

# Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles and practices in the ENP South region

## *ENI SEIS South Support Mechanism (2016-2019)*

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# The ENI SEIS South Support Mechanism (2016-2019)



## EEA and ENI SEIS II South project coverage

- EEA member countries
- EEA cooperating countries
- ENI SEIS II South

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\* Collaboration is temporarily suspended

- **Regional project** – supporting a long-term engagement to EU policies and external policy framework aligning to the Union for the Mediterranean and Barcelona Convention efforts on reducing marine pollution

Algeria – Egypt – Israel – Jordan – Lebanon – Libya – Morocco – Palestine – Tunisia

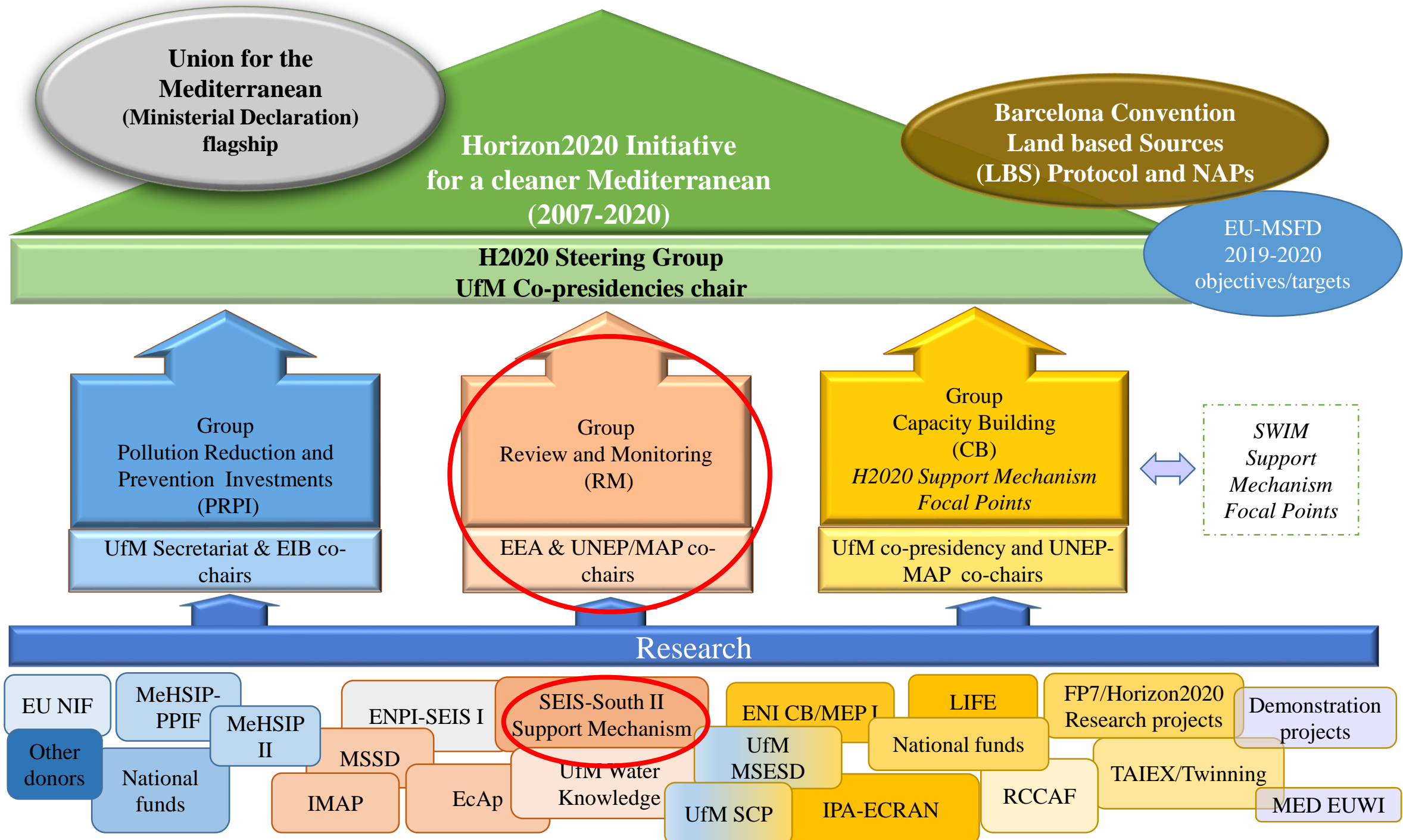
- EEA and UNEP/MAP – co-chairs of the **Review and Monitoring group** of the H2020 Initiative for a cleaner Mediterranean
- **Building on recent projects:** ENPI-SEIS (2010-15) and InSEIS (2014-15) – good basis for further activities in **close partnership with UNEP/MAP**
- Commitment to sustain the cooperation with the European Neighbourhood partners in the South, drawing on **Eionet support and identified good practice examples**

# Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) – Horizon 2020 Initiative for a cleaner Mediterranean

## Main commitments related to the second phase of Horizon 2020 Initiative (2015-2020)



- Broadening the **scope**: more focus on pollution prevention and attention to emerging issues including hazardous waste and marine litter
- Increased **synergies** with the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention (IMAP, Regional Plans, SCP Action Plan, MSSD, NAP update including hotspots and project prioritisation, MoU, mainstreaming of focal points as appropriate)
- Commitment to **apply SEIS principles** in line with UNEP/MAP-EcAp Decisions and other regional initiatives
- Commitment to initiate **reforms** at national level to create an attractive investment environment
- Commitment regarding **implementation and enforcement** of legislation



**Union for the Mediterranean  
(Ministerial Declaration)  
flagship**

**Horizon2020 Initiative  
for a cleaner Mediterranean  
(2007-2020)**

**Barcelona Convention  
Land based Sources  
(LBS) Protocol and NAPs**

**EU-MSFD  
2019-2020  
objectives/targets**

**H2020 Steering Group  
UfM Co-presidencies chair**

**Group  
Pollution Reduction and  
Prevention Investments  
(PRPI)**  
UfM Secretariat & EIB co-  
chairs

**Group  
Review and Monitoring  
(RM)**  
EEA & UNEP/MAP co-  
chairs

**Group  
Capacity Building  
(CB)**  
*H2020 Support Mechanism  
Focal Points*  
UfM co-presidency and UNEP-  
MAP co-chairs

*SWIM  
Support  
Mechanism  
Focal Points*

**Research**

EU NIF, Other donors, MeHSIP-PPIF, National funds, MeHSIP II, MSSD, ENPI-SEIS I, IMAP, EcAp, **SEIS-South II Support Mechanism**, UfM water Knowledge, UfM SCP, ENI CB/MEP I, UfM MSESD, IPA-ECRAN, LIFE, National funds, RCCAF, FP7/Horizon2020 Research projects, TAIEX/Twinning, Demonstration projects, MED EUWI

# Strong links with UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention activities

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- Adoption of 10 **Regional Plans** as legally binding PoM addressing the three sectors of H2020 (WW, MW and industrial emissions) at COP16, 17, 18
- **NAP** update process under the LBS Protocol in synergy with PoM under the EU MSFD
- Update of the list of the Mediterranean hotspots based on new criteria related to GES
- **IMAP, MSSD** 2016-2025 and SCP Action Plan adopted by COP 19
- **Marine Litter** Assessment report 2015
- SAP MED/NAP 2003-2013 implementation evaluation
- **PRTR** pilot projects implemented in 5 countries
  
- EEA-UNEP/MAP Joint Work Plan for the period 2016-2021
- Contribution agreement SEIS-South Support Mechanism (2016-2019)





# Key project elements

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**Objective:** To improve the availability and access to environmental information to the benefit of effective and knowledge-based policy-making.

**Expected results:**

- The H2020 **indicator set** is refined and complemented to serve multiple purposes.
- The in-country processes for organising **sharing of data sets** underlying the H2020 indicators are stabilised.
- **Indicator-based H2020 report** and assessments are produced in line with EEA/Eionet practices.
- The **infrastructure** for reporting offered by the EEA and UNEP/MAP is more widely used.

