

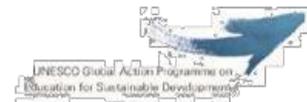


**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development**

**12<sup>th</sup> meeting Geneva, 20 and 21 April 2017**

**8. Strengthening synergies with other organizations and processes**

**Ministerial Conference on the Action Plan for Education for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean, Nicosia, 8-9 December 2016**



# The Mediterranean Strategy for ESD

Unanimously endorsed on 13/05/2014 by the 43 Ministers of Environment of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).



**Ministerial in Athens, May 2014**

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ESD: a prerequisite  
for the Sustainable Future  
of the Mediterranean

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“The Planet is for ALL and the  
*Mediterranean*  
is our OIKOS”

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# Review of the ESD Med Conference

**Representatives of 23 countries & 10 organizations**









# THE ACTION PLAN PREPARATION

The Action Plan was developed according to the provisions of the MSES in a participatory way by *MIO-ECSDE / MEdIES* and the *UNESCO Chair and Network on SD Management and ESD of the UoA* taking into account all recent developments as well as the results of the *online Survey “Mediterranean Youth Responses towards SD and the current crisis”*

*The new phase of SWIM-Horizon2020 SM will continue supporting the implementation of the MSES.*

# OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTION PLAN

1. Facilitate through regional cooperation the Education Ministries in planning and implementing MSED.
2. Promote the fundamental role of Education & ESD as quality education.
3. Ensure further mobilisation of resources as regards ESD mainstreaming.
4. Support the educational community in content development for ESD and for increasing human and material resources, etc.
5. Assist related Ministries (Environment, Water, Energy, etc.) in mainstreaming their awareness and education campaigns in line with the SDGs.
6. Provide priority areas to donors and supporters in regard to ESD key themes.
7. Help countries to fulfill their international commitments related to ESD (UNESCO and others).
8. Promote regional research projects.
9. Enhance international cooperation among Educational Institutions and other stakeholders.
10. Contribute in addressing, through education, the economic & humanitarian crises and peace.
11. Facilitate better synergy between educational initiatives and the private sector.

## B. Proposing a set of identified common regional programmes/projects of institutional/non-thematic nature.

### *indicative recommendations*

- Common regional ‘institutional’ (non-thematic) programmes
- Whole Institution Approach in at least 50% of the schools
- School Twinning Programmes
- Joint projects among Schools, Local Authorities, Private Sector and NGOs (CSOs)
- Outdoor education in designated areas (e.g. Biosphere Reserves, Protected Areas)
- “Peer-to-peer” Capacity Building for educators
- Programme for ESD inclusion in Higher Education
- Exchanges on ESD among Educational Institutions
- Common e-learning courses
- ESD Charters for Higher Education Institutions
- Post-graduate programmes on ESD
- Regional Research on ESD
- Strengthening and expanding regional ESD Networks
- Regional cooperation for adult education
- Association of Mediterranean Training Centres
- Refugee and migration issues incorporated in ESD

## C. Priority thematic issues for region-wide programmes

### *indicative recommendations*

- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
- Alternative Energy Sources
- Biodiversity
- Land erosion and desertification
- Cultural Diversity and Heritage
- Empowerment of Women and Youth
- Integrated Water Resources Management; Non Conventional Water Resources (NCWRs)
- Marine Resources; Fisheries; Marine litter; Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Migration and Refugees Crisis
- Peace / Conflict resolution
- Public Participation
- Sustainable cities, Urban environment
- Sustainable Consumption and Production patterns
- Waste Management, Life Cycle of Products; Recycling
- Sustainable Tourism
- Private Sector and Public Private Synergies

# The Nicosia Declaration

([http://www.esdmedcyprus.pi.ac.cy/files/agreed\\_NICOSIA\\_DECLARATION\\_ON\\_ESD\\_IN\\_THE\\_MEDITERRANEAN.pdf](http://www.esdmedcyprus.pi.ac.cy/files/agreed_NICOSIA_DECLARATION_ON_ESD_IN_THE_MEDITERRANEAN.pdf))

**Adopt** the Priority Thematic Issues (PTIs) identified in the Action Plan and support the coordinated implementation of regional programmes and projects integrating several of the PTIs, in order to, on one hand, achieve a “new humanism” that could contribute to peaceful coexistence, social cohesion and welfare, and on the other, promote Blue/Green/Circular Economy based on renewable energies, nonconventional water resources and eco-innovation, involving, apart from the Ministries of Education, all other Ministries and Agencies, Academia and Research Institutions, productive economic sectors and civil society at large.

**Establish** a Mediterranean Committee for ESD, open to participation from all countries of the region, for following up the implementation of the MSES and its Action Plan and coordinating collaboration among countries and with competent international and regional organizations, Conventions and bodies, inter alia, UNESCO, the Secretariat of the Union of the Mediterranean (UfM), the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development and UNEP/MAP, the European Union, the League of Arab States, and UNECE

## What is the impact and dynamic of ESD Med Strategy?

- A dynamic network of countries and organizations is created,
- Promotion of synergies at bilateral level among countries
- Potential to focus on issues that concern the Mediterranean
- Opportunity for connecting different strategies (e.g. UNECE strategy on ESD, and to connect them with SDGs)
- Increased mobility for cooperation at the Mediterranean level and to use funding tools

## Future steps....

The Cyprus government is now in the process of sending official letters to all governments to nominate their focal points and the **1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the MED Committee for ESD will take place 20-21 Nov 2017** under the scientific support and secretariat of MIO and Prof. Scoullou

**Thank you!**