

# Update on progress relating to in-country support for SEIS project

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# European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) South Project



## EEA and ENI SEIS II South project coverage

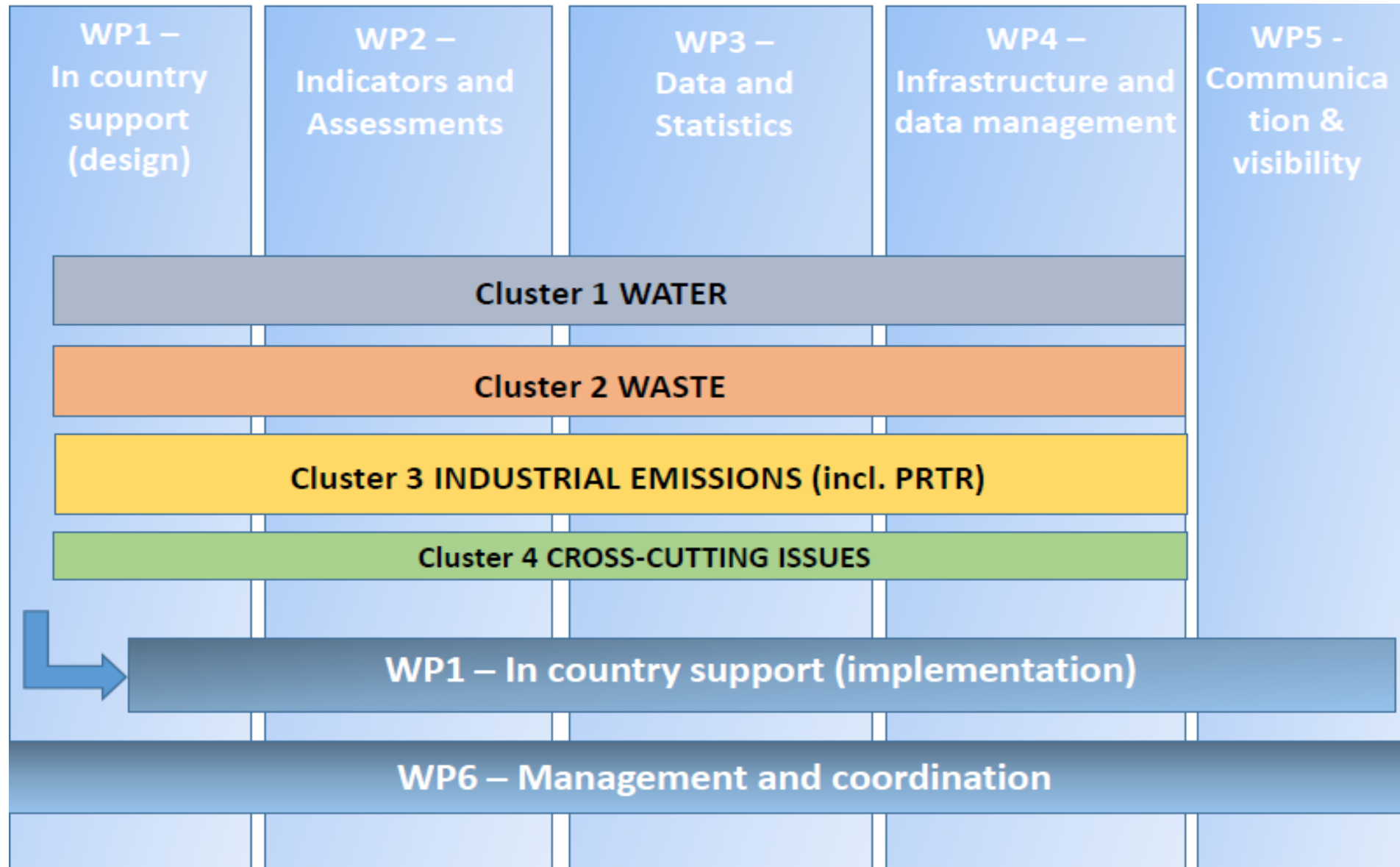
- EEA member countries
- EEA cooperating countries
- ENI SEIS II South

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\* Collaboration is temporarily suspended

- **Purpose:** ENI SEIS II South project aims to improve availability and access to relevant environmental information for effective & knowledge-based policy-making in 9 countries: **Algeria - Egypt - Israel - Jordan - Lebanon - Libya - Morocco - Palestine – Tunisia**
- Contribution Agreement between EEA – UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) (joint work plans, co-chairing of H2020 Review and Monitoring sub-group): **3.5 years, EUR 1.5 million budget**

