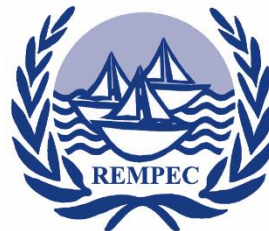


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and Response to Marine  
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POLLUTION

CLIMATE CHANGE

AIR EMISSIONS

PLASTIC AND  
MARINE LITTER

NON-INDIGENOUS  
SPECIES

PROTECTED AREAS

EMERGING ISSUES

SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS





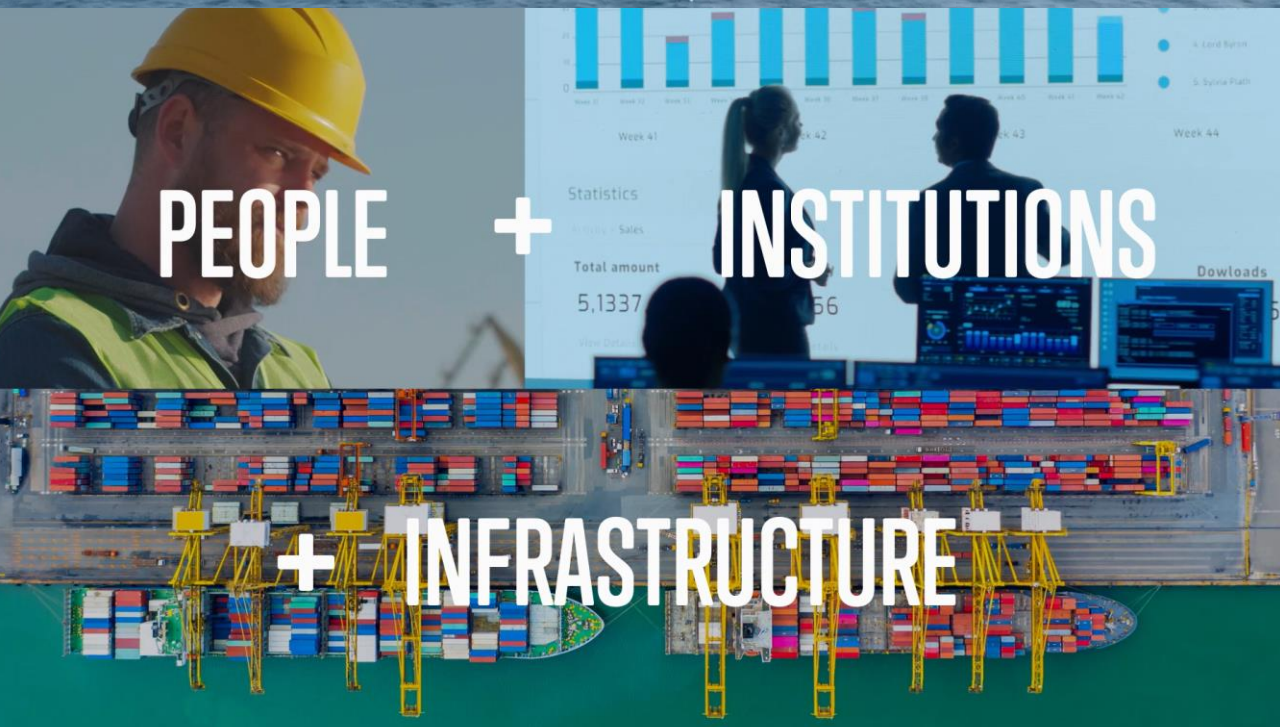
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# Illicit Discharges

CSO1

Prevent, prepare for, and respond to operational, illegal and accidental oil and HNS pollution from ships

- 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of MENELAS (October/December 2022):
  - ✓ Common marine oil pollution detection/investigation report;
  - ✓ Draft decision to apply criteria for a common minimum level of fines for each offense provided for under the Annexes to MARPOL, within the framework of the Barcelona Convention;
  - ✓ Modalities of possible creation and operation of a regional "Blue Fund", including in terms of governance and financing.
- Participation of Mediterranean coastal States to OSCAR-MED operation(s).

- **Follow-up National Workshops – Eastern Mediterranean**
  - ✓ Assessment of management capabilities and national systems for preparedness to respond marine oil pollution
  - ✓ Implementation of the Improvement Plan of the national system for preparedness to respond to marine oil pollution
- **Sub-regional workshops, and meetings:**
  - ✓ Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia (Compensation, 18-19 October 2022)
  - ✓ Cyprus, Greece and Israel (SCAT, 20-22 September 2022)
  - ✓ Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, Slovenia (Development of Adriatic SCP)
- **Cooperation and synergies between Sub-regional Agreements**
  - ✓ Inter-Sub-regional Agreement meeting”, Adriaspillcon 2023, Opatija, 16-18 May 2023
  - ✓ Exercises: Adriatic in November 2023, Cyprus, Greece and Israel April 2023 and RAMOGEPOL 2023
- **Common Emergency Communication System for the Mediterranean**

# GHG Pilot Project

CSO2

Promote and support the development and implementation of innovative global solutions to mitigate and respond to climate change

Mobilize and implement innovative solutions to reduce GHG emissions from ships in selected ports, including energy efficiency and decarbonization:

## **One (1) pilot in one (1) Mediterranean country:**

- a) Institutional capacity of countries for implementation and enforcement of IMO' energy efficiency measures for ships, in line with the IMO Initial GHG Strategy, improved and elevated, in particular through the development and implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs).
- b) Capacity Building activities on low carbon shipping and clean ports implemented.

# Air emissions

CSO3

Reduce and monitor air emissions from ships to a level that is not harmful to the marine environment, or the health of the coastal population of the Mediterranean

- **Joint and coordinated proposal for the designation of the proposed Med SOx ECA** submitted to the IMO, and discussions at MEPC facilitated, as appropriate.
- **Technical support and capacity building** to ratify and effectively implement **MARPOL Annex VI** – Follow-up of on-going needs assessment (Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon and Libya) and regional fund-raising strategy.
- Establishment of **NOx ECA(s) Technical Committee of Experts** and development of **ToRs for a specific Technical and Feasibility Study and knowledge gathering and analysis of existing studies** on the possible designation of the **Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an Emission Control Area for nitrogen oxides** (Med NOx ECA).

# BWM

CSO5

Eliminate the introduction of non-indigenous species by shipping activities

- Harmonised procedures for exemptions under Regulation A-4 of the BWM Convention, incl. regional protocols (to the extent that they relate to exemptions) for port surveys and risk assessment;
- Resources mobilisation strategy to implement BWM Med Strategy;
- Regional expert meeting/workshop (February-March 2023).

## Biofouling

- Building on the GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project, up to 3 pilot countries supported (National Status Assessment Report, Development of a National Strategy and Action Plan, draft National Legislation, and National Training).



# ACTION PLAN

OVER 190 ACTIONS

- 2022-2031



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