

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

ENI SEIS South Support Mechanism (2016-2019)

In-country support, preparation of National Work Plan

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Work package 1 – In country support (Design)

Support to national capacities to respond to **regional commitments** in priority areas

- Setting-up national governance NFPs – National team
- Identification of priority areas
- National SEIS vision – supporting National Environment Information System and enabling in-country process for data sharing



Development **national work plan** – specific country needs, expert capacities, legal, financial, administrative constraints

Bilateral agreement to support National Assistant, Technical assistance

Monitoring and follow-up of the implementation of the agreed national work plan



Elaboration of national work plan : from needs to actions

- Activation/creation SEIS National Team
 - NFPs + Primary Contact Points

- State of Play, Identification of needs and areas of work

- Translation of needs into concrete actions to fulfil SEIS vision

- For each action develop detailed activity plan (what, who, when, how?)
- Identification of support/assistance needed

- Adoption of work plan/signature of SSFA
- Mobilisation of funds

- Implementation
- Regular monitoring of progress



National team – building relevant networking structure

- Leading appointed authority bringing together:
 - SEIS NFPs (ENV and Stat), H2020, SWIM, MEDPOL
 - national assistant, relevant counterparts (Primary Contact Points) in other ministries and institutions involved in environmental information handling,
 - civil society organisations

- Coordination of activities and establishment of platform for sharing data and information
 - Build, maintain appropriate networking structure – hierarchy of roles and responsibilities
 - Identify Primary Contact Points as needed

