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Geneva, 31 March - 1 April 2008

Session 7: Interlinkages and possible mutual benefits of the UNECE process and other ESD processes and activities
MEdIES IS...
a Mediterranean Network of educators & organisations for ESD (Education for Sustainable Development). Launched in the WSSD (Johannesburg, 2002) as a Type II Initiative

MEdIES OBJECTIVES:
• To raise public awareness and provide education on sustainable development with initial three-axes on water, wastes and cultural & biological diversity
• To facilitate networks on ESD and develop a methodological framework for a Mediterranean network (to be adapted in other regions).
MEdIES structure

- **Core Group**: Greece, Italy, UNESCO, UNEP/MAP, MIO-ECSDE, and GWP-Med

- **Task Group**: NGOs, IGOs, Ministries for Environment and/or Education, Educational, Environmental Institutions, Schools, etc.

- **Network** of Educators [www.medies.net](http://www.medies.net) (1750 members)

- **Secretariat**: MIO-ECSDE
Mediterranean educators-MEdIES members come from...

Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Croatia, Egypt, France, Greece, Jordan, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia & other countries even from outside of the Mediterranean
Main Activities

- Educational & training materials
- Meetings: Seminars, Conferences & Youth residential workshops
- Interactive Webpage www.medies.net
Publications
(all available at www.medies.net)

- “Water in the Mediterranean”
  English, French, Italian, Greek, Turkish, Arabic, Croatian

- “Wastes in our life”: Greek, English

- “Mediterranean Food: Historical, Environmental, Health & Cultural dimensions’
  English, Italian, Greek, Arabic, Portuguese

- Handbook on Methodology on EE & ESD
  English, French, Arabic


- Under development: “ESD in Protected Areas” (in Greek & English)
Educators Training in ESD

Training Seminars

- Athens, December 2002 (regional)
- Athens, October 2003 (national)
- Rome, March 2004 (national)
- Athens, June 2004 (Evaluation)
- Turkey, October 2004 (national)
- Egypt, December 2004 (national)
- Lebanon, November 2005 (national)
- Athens, November 2005 (Mediterranean)
- Athens, Creta, Patras, Corfu, Larissa, 2006-07 (local)
- Morocco, May 2007 (national)
- Italy (Grosseto), Lisbon (Portugal), Amman (Jordan) October 2007 (local & national)
Youth Residential Workshops

- Euro-Mediterranean Residential Workshop “Building our future through the valorization of our cultural and biological diversity” 28 September-5 October 2007, Chios Island, Greece (30 youth from 11 Mediterranean countries).
Welcome to MEDIES Education.net!

The site provides useful material for all those involved with Environmental Education (EE) or Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and serves as an interactive point for sharing, browsing and searching websites of relevant organisations, government bodies and NGOs active in the Mediterranean region.

Moreover the site serves as an online resource for several educational materials on Environmental Education, offers a library of selected major documents on EE and ESD, and contains useful links for all interested individuals engaged in this field.

All educators, members of MEDIES e-network, are invited to enrich the site with educational activities and news related to Environment or Education at local, national or regional level. Furthermore, they may send us comments on the educational material that is on line, and also provide us with information such as announcements, projects, or any other content to help us maintain an accurate online resource.

The MEDIES Secretariat

To join MEDIES Network press here

We are happy to announce that all 41 activities of the Educational package “Water in the Mediterranean area online. Please follow the link for more

Mondialogo School Contest
Thursday, September 08 2005 @ 03:01 PM EST

A Partnership on Intercultural dialogue and exchange

Secondary schools worldwide are invited to participate in the Mondialogo School Contest 2005/2006. Due to the success of the first Mondialogo School Contest – with more than 25,000 participating students from 126 countries – the Mondialogo initiators DaimlerChrysler and UNESCO affirmed the continuation of the worldwide dialogue in 2005.

Within the Mondialogo School Contest school students aged between 14 and 18 from around the world get into contact and dialogue with one another. Mondialogo is aimed at giving a platform to students to take an active interest in others and to build bridges towards a harmonious coexistence. Online registration for this years contest has started and closing date for applications is 24 October 2005, United Nations Day.

Did you know that...

“The proportion of people with access to excreta disposal facilities increased from 35% (2.9 billion) in 1990 to 60% (3.6 billion) in 2000. In this decade, approx. 747 million additional people gained access to sanitation facilities. However, the number of people who lack access to sanitation services remained roughly the same.”
MEdIES contribution to the UNECE Strategy on ESD & the UN Decade on ESD (2005-2014)

• It was entrusted with the Secretariat of the “Official Launching of the UN Decade of ESD in the Mediterranean region”.
• Listed as International ESD Good Practice by UNECE & UNESCO.
• Launched in view of DESD, in line with its principles:
  - Supporting the educational community by means of publications, Seminars etc.
  - Facilitating cooperation and exchange of information among educators NGOs and other relevant stakeholders.
  - Promoting ICTs (Information & Communication Technologies) & networking
• Promotes systematically the UNECE Strategy on ESD.
How can someone get involved in MEdIES?

- NGOs, IGOs, Educational Institutions etc. send a letter of intention to the Secretariat (MIO-ECSDE).
  
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