**Duration:**

48 months  
(01 February 2016 –  
31 January 2020)

**Budget:**

€4.2 M

**EEA-UNEP/MAP**

**project team:**

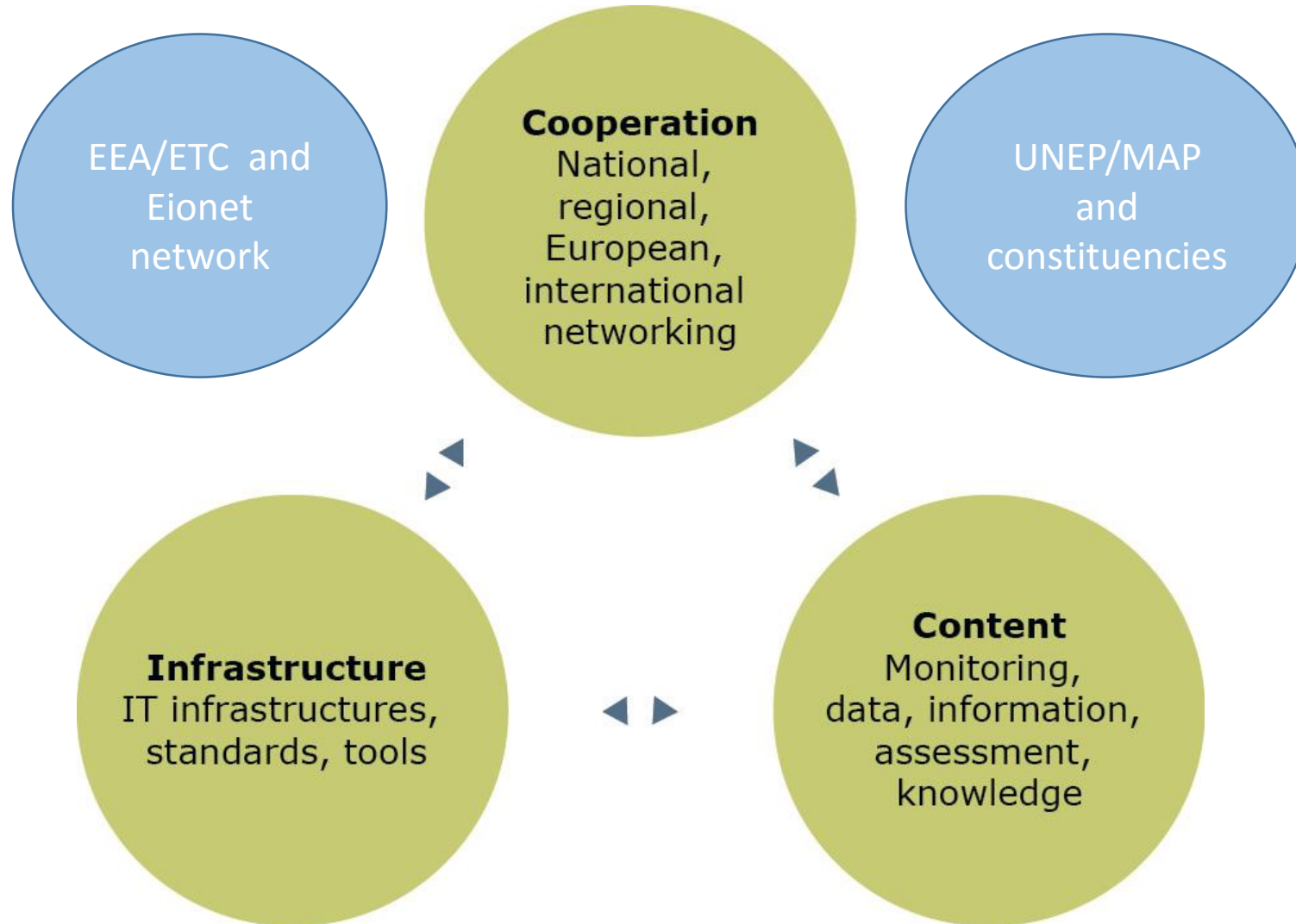
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**Resources:**

EEA-UNEP/MAP experts  
Framework contractors  
Eionet partners

# Building the knowledge base on SEIS pillars

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# Project governance and steering

**Political Level**  
annual meeting convened  
by EC

Union for Mediterranean (UfM Environment and Climate Change) /  
H2020 for a cleaner Mediterranean

Partners and other regional  
projects  
Eionet, EIB, JRC, UNSD, UN-ESCWA, EcAp,  
MED II, SWIM/H2020 Support Mechanism,  
CEDARE, MedPartnership, SWITCH-MED,  
CLIMA-South, SWEEP-Net

**Strategic Steering Level**  
2 annual meetings

Project Management Group  
EEA&UNEP/MAP +EC (NEAR, ENV, ESTAT)

Ad hoc input

ENI/IPA EEA internal  
Steering Committee

**Project Steering Level**  
1 annual meeting

**Regional Project Steering Committee**  
EEA&UNEP/MAP +DG NEAR + DG ENV + 9\*2 NFPs

Steer

Project Team  
EEA&UNEP/MAP

Pool of expertise  
EEA staff, Eionet, framework  
contractors, ETCs, national assistants,  
etc...