# Conceptual Framework of Project (6 work packages – WP)

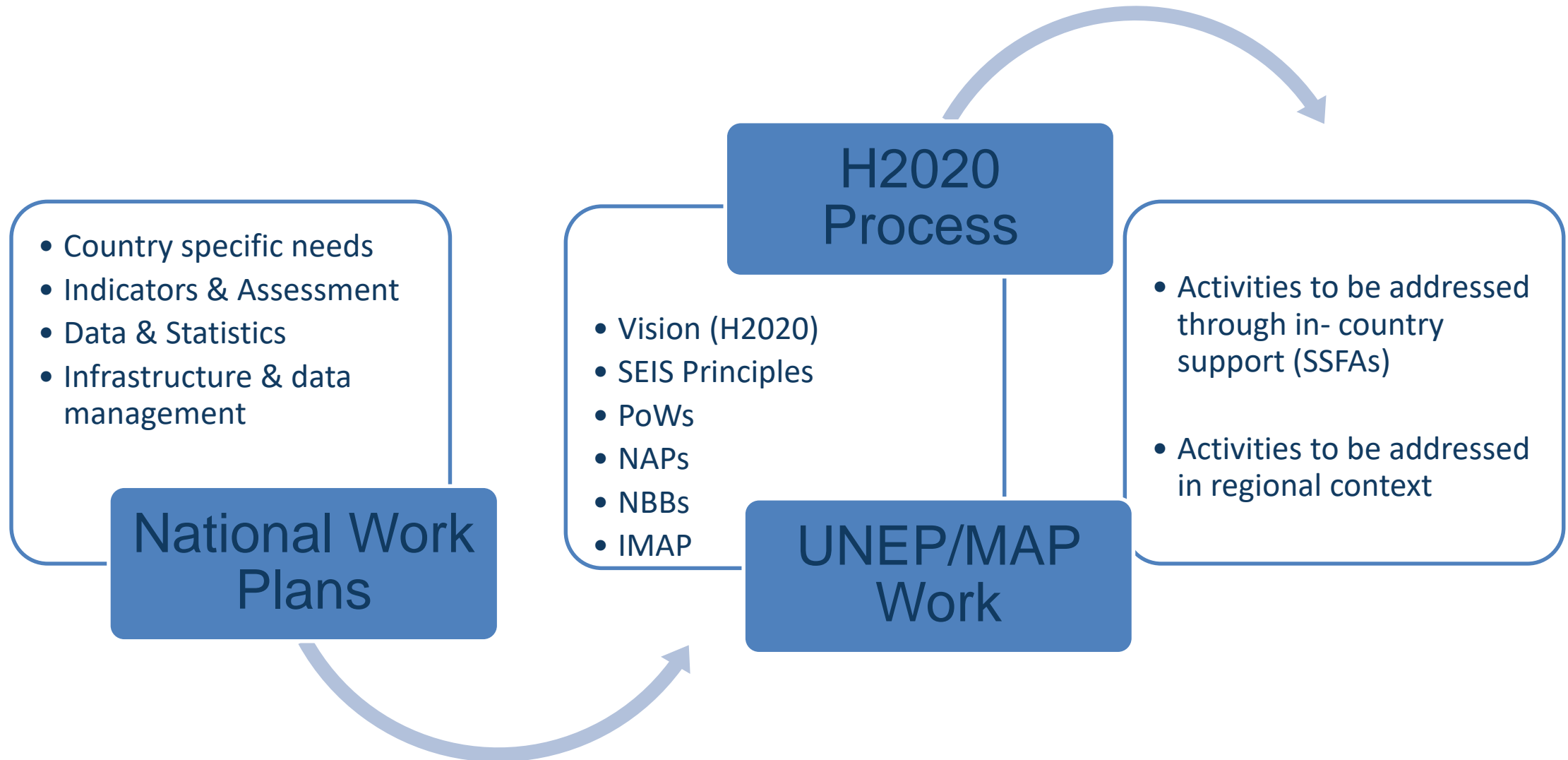


## UNEP/MAP contribution to the Project:

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- Lead implementation of WP1 (**in-country support**) in a common approach with EEA
- Co-lead WP2 (**indicators and assessments**) and WP4 (**infrastructure and data management**) with EEA
- Lead thematic cluster on waste and industrial emissions
- Co-lead thematic cluster on water and cross-cutting cluster with EEA
- Co-lead WP6 (**management and coordination**) with EEA

