

TITLE	ENP South Working group on environmental Indicators
LINKS WITH ENPI-SEIS WORKPLAN	Area 1&2 Data and indicators
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OBJECTIVE	<p>As a continuation of the ongoing H2020 RMR sub-group, the objective of the working group (WG) on environmental indicators is: i) to identify a list of potential indicators to provide a consistent baseline of information from across the region to measure and compare progress made under the Horizon 2020 initiative and to support the process of regular reporting on the Mediterranean, and ii) to support the supply of information, which allows a greater variety and depth of information, experiences and good (and bad) practices to be shared (e.g. development of country profile).</p> <p>The WG should identify indicators among indicators already collected and develop them into a core set with pilot collection of data from the Mediterranean partner countries in 2012. This set should comprise indicators in line with the agreed thematic priorities for ENPI-SEIS cooperation and encompass indicators for which there is good and comparable data in the target countries, possibly related to national and international environmental reporting obligations in order to contribute to the establishment of a Shared Environmental Information Systems in the region.</p>
BACKGROUND	RMR documentation, MERMED paper, UNEP/MAP proposal, existing set of indicators Pilot outline drawn following the H2020 RMR meeting in 2011
WORKING METHODS	Regular communication and interactions via e-mails and via ENPI-SEIS forum 2 meetings a year (tentatively to be held in Copenhagen)
TARGET GROUP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ RMR focal points ■ Statisticians and environment experts involved in environmental indicators production
REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sound knowledge of environment statistics ■ Experience in the developemnt and production of indicators ■ Experience in the production of Indicator-based reports, State of the Environment reports ■ Good knowledge of national environmental policies and national/regional and global reporting obligation ■ Sound knowledge of the working language (see below)
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Maximum 2 participants per ENP South country
EXPECTED OUTPUT	To provide guidance to the countries in the production and testing of the selected indicators
WORKING GROUP TASKS	<p>Identify a selection of meaningful and measurable indicators for which data is available</p> <p>Identify and prioritise data gaps, propose ways of closing gaps and promote relevant actions to achieve this</p> <p>Compare and test the indicators, Develop a common methodology for the production of the selected indicators</p> <p>Support the preparation of guidelines to develop a SEIS-compatible, bottom-up country process whereby countries develop and make available country analyses of progress with the H2020 priority issues, including making available information (data, analyses and assessments, including outlooks and scenario studies) from national & regional state of environment, statistical and other reports.</p> <p>Initiate and facilitate the preparation of the country pilots (as defined in the Country Reports)</p> <p>Contribute to the preparation of the 1st assessment of progress</p>
REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COUNTRIES	<p>Identification and nomination of working group members</p> <p>Active involvement in the working group activity</p> <p>Facilitate access to data and information</p> <p>Ensure proper coordination with other H2020 sub-groups and national and regional initiatives dealing with indicator development and assessment.</p>
LANGUAGE	English/French/Arabic
LENGTH	1.5-2 days meeting
TENTATIVE DATES AND VENUE	<p>1st meeting: Barcelona, Spain, 18 April 2012 (back to back with H2020 Steering Committee meeting);</p> <p>2nd meeting: Copenhagen, Denmark, week 41 of October 2012</p>