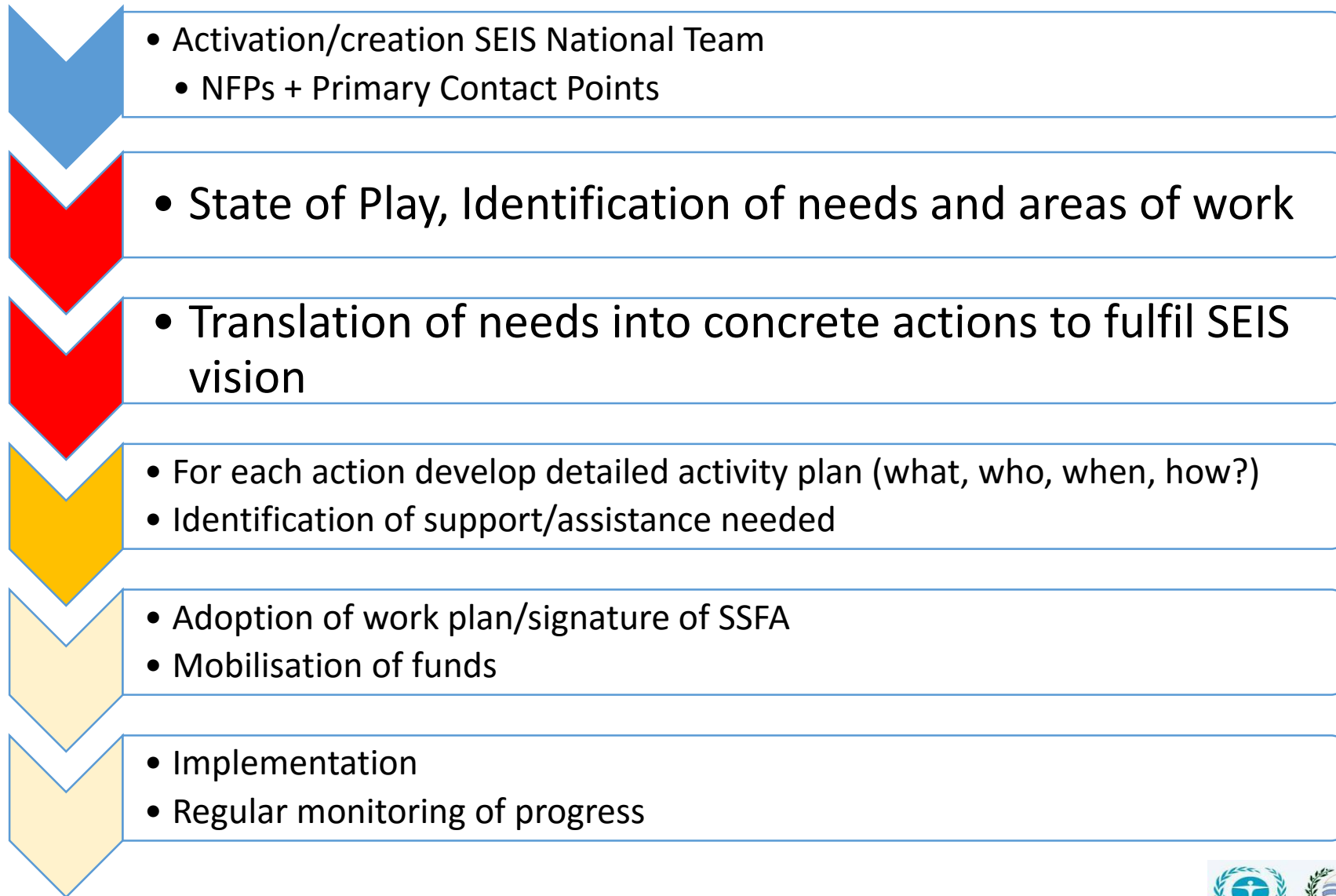


National team – mandate

- Develop the SEIS national vision, steer the implementation of national work plan based on SEIS principles
- Inputs and drafting of the national work plan
- Influence the decisions and formalise the working model for the cooperation with all partners concerned;
- Review and advise on the planning of the work to ensure coordination, promote synergies between all institutions involved, and foresee potential future challenges;
- Advise on the implementation of project activities, in particular concerning proper linkages with core work of each institution involved;
- Advise on the allocation of resources
- Ensure appropriate contributions to the ENI SEIS II south project regional processes



Elaboration of national work plan : from needs to actions



Identification of needs and areas of work – initial steps toward national work plan

- State of play (initial situation) – who does what, how, why?
- What's needed to progress toward better integration, application of SEIS principles? List actions/activities
- Expected outcomes from the action (landing situation)
- Key milestones of the action



Identification of needs and areas of work – initial steps toward national work plan

- Links with national priorities /plans (including NAPs, and obligations toward Barcelona Conventions)/strategies
 - How the activity is contributing the existing national plans and obligations?
- Links with H2020 Programme of work 2015-2020
 - How this activity contributes to achieving the H2020 objectives (as specified in the H2020 work plan table)?
- Links with the project
 - How the activity contributes to the expected results of SEIS II (R1, R2, R3, R4)
- SEIS pillars
 - To which SEIS pillar the activity contribute?