**Operational Level**  
1 annual meeting with  
EEA and UNEP/MAP

National Implementation Team in the countries  
2 NFPs, H2020, MEDPOL, SWIM, inter-institutional representatives, national  
assistants, civil society representatives

Input, training, etc...



Regular consultation and dialogue with the key partners in  
the countries and EU Delegations



# The project timeframe



**H2020 Initiative for a cleaner Mediterranean**

Athens Declaration (May 2014)

- H2020 programme of work 2015-2020
- H2020 Indicators and assessment

**UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention**

Ecosystem approach, SEIS principles

- NAP implementation
- IMAP – set of common indicators
- MSSD

**REGIONAL**

Quality Status Report  
IMAP InfoSystem

Indicator management,  
data service

2<sup>nd</sup> H2020 indicator-based assessment

UNEP/MAP SoED

2020/2021  
Next reporting cycle

EU  
Euro-MED  
Global



**NATIONAL**

**Inception phase**

- Establishment of national work plans
- Governance structure/ NFPs

**Anchoring the work in national setting**

- National Team (mandate, objectives)
- National pilot/case
- National support
- Links to other initiatives
- H2020 Indicators
- Assessment framework

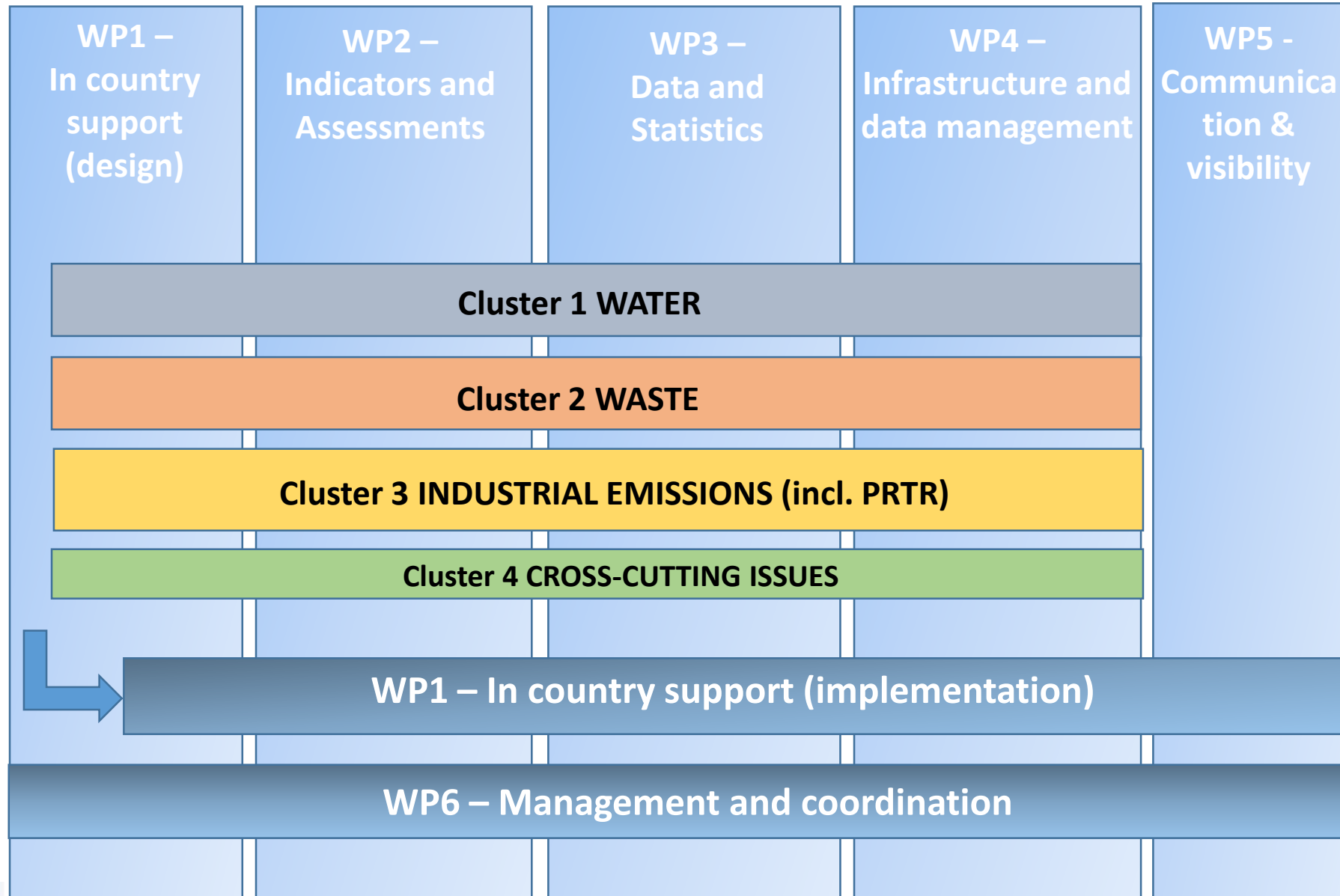
**Results available**

- Sharing of experiences among countries
- National achievements in regional setting
- Data quality
- H2020 Country Profiles
- Endorsement of results

**“Evidence-based policy making”**

- Country-level assessments
- Contribution to the 2<sup>nd</sup> H2020 report
- Reporting/availability of indicators
- Policy briefs

# Conceptual framework for the SEIS Support Mechanism - South



# Project Inception Phase (February-July 2016)

Synergies with key partner initiatives

Joint work plan and agreement with UNEP/MAP

Regional events and country visits

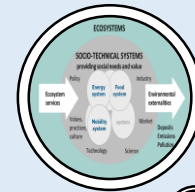
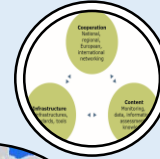
Communication and visibility

Dialogue with the partner countries and NFPs nominations

Administration and internal management, incl. recruitment

Design of further implementation activities

Reporting to EC on the project inception phase



# Assistance under ENI SEIS Support Mechanism

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- Co-financing of SEIS capacity building activities (trainings, workshops, events at national and sub/regional level) following the related EU finance and procurement regulations
