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Biodiversity and Climate Action**  
in the Neighbourhood South region



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## ABBREVIATIONS

ACR+	Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management
ADE	Algérienne des Eaux (Algeria)
ARA	Arabic
BMPs	Best Management Practices
CC	Climate Change
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CB	Capacity Building
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CoP	Community of Practice
COP	Conference of the Parties
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
C1	Component I
C2	Component II
DZ	Algeria
DRS	Deposit-refund systems
E	Environment
EC	European Commission
EN	English
ENI	European Neighbourhood Instrument
EPR	Extended Producer Responsibility
EU	European Union
EUD	European Union Delegation
FR	French
GBF	Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
GIS	Geographic Information System
GWP-Med	Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean
H	Horizontal
HOR	Horizontal
HORECA	Hotel, Restaurant, and Café/Catering
ICZM	Integrated Coastal Zone Management
IL	Israel
INC	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee
IR	Inception Report

JO	Jordan
KE	Key Expert
LAS	League of Arab States
LB	Lebanon
LDK	LDK Consultants SA
MAP	Mediterranean Action Plan
MCESD	Mediterranean Committee on Education for Sustainable Development
MCSD	Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MIO-ECSDE	Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development
MO	Morocco
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluating
N	National
NAP	National Action Plan (Algeria)
NAP	National Adaptation Plan (Palestine/Jordan)
NBS	Nature based Solutions
NCWR	Non-Conventional Water Resources
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NKE	Non-Key Expert
NR	National Report for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
NRW	Non-Revenue Water Management
NWRM	Non-Conventional Water Resources Management
PCs	Partner Countries
PET	Polyethylene terephthalate
PPP	Public-Private Partnership
PS	Palestine
R	Regional
RACs	Regional Activity Centers
REG	Regional Training
RAED	Arab Network for Environment and Development
SAP	Strategic Action Plan
SCP	Sustainable Consumption and Production
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
ST	Study Tour

SUPs	Single-Use Plastics
TBC	To be confirmed
TBD	To be determined
TL	Team Leader
TN	Tunisia
TWWR	Treated waste water reuse
UfM	Union for the Mediterranean
UNCBD	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNEP/MAP	United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan
WEFE	Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems
WES	Water and Environment Support in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood Region project
WES-BCA	Water and Environment Support - Biodiversity and Climate Action
WUAs	Water Users Associations
WWT	Wastewater treatment

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## 1 COMPONENT 1: WATER, BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT

TABLE 1-1: PRESENTATION OF WORKPLAN FOR COMPONENT I ACTIVITIES AT NATIONAL LEVEL UNDER TOPICS 1, 2 (ENVIRONMENT)

Country	Topic	Subtopic	Proposed Activity by WES-BCA	WES-BCA Activity Code	Overall scope and main elements of the activity	Linkages with previous phase (WES project)	Activity selection status
Algeria	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter  Linked with Topic 1: Prevention & reduction of pollution	Sub-Topic 2.3: Enhancement of Waste Management Practices for tackling Plastic Pollution	<b>Advancing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and action planning for plastic waste reduction in Algeria</b>	C1_N-DZ-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist with the initial steps for EPR implementation, including creating a register for producers and distributors of selected SUP (e.g., packaging plastic waste).</li> <li>- Prepare technical, financial, and legal documents for plastic waste management and EPR, including policy recommendations and legal frameworks.</li> <li>- Organize capacity-building workshop and consultation to promote waste reduction, source separation, recycling technologies, and support EPR implementation for the selected SUP.</li> <li>- Align with ongoing programs to provide technical assistance for the development of an EPR scheme of selected SUP (e.g., packaging PET plastic waste).</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up activity</p> <p>N-E-LB-2: Technical assistance to the MoE in tackling the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by combating pollution from plastics</p> <p>N-E-LB-PS-P2: Investigating and developing a compendium with successful approaches of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system for plastics in Lebanon and Palestine</p>	Activity officially selected
Egypt	Topic 1: Prevention & reduction of pollution  Linked with Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter Topic 3 on Nexus  Horizontal: Circular/Blue/Green Economy	Sub-Topic 1.1: Supporting Urban and Industrial Depollution in specific sectors with focus on Solid Waste management	<b>Supporting sustainable plastic waste management including SUPs in the tourism sector</b>	C1_N-EG-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct baseline assessments on SUP production, use, and disposal in the sector of tourism/HORECA.</li> <li>- Engage stakeholders through consultations, capacity building, and awareness campaigns to support the transition.</li> <li>- Design and strengthen sector-specific policies, guidelines and enforcement mechanisms for SUP reduction and eventually bans, integrating solid waste management and circular economy principles.</li> </ul>	New activity	Activity officially selected
Israel (TBC)	Topic 1: Prevention & reduction of pollution  Linked with Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Sub-Topic 1.1: Supporting Urban and Industrial Depollution in specific sectors with focus on Solid Waste management	<b>Advancing appropriate financial models to combat plastic pollution and promote Circular Economy</b>	C1_N-IL-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify and assess circular economy models, such as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), deposit-refund systems (DRS), and ecotaxes, with a focus on the plastic recycling sector.</li> <li>- Proposals for development of targeted financial support schemes to assist in the adoption of advanced technologies and the implementation of effective plastic reduction solutions.</li> <li>- Organize capacity-building/consultation workshop to enhance policymakers' and businesses' ability to attract and manage investments in green technologies.</li> </ul>	New activity	Selection pending: Ongoing exchanges with the Ministry of Environmental Protection for the selection.
Jordan	Topic 1: Prevention & reduction of pollution  Linked with Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter Topic 3 on Nexus	Sub-Topic 1.1: Supporting Urban and Industrial Depollution in specific sectors with focus on Solid Waste management	<b>Pre-conceptualization and support to establish a Plastic Waste Recycling/Upcycling Hub near existing waste management infrastructure</b>	C1_N-JO-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a preliminary scoping study of the recycling and/or upcycling market in a selected area, focusing on plastic waste, and identify existing infrastructure and synergies for potential waste management hub operations.</li> <li>- Identify and engage key stakeholders to explore innovative solutions for plastic recovery and upcycling.</li> <li>- Develop a pre-feasibility analysis outlining core activities for the hub and identifying viable business models for sustainable operation.</li> <li>- Prepare an initial concept note to attract private sector investment and donor support for piloting the recycling/upcycling hub.</li> </ul>	<p>New activity</p> <p>Building on the results of N-E-JO-1: Contribution to the development of a joint public-private roadmap to transition to reduce the use of Single-Use Plastics in Jordan</p> <p>Implementation of the Waste Sector Green Growth Action Plan 2021-2025 (Action N°- WS14: Establish a national upcycling hub nearby appropriate waste management infrastructure)</p>	Activity officially selected



