Conduct of MIO-ECSDE were compiled upon decision of its Executive Bureau, and provide for the smooth operation of the Organisation.

MIO-ECSDE's scope is to act as a technical and political platform for the intervention of NGOs in the Mediterranean scene. In co-operation with Governments, International Organisations and other socio-economic partners, MIO-ECSDE plays an active role for the protection of the environment as well as the tangible and intangible cultural heritage and the promotion of the sustainable development of the Mediterranean Region and its countries.

The seat of the Organization is in Athens, Greece, other offices, branches, etc. can be established elsewhere in Greece and in other countries, upon decision of the Executive Bureau, in order to effectively promote the objectives of MIO-ECSDE.

The Organization was established for indefinite period.

8. Membership - Governance structure

MIO–ECSDE brings together 133 Member Organizations from 26 countries. In parallel it maintains its original role as a facilitator of more than 400 Environment and Development Organizations and Institutes registered in its network database.

In order to carry out its work in the most efficient and transparent way MIO-ECSDE has a governance structure of 4 collaborating organs/bodies:

- the Annual General Meeting
- the Executive Bureau
- the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson
- the Secretariat

9. Books and records

As of 1st January, 2010 MIO-ECSDE keeps its accounting books according to double-entry method and in accordance with Accounting Standards of Greece it is applied through computerized programs.

10. Governance of finances

An External Accountant is responsible for overseeing the preparation and certifying all economic reports presented to the Executive Bureau, the AGM and to all funding bodies.
The External Accountant is in close collaboration with MIO–ECSDE's finance and admin staff who are responsible for running the day-to-day financial operations under the supervision of the Chairman and also for keeping all relevant documentation and receipts.
The Chairman, Co-Chairman, Treasurer & the Executive Bureau may supervise financial operations. The Executive Bureau is regularly informed and controls the finances. The Annual General Meeting receives a full detailed report, approves the accounts and discharges the Executive Bureau and the Chairman. It also approves the proposed provisional budget for the next year according to the work program. Since 2016 a new system of e-requests and e-approvals (3 stage signature procedure) is applied prior to each expense and payment made, facilitated by the ERP software SOFT1.

11. Significant accounting policies

Accounting convention
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Greek Laws and regulations.

Foreign currency transactions
The books of the Organization are kept in Euro and the financial statements are expressed in this currency. Current assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the closing rates prevailing at the balance sheet date.
Expenses denominated in currencies other than the EURO are recorded in the accounting records and stated in the financial statements at the amounts actually converted into EURO at the rate ruling on the transaction date.
Exchange differences arising from currency conversion are charged or credited to the Income and Expenses Statement.

Income-Restricted funds
Restricted funds include funds collected before respective expenses incurred and are presented as "Deferred Income" in the Balance Sheet.
Amounts receivable for programs approved and implemented within the year are reported as receivables and are included in the Income Statement.

Expenses
Operating expenses are recognized in the income statement upon utilization of the service or at the date of their origin. Interest income and expenses are reported on an accrual basis.

Depreciation
Depreciation is accounted for using the straight-line method according with the rates provided by the Greek legislation which are 20% for Information Technology (IT) equipment per year and 10% for furniture and equipment per year. The fully depreciated assets within the year 2020 of purchase amounted to € 3.610,93 concerning purchases with individual value of less than € 1.500.

Taxation
MIO-ECSDE economic activity is subject to Income Tax by the Greek Tax Authorities. Its other obligations to the Tax Authorities derive from labour tax, which is deducted, from all personnel and external associates' payments and V.A.T. which is stated to the Tax Authorities every month.