- Coverage of experts' travel arrangements related to SEIS project activities (expert visits, study tours)
- Co-financing of country specific pilot projects e.g. thematic work related to indicators, assessments or information system
- Further cooperation through other UN bodies in the region
- EEA has its own resources ready for usage (framework contracts and networking partners)


# Financial instruments to be deployed under the project

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- Framework contractor to support the cooperation with the Southern Partnership and West Balkan countries
  - New framework contract signed in 2016 with consortium led by Umweltbundesamt (Vienna, Austria) with the following members: UT-SEMIDE (Sophia-Antipolis, France), CEDARE (Cairo, Egypt) and ZOI Environment Networks (Geneva, Switzerland), as the structure to perform multiple tasks in the Southern Partnership and West Balkan region.
  - Envisaged support varying across a number of tasks, linked to supporting the cooperation activities at national and regional levels.
- Technical support through Eionet constituencies – NFPs, European Topic Centres (ETCs), National Reference Centres (NRCs)
- Support to the partner countries in the form of SSFA negotiated through UNEP/MAP




# Communication and visibility



**ENI SEIS II South Project 2016–2020**  
Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles  
and practices in the ENP South region—SEIS Support Mechanism

*Building SEIS for the Mediterranean is one of the objectives of the European Commission's Communication 'Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean' (2008). With your engagement in ENPI-SEIS, these benefits will also be evident in your countries. EEA is committed to bringing SEIS to the H2020 Initiative.*

*Mediterranean Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change, 13 May 2014*



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- Web site population and maintenance
- Publication of bi-annual newsletter in English, French and Arabic
- Promotional Materials for dissemination at relevant events (such as the project leaflet)
- Joint events with national and regional partners
- Articles/contribution to partner publications
- Involvement of the civil society in environmental governance process
- News from the partners as input to the project newsletter and website

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# Thank you for your attention!

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