# Approach for In-Country Support



# Main pillars in design of legal agreement for in-country support

## Thematic

Data gathering and improving quality of existing data sets (QA/QC)

Indicator Development and Assessment (Factsheets)

## Infrastructure

Development of data exchange protocols and data sharing mechanism

Supporting of establishment of information system and reporting

## Progress and Reporting

Baseline Reports

Yearly Progress Reports of implementation

# Progress under SEIS WP 1 – In-country support

- In-country support through signing of **legal agreements** – small-scale funding agreements (SSFAs) – and other modalities with participating countries to support the implementation of priority activities identified in the national work plans
- **Work Plans** typically include:
  - Deployment of national SEIS coordinators
  - Development of pollution release and transfer register (PRTR) legislation
  - Establishment of PRTR pilots
  - Assessment of existing institutional arrangements, data infrastructure and information services
  - Development of national protocols on data collection and reporting
  - Refinement of national H2020 indicators, data flows, quality assurance and related assessments
  - Establishment of national assessment indicator facts sheets for all indicators

## Progress under SEIS WP 1 – In-country support (continued)

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Modalities for in-country support:

- Small-scale funding agreements (**SSFAs**):  
Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Palestine
- **UNDP** (through financial authorization):  
Egypt, Libya
- **Direct hiring** of national consultants (through Plan Bleu, EEA):  
Lebanon, Tunisia



# Progress under SEIS WP 1 – In-country support (continued)

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Hiring of national consultants:

- **SEIS consultants**

- On board: Israel, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia
- Under recruitment: Egypt, Lebanon
- TORs approved: Jordan
- Hiring process not yet commenced: Algeria, Libya

- **NBB consultants**

- On board: Algeria, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia
- Under recruitment: Egypt

# Progress under SEIS WP 1 – In-country support (continued)

Country	Deliverables
<b>Algeria</b>	[awaiting counter-signature on SSFA] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hiring of NBB consultant</li></ul>
<b>Egypt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hiring of SEIS national consultants underway</li></ul>
<b>Israel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hiring of SEIS national consultant &amp; NBB consultant</li><li>• Country report providing overview of existing and available national environmental data flows and information</li><li>• Baseline report on hazardous waste data production and collection</li><li>• Report on existing waste monitoring system and recommendations for developing database functionalities &amp; new MSW indicators</li><li>• Workshop on government efforts to reduce marine plastic waste</li><li>• Stakeholder training</li><li>• Online industry portal on hazardous waste under development</li><li>• Factsheet populated with agreed indicators, but yet uploaded</li></ul>
<b>Jordan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved TORs for hiring of SEIS national consultants</li></ul>

# Progress under SEIS WP 1 – In-country support (continued)

Country	Deliverables
<b>Lebanon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiring of SEIS national consultant by EEA underway</li> <li>• Hiring of NBB consultant</li> </ul>
<b>Libya</b>	<p>[signed SSFA]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiring of NBB consultant</li> </ul>
<b>Morocco</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiring of SEIS national consultants &amp; NBB consultant</li> <li>• Baseline report on the implementation of SEIS/H2020 indicators</li> <li>• Two country workshops on different regions held in Tetouan on 17-18 April 2019 and in Oujda on 24-25 April 2019 to present objectives of SEIS projects to stakeholders and obtain information/data for H2020/NAP indicators</li> </ul>
<b>Tunisia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiring of SEIS national consultants &amp; NBB consultant</li> </ul>
<b>Palestine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiring of SEIS national consultant, web developer, database specialist &amp; programmer</li> <li>• Draft baseline report on core set of national environmental indicators</li> <li>• Draft Assessment (QA/QC) report on environmental indicators</li> <li>• Tendering for acquiring of equipment (IT server) underway</li> <li>• Populated data spreadsheets</li> </ul>

## Progress under SEIS WP 2 – Indicators & Assessment

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- Hiring through Plan Bleu of **three regional SEIS consultants** on industrial emissions, waste and marine litter
- **Concept note for indicators** including mapping the Horizon2020 with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Detailed **methodological specifications for 12 Indicators** and **data dictionaries** for indicators
- **Roadmap & outline** for joint H2020 Assessment
- **Data call** for indicator-based assessment since December 2018