12. Tangible and intangible fixed assets

The table below shows the changes of "Tangible Assets" and "Intangible Assets" for the year 2020

Table of changes of "Tangible Assets" and "Intangible Assets" for the year 2020

		Cost				Depreciation				
Code Number	Description of account	Cost 31.12.2019	Additions for the year 2020	Reductions for the year 2020	Cost 31.12.2020	Depreciation 31.12.2019	Depreciation for the year 2020	Reductions for the year 2020	Depreciation 31.12.2020	Net book value 31.12.2020
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)=(3)+(4)-(5)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)=(7)+(8)+(9)	(11)=(6)-(10)
11.09	Building improvements	13.835,19	0,00	0,00	13.835,19	11.394,56	729,12	0,00	12.123,68	1.711,51
14.00	Furniture	46.549,53	304,86	0,00	46.854,39	45.101,52	609,50	0,00	45.711,02	1.143,37
14.03	IT equipment	56.310,46	8.485,37	0,00	64.795,83	49.418,93	5.785,32	0,00	55.204,25	9.591,58
14.08	Telecommunication equipment	8.088,77	167,40	0,00	8.256,17	8.088,46	167,39	0,00	8.255,85	0,32
14.09	Other equipment	8.304,88	432,60	0,00	8.737,48	7.094,29	607,53	0,00	7.701,82	1.035,66
Total of "Tangible Assets"		**133.088,83**	**9.390,23**	**0,00**	**142.479,06**	**121.097,76**	**7.898,86**	**0,00**	**128.996,62**	**13.482,44**
16.17	Software programmes	17.396,13	0,00	0,00	17.396,13	14.955,23	2.217,74	0,00	17.172,97	223,16
Total of "Intangible Assets"		**17.396,13**	**0,00**	**0,00**	**17.396,13**	**14.955,23**	**2.217,74**	**0,00**	**17.172,97**	**223,16**
Total Fixed Assets		**150.484,96**	**9.390,23**	**0,00**	**159.875,19**	**136.052,99**	**10.116,60**	**0,00**	**146.169,59**	**13.705,60**

13. Amounts receivable

	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
HELLENIC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MEDEUWI – EGYPT)	75.688,00	75.688,00
HELLENIC MINISTRY FOR ENVIROMENT	10.000,00	10.000,00
STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOUNDATION	1.206,60	0,00
WIND FARMS ANATOLIS - PRINIAS SA	14.433,60	0,00
UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE/UK	2.966,22	2.966,22
ARCOWA SA	140,35	140,35
IUCN/SWITZERLAND MAVA GOVERNANCE	17.275,00	4.027,00
UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS (special account for research)	20.828,25	20.828,25
ATTICA REGION	17.864,27	10.584,94
HERAKLION DEVELOPMENT AGENCY SA	19.840,00	0,00
REGIONAL FUND FOR GROWTH OF IONIAN ISLANDS	0,00	0,08
HELLENIC RECOVERY RECYCLING CORPORATION	28.574,56	28.966,40
INSTITUTE MEDITERANEE DE L'EAU IME	2.350,00	2.350,00
GREEN FUND	0,00	25.000,00
EUROPEAN COMMISSION/BELGIUM	0,00	194.435,52
UNESCO / VENICE	1.000,00	0,00
LDK CONSULTANTS EUROPE SA	51.975,00	24.975,00
ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY/ MALTA	22.500,00	3.622,00
MINISTERIO DE ECONOMIA/DIRECCION GEN.DEL TESORO/SPAIN/119	77.006,70	53.624,85
PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE/CYPRUS	1.000,00	1.000,00
MINISTERIO DE ECONOMIA/DIRECCION GEN.DEL TESORO/SPAIN/126 MPA ENGAGE	26.202,42	0,00
INTRASOFT International SA	1.470,00	0,00
Federation of Environmental & Ecological Organizations of Cyprus (FEEO FEOC)/CYPRUS	100,00	0,00
ALBAFOREST Center/ALBANIA	100,00	0,00
GLOBAL WATER PARTNERSHIP ORG/TION	82.862,00	887,65
MED-WET/FRANCE	31.903,00	31.903,00
SECRETARIAT OF THE UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (UfMS)	57.150,00	75.810,00
WETLANDS ST INTL/MAVA 227	21.631,00	0,00
UfMS/GRANTS - (OXI VIES)	28.916,00	0,00
GWP-SA	0,00	1.533,22
Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA)/LEBANON	0,00	25,00
Total	**614.982,97**	**568.367,48**

The amounts listed above correspond to balance payments not received by the end of 31.12.2020 for activities fully implemented within the year.

