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Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2024-2025, as adopted in Decision IG.26/14 by COP 23 (Portoroz, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023), the Secretariat (MED POL) is organizing the MED POL FPs Meeting on 17-19 June 2025, in Athens, Greece.

2. The objectives of the joint meeting are to:

- Review the progress made in implementing the activities executed by MED POL during 2024-2025 biennium and the proposed activities for the 2026-2027 biennium.
- Present the changes introduced to the reporting format of the Barcelona Convention Reporting System (BCRS) for the implementation of the Land-Based Sources Protocol.
- Review and endorse the proposed enhancement of the EcAp Roadmap and IMAP with regard to pollution (EOs 5, 9), marine litter (EO 10) and noise (EO 11).
- Address a number of emerging issues resulting from recent and global regulatory and policy developments relevant to UNEP/MAP in the field of pollution prevention and control.
- Present the draft National Action Plans / Programmes of Measures (NAPs/PoMs) by all Contracting Parties.

3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 9:30 AM on Tuesday 17 June 2025 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP - Barcelona Convention, Ms. Tatjana Hema,

Agenda items 2: Organizational Matters

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/1 UNEP/MED WG.627/2/Rev.1
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.1/Rev.1

a) Rules of Procedure

5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting.

b) Election of Officers

6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned in para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned in para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.613/1 and annotated in the present document UNEP/MED WG.627/2/Rev.1 will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the meeting including the timetable presented at the end of the present document.

d) *Organization of Work*

8. The discussions are planned to be held over two days with two three-hour plenary sessions opening daily at 9:30 and closing at 17:30 as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download documentation on their computers in advance of the session. The meeting will be recorded for future reference.

10. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 19 June 2025 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Updated National Action Plans / Programmes of Measures 2025-2035

Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.3
	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.4
	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.5
	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.11

11. Contracting Parties' representatives will be invited, in alphabetic order, to present the draft National Action Plans/Programmes of Measures (NAPs/PoMs).

Agenda item 4: Status of implementation of MED POL activities during 2024-2025 biennium, including related Projects (MedProgramme, ML MED PLUS Project, and EcAp MED PLUS Project)

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/3
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12. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat – MED POL Programme will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.627/3 “*Progress achieved regarding implementation of the Programme of Work 2024-2025, including MedProgramme and other Projects (ML MED PLUS Project and EcAp MED PLUS Project)*” which summarizes the status of implementation of the activities coordinated and executed by MED POL during the 2024-2025 biennium.

13. The Meeting will be asked to take note and comment, as appropriate, on the work carried out for the implementation of the Programme of Work 2024-2025.

Agenda item 5: a) Enhanced EcAp Policy and its implementation (GES, Targets, Governance)
b) Enhanced Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) (Pollution and Marine Litter cluster, Common Indicators updated fact sheets, assessment criteria/thresholds)

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/4/Rev.1
	UNEP/MED WG.627/5/Rev.1
	UNEP/MED WG.627/7/Rev.1
	UNEP/MED WG.627/8/Rev.1
	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.6
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.7
	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.8
	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.10

14. Under the Agenda Item a), the Secretariat – MED POL Programme will present several elements pertinent to the ongoing process for revising the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Policy for the Mediterranean as outlined in working document UNEP/MED WG.627/4 Rev.1 “*Enhanced EcAp Policy and its implementation*”. The presentation will include updates to Good Environmental Status (GES) Targets for the IMAP pollution, marine litter and noise indicators in the framework of EcAp Policy for the Mediterranean, as well as Terms of Reference and Flow of Interaction for the CORMONs and Online Working Groups and Flow of Interaction between Ecosystem Approach and MAP Governing Bodies, with a particular attention on the aspects linked with the CORMON and Component/Thematic Focal Points operations and related content..

15. The Meeting is expected to review the present document and provide recommendations for follow up during the next biennium. The Meeting is also expected to endorse its submission, as deemed necessary, to the 12th EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Points Meetings (15 and 16-19 September 2025), and finally to the 24th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 24) of the Barcelona Convention (Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 2025).

16. Under the Agenda Item b), the Secretariat - MED POL Programme will present several elements pertinent to the ongoing process of enhancing Pollution and Marine Litter Clusters of Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) as outlined in the following meeting documents:

- Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/5/Rev.1 “*Revised IMAP: Pollution, Litter and Noise Clusters*”;
- Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/7/Rev.1 “*Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP EOs 5 and 9 (Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21)*”
- Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/8/Rev.1 “*Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP EO 11 (Candidate Common Indicators 26 and 27)*”.

17. Under Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/5/Rev.1 “*Revised IMAP: Revised IMAP: Pollution, Litter and Noise Clusters*”, the proposed updates to the IMAP document dated in 2016 will be presented for the pollution, marine litter and noise sections. These updates reflect the most recent development in these fields based on the outcome of the relevant COP decisions and the findings/recommendations of the 2023 MED QSR.

18. Under Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/7/Rev.1 “*Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP EOs 5 and 9 (Common Indicators 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 21)*”, the Secretariat - MED POL Programme will present the agreed changes and updates for this set of indicators in line with the updated IMAP and EcAp for this set of indicators. This revision builds upon achievements in monitoring and assessment practices, methodologies, Good Environmental Status (GES) targets, environmental criteria, and incorporates new scientific and policy developments, within the preparation of the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (MED QSR).

