

# Horizon 2020

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# Political Landscape

- All Commission cooperation beyond EU borders must support EU external policy.
- European Neighbourhood Policy
  - Increasingly structured approach
    - ENP action plans, progress reports
    - Enhanced dialogue
    - Financial assistance will be policy driven
  - Emphasis on bilateral relations
  - Reinforces the Euro-Med Process (regional emphasis)

# Financial Framework

- European Neighbourhood and Policy Instrument (ENPI) replaces MEDA and TACIS from 2007
  - €11.18 billion until 2013, 45% increase over current MEDA and TACIS
  - Majority of funds for bilateral assistance
  - Rest of the funds for regional and cross border programmes as well as governance facility
- Limited funding possible from Thematic Programme on Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources including Energy (ENRTP).
  - Focus on biodiversity, climate change and energy for ENP countries, but other areas may also be possible
  - Scope and content not yet decided (legislative process EP/Council expected to conclude early next year)
- No fixed figure for environment as bilateral assistance depends on nationally expressed priorities.

# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EMP

Barcelona Summit November 2005

- Endorsed 5 year work programme to re-focus the process
- Provided high level political support in partner countries for the actions
- **Actions included:** *'endorse a feasible timetable to de-pollute the Mediterranean Sea by 2020'* (became **HORIZON 2020**)
  - Focus attention on key challenge of reducing pollution
    - Priority sectors of urban waste water, municipal waste and industrial emissions
  - Enhance coordination between organisations and institutions to better target resources
  - Links depollution efforts to EU political framework and financial tools
  - Target requires political will and concentration of financial resources.

# Commission Communication COM(2006) 475 - Sept 2006

- Focus on Mediterranean ENP countries
  - Current and potential EU MS have defined agreed pre-accession strategy
- Outlines Horizon 2020 initiative and proposes draft timetable
  - Step to fulfilling commitment of all Euro-Med partners taken in Barcelona 2005
- Outlines how broader cooperation can contribute to protecting the Med

# Horizon 2020: Approach

- Coordinate with existing institutions
- Not just about what the EU will do – all partners must contribute
- Open to all who are ready to cooperate
- Mutually reinforces implementation of MSSD
- Act where EU has added value
  - Raise wider political profile (beyond environment ministries)
    - Use structure for EU/Partner dialogue at relatively high levels of government
    - Refocus attention on long-standing issue
  - Use experience in EU and other regions (i.e. Danube-Black Sea DABLAS)

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- Pollution reduction projects
  - Develop pipeline in priority sectors with IFIs, MAP etc.
- Capacity building
  - Goes beyond the priority sectors
- Research
  - create, share and communicating scientific knowledge
- Monitoring, steering and review
  - Scorecard and indicator process
  - Steering committee

# Annex SEC (2006) 1082

- First part: More detailed description of Horizon 2020 components
- Second part: Draft proposal for the feasible timetable called for at Euro-Med 10th Anniversary Summit (Barcelona November 2005)
  - Builds on previous version incorporating comments that have been received
  - Basis for discussion in preparing Cairo
  - Covers period to 2013 (next financial perspectives)
- What, when and who
- Brings existing commitments into EU policy framework



# What role for the Water Directors?

- Water is one of the priorities of H2020
  - Interface between environment and water spheres
- Contribution through EUWI country dialogues
  - Link to Barcelona Convention work – National Action Plans under LBS protocol
- Push for priority within national systems
  - ENPI programming, IFI financial assistance etc.

# Further information

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enl/arg/med/index.htm>

From here links to Horizon 2020, the Communication and its Annex along with other sites linked to environmental actions in the Mediterranean