## Progress under SEIS WP 3 – Data & Statistics

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- **Regional analysis** by INFO-RAC of **data flow management** in terms of infrastructure
- **User guide on infoMAPNode** by INFO-RAC
- **Manual for national baseline budget (NBB) update** (French/English)
- **Pollution release and transfer register (PRTR) Guidance document**
- Proposed **methodology for developing national emission factors** to facilitate reporting on NBB as per Article 13 of the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol) and on industrial emission data for relevant indicators

# Progress under SEIS WP 4 – Infrastructure & Data Management

- **Catalogue with metadata of information sources** in the partner countries developed and linked with info-MAP.
- **Data spreadsheets** distributed to the countries as part of the data call
- Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) platform **InfoMAP Node** for submission of spatial data available since February 2019
- Step-by-step **manual on procedure for the spatial data collection** exercise developed by INFO-RAC
- **Mapping of data flows between NBB Infosystem and InfoMAPNode** to ensure adherence to SEIS Principles
- **Data Dictionaries** developed
- **Training workshop on InfoMAPNode (SDI)** on 4-5 October 2018
- **Technical assistance** mission to Morocco by INFO-RAC on 21-22 March 2019

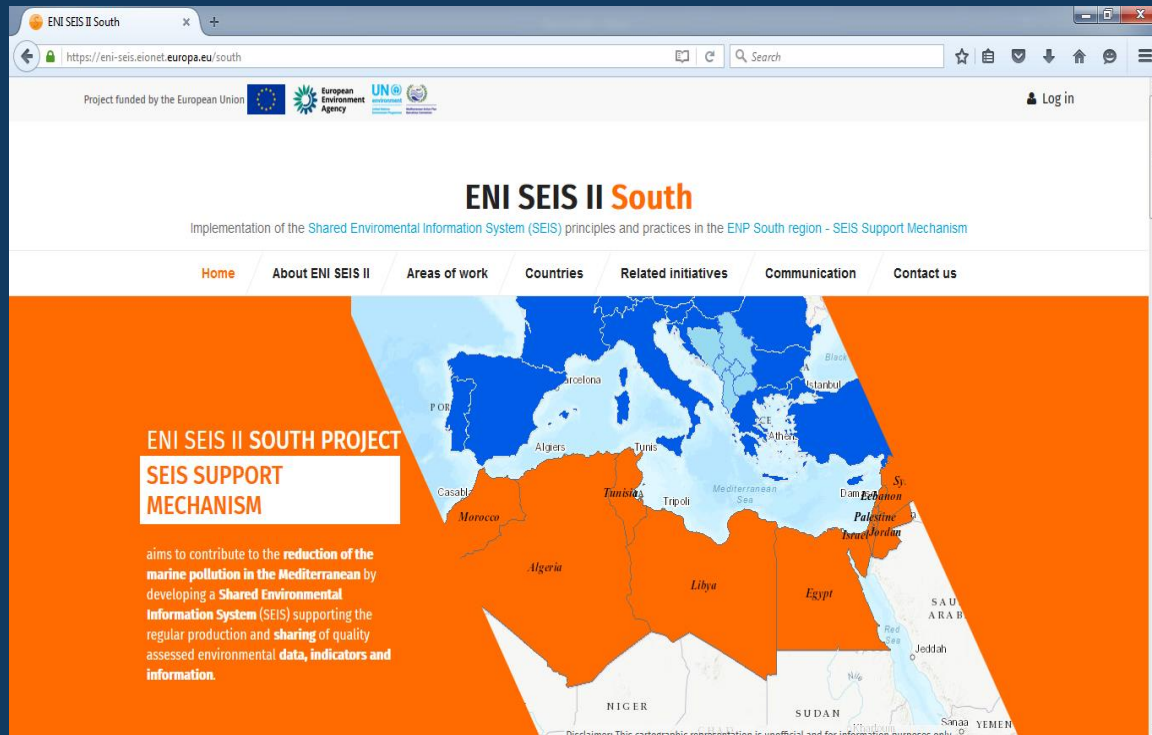
# Progress under SEIS WP 5 – Visibility & Communication

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## UN Environment/MAP:

- Provided inputs, reports of activities and meeting conclusions for uploading to the **project webpage**
- Reported on the project for **monthly bulletins** to be disseminated among the UN agencies
- Made an **SDG-14 Voluntary Commitment** relating to the SEIS project & submitted an project progress report
- Prepared a **zero-draft brochure on spatial data infrastructure (SDI)** and shared with Info-RAC for finalization

# Thank you for your attention!



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