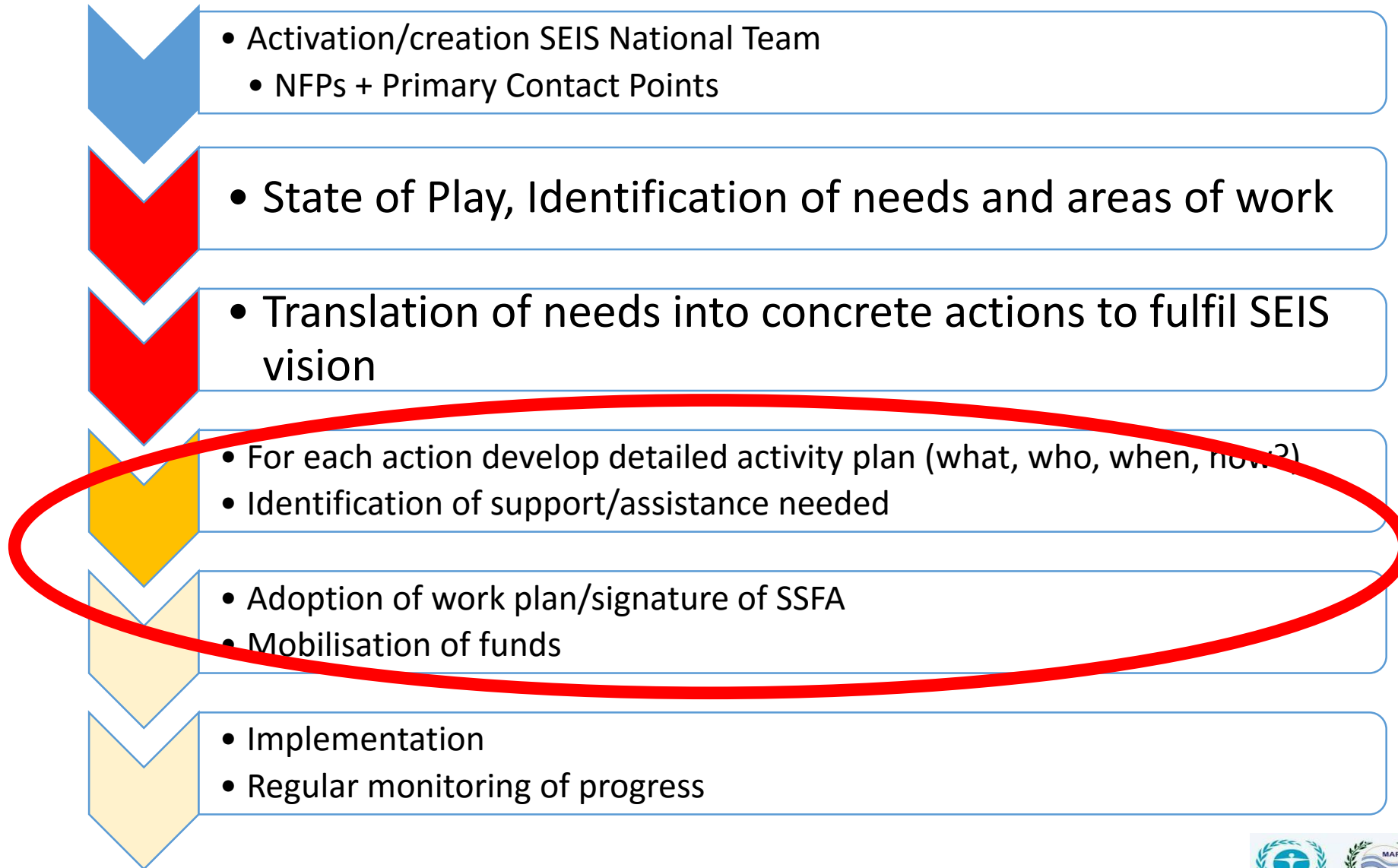


Identification of needs and areas of work – initial steps toward national work plan

- Responsible entities for the implementation of the activity
- Period of implementation
- Resources for implementation
 - internal,
 - internal with SEIS II support,
 - internal with other external project support,
 - external (fully covered by another funding)
- Sustainability



Elaboration of national work plan : from needs to actions



Country level activities

- Latest development in environment data and information
- Current status of development of National Work Plan
 - Process – Who? How?
 - Difficulties/challenges encountered
 - Involvement of national stakeholders, national adoption



Thank you for your attention!

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ENI SEIS Support Mechanism South – expected results

- Result 1- The H2020 indicator set is stabilized, refined and complemented in order to be able to serve multiple purposes, as well as to ensure that the progress of achieving H2020 objectives is properly measured, while also contributing to assessing compliance with commitments under the Barcelona Convention.
- Result 2- The in-country processes for organising sharing of data sets underlying the H2020 indicators are stabilised.
- Result 3 The infrastructure for reporting offered by the EEA ('Reportnet') and UNEP (UNEP/MAP Reporting Network) is more widely used.
- Result 4 Indicator-based H2020 report(s) and assessments are produced in line with good practices from the EU region.



Roles and responsibilities of ENI SEIS II South NFPs

Establishment, development and maintenance of the national project network, with a strong link to UNEP/MAP MedPol Focal Points

- Selection of appropriate organisation bringing representative of various thematic areas
- Establishment of inter institutional arrangements/agreements
- In consultation with stakeholders, design the in-country support

Support to the coordination of project activities within the country

- Agreement on distribution of work and responsibilities within the national network
- Coordination of delivery of reports, data, information, as well as feedback to draft products
- Agreement with and in coordination of, network member's participation in project workshops, events
- Following-up national development

Supporting the national network members by

- Informing the network on project activities and developments
- Encouraging, supporting and controlling timely and high-quality implementation of project tasks
- Keeping track of relevant national and regional project activities and outcomes, as well as connection with other ongoing initiatives closely linked to project objectives



Roles and responsibilities of ENI SEIS II South NFPs

Development of contacts and cooperation with

- Regional networks and their contact persons (e.g. UNEP/MAP MEdPol, SWIM-CB, Sweep-NET, and other relevant projects)
- EU office / delegation in the country as appropriate for the project purposes
- Relevant stakeholders and actors, as well as research, NGOs and civil society organisations
- Other relevant environmental national or regional projects and activities

Ensuring cooperation and coordination within the ENI SEIS II South project through

- Participation in the project annual Steering Committee meetings
- Regular dialogue and information exchange with EEA project coordination team
- Participation and input to thematic project meetings and consultations or appointment of relevant thematic experts to do so
- Cooperation between the two national NFPs and with the corresponding colleagues/NFPs in the other countries from the region



Roles and responsibilities H2020 RM focal point

6th meeting of H2020 RM, Malta recommended to appoint 2 RM focal point per country :
MEDPOL fp or it's representative,
Official in charge of the national State of the Environment reporting process

Revised Term of Reference of H2020 Governance (20150)

- Promote and monitor the implementation of the work programme of the RM component at national level;
- Provide appropriate input to the RM Group discussions, including reporting national challenges, needs or best practices, and make proposals for activities, where relevant;
- Contribute to the development and adoption of the RM Group annual work programme;
- Liaise with and communicate relevant information to the H2020 National Focal Point, and, where relevant, the national focal points for the other components.