19. Under Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/8 “*Updated Guidance Factsheets for IMAP Common Indicators 26 and 27*”, the Secretariat - the MED POL Programme will present the agreed changes and updates in line with the updated IMAP and EcAp for this set of indicators. This revision builds upon achievements in assessment methodologies, Good Environmental Status (GES) targets, environmental criteria, and incorporates new scientific and policy developments introduced through the collaboration between UNEP/MAP-MED POL and ACCOBAMS within the preparation of the 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report (2023 MED QSR). This document also proposes the elevation of IMAP Candidate Common Indicators 26 and 27 to IMAP Common Indicators.

20. The Meeting is expected to review the three documents outlined above and provide recommendations for follow up during the next biennium. The Meeting is also expected to endorse their submission, as deemed necessary, to the 12th EcAp Coordination Group and MAP Focal Points Meetings (15 and 16-19 September 2025), and finally to COP 24 of the Barcelona Convention (Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 2025).¹

Agenda item 6: Reporting Format on the Land Based Sources (LBS) Protocol Implementation

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/6
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.626/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.11

21. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat – MED POL Programme will introduce Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/6, entitled “*Revised Reporting Format of the Land-Based Sources (LBS) Protocol*”. The document outlines proposed changes to the reporting format, which covers the legally binding obligations under Article 13 of the LBS Protocol, including those related to six new Regional Plans and the National Action Plans (NAPs), as well as comments received during and after the Meeting in Loutraki, Greece, (23-24 April 2025).

22. The meeting is expected to review the present document and provide recommendations for follow up during the next biennium. The Meeting is also expected to approve this document, as deemed necessary, for its further submission to the MAP Focal Points Meeting (16-19 September 2025) and finally to COP 24 of the Barcelona Convention (Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 2025).

Agenda item 7: Emerging issues: Marine renewable Energies

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/9
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23. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat – MED POL Programme will introduce Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/9 “*Analysis of Existing Regulatory Measures and Impacts on the Marine and Coastal Environment from Marine Renewable Energies*”. The document provides an overview and in-depth assessment of current legal frameworks at both national and regional levels, evaluates the potential environmental impacts of Marine Renewable Energy (MRE) development, and proposes measures to mitigate these impacts.

24. The meeting is expected to review and approve the report, as deemed necessary, with a recommendation to include follow-up activities in the 2026–2027 Programme of Work through dedicated actions.

Agenda item 8: Recent developments in pollution control and future measures.

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/10
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.11

¹ The Updated Guidance Factsheets are submitted for no objection by the Meeting of the MED POL FPs with a view to their submission to the 12th EcAp CG Meeting.

25. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/10 “*Analysis of Global and Regional Policies relevant to the LBS Protocol, including emerging issues*”. This document outlines additional measures and emerging issues that Contracting Parties should consider when identifying priority measures for pollution, particularly those stemming from legally binding global resolutions such as UNEA as well as present for possible action for the consideration in PoW and in next MTS based on identified GAPS.

26. The meeting is expected to review and approve this document, as deemed necessary, with a recommendation on integrating the potential measures in new NAPs/PoMs.

Agenda item 9: Proposed MED POL Activities 2026-2027.

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27. Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will present Working Document UNEP/MED WG.627/11 “*Proposed MED POL Activities for MAP Programme of Work 2026-2027*”, which lists and details the activities proposed by MED POL for inclusion to the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for the biennium 2026-2027.

28. The Meeting is expected to review and endorse the proposed activities, as deemed necessary, as well as mandate the Secretariat to integrate them into the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work for the biennium 2026-2027 for further submission to the MAP Focal Points Meeting (16-19 Sept. 2025).

Agenda item 10: Conclusions and Recommendations

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29. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend as appropriate, and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 11: Any Other Business

30. Under this Agenda item, the participants will be able to raise any other business related to the agenda items, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda item 12: Closure of the Meeting

31. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on 19 June 2025.

Proposed Timetable

Tuesday 17 June 2025		Related Documents
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/2/Rev.1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.1/Rev.1</i>
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 3: Updated National Action Plans /Programmes of Measures 2025-2035	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.3</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.4</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.5</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.11</i>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 17:30	Agenda Item 3: Updated National Action Plans /Programmes of Measures 2025-2035 (cont.)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.3</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.4</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.5</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.11</i>
Wednesday 18 June 2025		
09:30 – 10:30	Agenda Item 4: Status of implementation of MED POL activities during 2024-2025 biennium, including related Projects (MedProgramme, ML MED PLUS Project, and EcAp MED PLUS Project)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/3</i>
10:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 5: a) Enhanced EcAp Policy and its implementation (GES, Targets, Governance)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/4/Rev.1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.6</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.7</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.</i>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 16:30	Agenda Item 5: b) Enhanced Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP) (Pollution and Marine Litter cluster, Common Indicators updated fact sheets, assessment criteria/thresholds)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/5/Rev.1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/7/Rev.1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/8/Rev.1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.6</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.7</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.8</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.10</i>
16:30 – 17:30	Agenda Item 6: Reporting Format on the Land Based Sources (LBS) Protocol Implementation	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/6</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.626/Inf.3</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.11</i>
Thursday 19 June 2025		
09:30 – 10:00	Agenda Item 7: Emerging issues: Marine renewable Energies	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/9</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Agenda Item 8: Recent developments in pollution control and future measures	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/10</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.627/Inf.11</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 9: Proposed MED POL Activities 2026-2027	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/11</i>

09:30 – 10:00	Agenda Item 7: Emerging issues: Marine renewable Energies	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/9</i>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda Item 9: Proposed MED POL Activities 2026-2027 (cont.)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/11</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Agenda Item 10: Any other business	
16:00 – 17:30	Agenda Item 11: Conclusions and recommendations	<i>UNEP/MED WG.627/12</i>
17:30	Agenda Item 12: Closure of the Meeting	