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Lebanon	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Sub-Topic 2.3: Enhancement of Waste Management Practices for tackling Plastic Pollution	<b>Advancing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and action planning for plastic waste reduction in Lebanon</b>	C1_N-LB-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the initial implementation of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for selected single-use plastics (SUP) in Lebanon, with a focus on packaging plastic waste.</li> <li>- Legal Framework Development for EPR Implementation for Selected SUPs</li> <li>- Enhance national capacities and stakeholder engagement through targeted capacity-building workshops and consultations, promoting source separation, recycling technologies, and alignment with ongoing programs supporting EPR implementation for selected SUPs.</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up activity</p> <p>N-E-LB-2: Technical assistance to the MoE in tackling the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by combatting pollution from plastics</p> <p>N-E-LB-PS-P2: Investigating and developing a compendium with successful approaches of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system for plastics in Lebanon and Palestine</p>	Activity officially selected
Morocco	<p>Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution &amp; Marine Litter</p> <p>Linked with Topic 1: Prevention &amp; reduction of pollution</p> <p>Horizontal: Legal aspects</p>	Sub-Topic 2.5: Promoting Green/ Blue/ Circular Economy	<b>Financial impact assessment of packaging waste management and economic implications of the proposed EPR model</b>	C1_N-MO-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review the national and international policy and legal frameworks relevant to the proposed EPR model for plastic packaging.</li> <li>- Continue stakeholder consultations using a participatory approach to ensure inclusive engagement of all actors involved in the proposed EPR model.</li> <li>- Identify potential financing models and assess the financial implications of the proposed EPR system for plastic packaging, in alignment with circular and green economy objectives.</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up activity</p> <p>N-E-MO-1: Joint initiative for the establishment of the management chain for PET bottle packaging within the framework of EPR in Morocco</p>	Activity officially selected
Palestine	<p>Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities</p> <p>Linked with Topic 3: WEFE Nexus</p> <p>Horizontal: Legal and Regulatory Aspects</p>	<p>Sub-Topic 5.3: Ecosystem and Biodiversity Protection:</p> <p>Maintaining Green Spaces and Restoring Urban, Peri Urban, and/or Endangered Ecosystems/Biodiversity</p>	<b>Support for EQA in preparing the Palestine 7<sup>th</sup> National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)</b> (Connected with activity C1_HOR-3)	C1_N-PS-1	<p>Provide targeted assistance to EQA for aligning with the CBD, the Kunming-Montreal GBF, and Mediterranean biodiversity commitments, actively contributing to the update and preparation of its 7NR due in February 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the identification of needs and information gaps related to the 7NR reporting.</li> <li>- Facilitate communication among key stakeholders involved in the 7NR reporting process.</li> <li>- Provide technical guidance and support, with particular focus on the use of the CBD Online Reporting Tool (ORT).</li> </ul>	New activity	Activity officially selected
Tunisia	<p>Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution &amp; Marine Litter</p> <p>Linked with Topic 1: Prevention &amp; reduction of pollution</p>	Sub-Topic 2.4: Reinforcing cooperation between public and private sectors	<b>Enforcement of political and legal measures for the reduction and eventual prohibition of certain types of shopping plastic bags</b>	C1_N-TN-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist the Tunisian Government in reviewing and improving the regulatory framework governing the ban on single-use plastic bags (Decree No. 32 of January 16, 2020) through inclusive and participatory consultations.</li> <li>- Propose financial and economic mechanisms to assist the government and plastic manufacturers in adapting to restrictions on the production of certain SUPs.</li> <li>- Recommend sustainable public procurement actions to support the transition of the plastics industry and facilitate the implementation of restrictions on specific SUPs.</li> </ul>	<p>Follow up activity</p> <p>N-E-TN-P4: Enforcement of political and legal measures undertaken by Tunisia for the reduction and prohibition of certain types of single-use plastic packaging</p>	Activity officially selected