14. Other receivable

	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
Rent guarantees	5.850,00	5.850,00
Guarantee for Alexandroupolis project	4.873,20	119.908,00
Advances to contributors	643,45	1.261,62
Advances to emploees	0,00	27,00
Advances to suppliers	13.026,48	194.137,75
Amounts receivable from tax Authorities	0,00	6,05
Total	**24.393,13**	**321.190,42**

The amount listed as receivable from Tax Authorities, pertain to accumulated VAT.
According to the Greek Taxation Law, VAT obligation arising from commercial activity can be turned to expenditure at the end of the third consecutive year if it is not counterbalanced. However, MIO-ECSDE cannot actually recover most of the VAT incurred because it must be matched off against VAT on sales income.
From April 2009 (the second quarterly VAT statement) MIO-ECSDE is reporting VAT when it is incurred and therefore VAT is charged directly to the projects' expenditure. Exception is made for only for project for which VAT can be counterbalanced against VAT received.

15. Cash at bank and in hand

	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
Cash in hand	1.970,94	5.667,11
Cash at banks	1.189.303,39	2.057.006,99
Total	**1.191.274,33**	**2.062.674,10**

An amount of € 50.000,00 included in "Cash at banks" is held as security for the issuance of equal letter of guarantee and has been invested in high liquid mutual fund.

16. Establishment contribution

This is initial contribution of the members of the establishment of the organisation as it is provided in the memorandum of Association.

Initial contributions are		
European Environment Bureau (EEB)	GRD 125.000	€ 366,84
Hellenic Society for Environment and Culture (Elliniki Etairia)	125.000	366,64
	250.000	733,68

MIO-ECSDE does not have a share capital. Its equity shapes from the accumulated results of the previous fiscal years, as well as the result of the year ended in 31st December 2020.

17. Trade debts (Suppliers)

	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
a. Advances by clients		
Anna Lindh Foundation	33.250,00	0,00
Coca Cola Foundation USA/ Zero Drop	312.880,39	179.937,02
European Commission/Belgium	54.000,00	0,00
Fundacion Ibercivis/120.	50.058,80	133.180,00
Stichting Onderwijs Midden Linburg/The Netherlands/Plasticamente KA2	14.251,60	0,00
Coca Cola Foundation S.A. USA	8.117,76	14.317,76
Niras Natura Abbox/Sweden	8.982,15	8.982,15
Cola Cola USA/Water for City 03.05	6.863,00	127.797,00
Sidane Sweeden/Sida Nena/02.20	1.086,74	903.011,73
Gwp/Sitwa Funds	2.000,00	2.000,00
Austrian Development	307.427,00	245.278,00
Iucn Intl Unios for Cons. Nature/Mava Buna/Spain	49.259,20	56.349,20
Coca Cola Foundation/Malta	189.090,85	262.697,02
Mava Gem Wed Foundation/233	50.237,00	84.991,00
United Nations/Gef Gwp-Pdf 02.06	7.144,64	7.144,64

	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
Global Water Partn/Drinos/02.15	27.132,01	71.257,00
Global Water Partn/GWP/Kosovo 02.17	4.480,72	25.628,65
Wetlands ST Intl/Mava 227	0,00	7.897,00
European Environment Agency	0,00	50,00
Chaker Asma/Algeria	0,00	20,00
Ezzine Olfa/Tunis	0,00	26,00
Makhzoumi Foundation (MF)/Lebanon	0,00	25,00
Total (a)	**1.126.261,86**	**2.130.589,17**
b. Suppliers		
Trade debts to domestic suppliers	77.588,36	64.964,62
Trade debts to foreign suppliers	200.704,47	384.322,50
Other creditors	18.574,85	15.596,55
Income tax payable	8.156,33	4.883,02
Total (b)	**305.024,01**	**469.766,69**
Total (a)+(b)	**1.431.285,87**	**2.600.355,86**

18. Wages, tax and social charges

	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
Wages payable	588,22	0,00
VAT payable	11.060,11	3.543,73
Personnel tax withheld	44.660,07	48.473,14
Third parties tax withheld	8.413,20	10.028,37
Social security's charge	54.807,49	57.144,57
Other taxes	0,00	0,00
Total	**119.529,09**	**119.189,81**

19. Deferred income

	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
SWIM SM - Profit Share Agreement/LDK	18.320,00	18.320,00
GWP-Med/Rain Water Harvesting Project	31.144,00	31.144,00
GWP-DRIN 216	55.849,34	37.300,00
GWP-KOSOVO 217	15.945,95	13.200,00
NCWR-MALTA 2019-2020/236	22.099,83	0,00
WACDEP/N Africa	7.915,00	7.915,00
Total	**151.274,12**	**107.879,00**

These amounts represent programs income that has not yet been completely realized as follows:

a) Represents GWP-Med income received under a profit sharing agreement and was used 2019 and will be used in 2020 also for covering relocations cost in new offices and office and other equipment renewal and maintenance.

b) Represent income from Coca Cola Hellas received in 2014 (€ 31.144) for activities in the framework of the Rain Water Harvesting Project in Greece that is not yet implemented.

c) Represent income received that was not counterbalance with project expenses in 2017 or 2018 and it was settled in 2019.

d & e) Represent management fee received in the framework of the Drin projects that is to be utilised in the coming year and is maintained as security and for covering un-expected project expenses and office costs.

f) Represent income received for the WACDEP Capacity Building Activities for services offered by GWP-Med not yet utilised.

20. Other liabilities (accrued charges & provisions)

	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
Provisions for emploee compensations	63.346,84	59.375,30
Tax provisions for unaudited years 2010-2014	60.322,86	60.322,86
Accrued expense liability	11.780,00	15.202,40
Total	**135.449,70**	**134.900,56**

21. Tax expense

		2020		2019
Result before tax (from Profit and Loss Statement) (a):		**11.885,98**		**16.157,35**
More:				
Debit exchange differences from year end valuation	37.331,51		14.928,45	
Other expenses without transaction documents (per diems)	1.735,15		19.558,57	
Provisions for emploee compensations of the year:	3.971,54		0,00	
Previous years expenses (MIO-ECSDE)	0,00		600,00	
Tax penalties and surcharges	408,46		235,28	
Total (b):		43.446,66		35.322,30
Less:				
Credit exchange differences from year end valuation	-18.218,17		-8.166,95	
Provisions for emploee compensations of the year:	0,00		-1.739,89	
Previous years losses for tax reform	0,00		0,00	
Total (c):		-18.218,17		-9.906,84
Fiscal year's earnings due to tax (d)=(a)+(b)+(c):		**37.114,47**		**41.572,81**
Tax rate:		24,00%		24,00%
Tax expense for the year of 2020 and 2019 ((d) X 24%):		8.907,47		9.977,47
Plus: Tax authority business fee:		500,00		500,00
Total tax expense for the year of 2020 and 2019:		**9.407,47**		**10.477,47**

22. MIO-ECSDE as a Host Institute

MIO-ECSDE remains the Host Institute for the GWP-MED Secretariat and all funds secured for GWP–MED projects and activities are channelled through MIO–ECSDE accounts.

The total GWP-Med funding for the financial year 2020 reached the amount of € **2.000.425**

From the overall amount of € **2.000.425** an amount of € **101.957** pertains to the activities undertaken by MIO-ECSDE itself as HI and as GWP-Med partner.

The remaining amount of **€ 1.898.468**pertains to GWP-MED budget for the implementation of its activities according to its WP 2020.

23. Contingent liabilities

The books and accounting records of the Organization have not been examined by the tax authorities for the years from 2010 until 2020.

Tax books for the fiscal year of 2015 have been audited by the Chartered Accountants who sign these financial statements and the outcome of their audit has been taken into consideration by the Organization for the preparation of the tax declaration for the year 2015.

Furthermore, based on the outcome of the tax audit for the year 2015 there has been a corresponding projection for the unaudited fiscal years from 2010 to 2014 in the tax books, through a provision for additional tax amounted in € 60.322,86 which was charged in the results of the year 2015 and was projected in the account of the Statement of financial position «Other liabilities (accrued charges & provisions)».

The Management of the Organization estimates that the above mentioned amount is sufficient enough to cover possible additional taxes that will arise from a future tax audit by the tax authorities. Furthermore, the outcome of the tax audit for the year 2015 has been taken into consideration for the preparation of the tax declaration for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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