TABLE 1-2: PRESENTATION OF WORKPLAN FOR COMPONENT I ACTIVITIES UNDER TOPICS 3, 4, 5 (WATER AND WEFE NEXUS)

Country	Topic	Subtopic	Proposed Activity by WES-BCA	WES-BCA Activity Code	Overall scope and main elements of the activity	Linkages with previous phase (WES project)	Selection Status
Algeria	<p>Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Linked with: Topic 3: WEFE Nexus Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Horizontal - Promotion of Circular/Blue/Green Economy - Improving Environmental Governance - Dissemination of Information and Knowledge</p>	Sub-Topic 4.1: Promotion of sustainability practices: NRW & WDM	<b>Low-Cost measures for enhanced water efficiency and NRW reduction: follow-up to the WES action plan</b>	C1_N-DZ-2	<p>Building on the preliminary WES diagnostic (N-W-DZ-1) by implementing targeted and cost-effective actions to reduce water losses, improve data accuracy, and enhance water service efficiency in the Ali Lighia pilot zone, where DZ-1 activity was implemented as part of the WES project.</p> <p>Strengthening the technical and organizational capacities of the Boumerdes ADE unit to improve Non-Revenue Water (NRW) management by combining functional GIS, ensuring the reliability of field data, establishing a new comparative water balance, and optimizing monitoring tools and practices.</p>	<p>Follow-up activity</p> <p>N-W-DZ-1: Conduct a diagnosis for the performance of NRW in a pilot utility and develop a plan for NRW improvements focusing on minimum cost of interventions with fast investment paybacks</p>	Activity officially selected
Egypt - Option 1	<p>Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities</p> <p>Linked with: Topic 3: WEFE Nexus Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Horizontal: - Improving Environmental Governance - Legal and Regulatory Aspects - Dissemination of Information and Knowledge</p>	Sub-Topic 5.2: Climate Resilience in Agriculture and Tourism Sectors	<b>Regulatory frameworks for climate-resilient practices in agriculture</b>	C1_N-EG-2.1	<p>- Review international/national best practices to guide the regulatory framework development.</p> <p>- Analyse existing framework gaps, including in rainwater harvesting, treated wastewater reuse, and brackish water use in agriculture. Assess challenges in enforcement and provide recommendations for improvements.</p> <p>- Develop core regulatory provisions considering best practices, local contexts, incorporating also stakeholder input.</p> <p>- Facilitate consultations with stakeholders, discuss challenges, solutions, and roles in implementing frameworks and gather feedback.</p>	New activity	<p>Focal Points nomination is pending.</p> <p>Subsequent activity selection is pending, however, the proposed activities are already aligned with the EUD's topics' prioritization.</p>
Egypt - Option 2	<p>Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities</p> <p>Linked with: Topic 3: WEFE Nexus Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Horizontal: - Promotion of Circular/Blue/Green Economy - Improving Environmental Governance - Dissemination of Information and Knowledge</p>	Sub-Topic 5.2: Climate Resilience in Agriculture and Tourism Sectors	<b>Assess the vulnerability of tourism infrastructure (or agriculture) in a pilot location along the coast to climate impacts, particularly water scarcity and extreme weather events.</b> Identify areas at risk and prioritize interventions (incl. integration of NCWR)	C1_N-EG-2.2	<p>- Conduct a climate risk assessment in a pilot area along the coast, focusing on water scarcity and/or extreme weather impacts.</p> <p>- Identify opportunities for integrating NCWR solutions (Rainwater harvesting, treated wastewater reuse, brackish water) in reducing the risks.</p> <p>- Develop targeted adaptation strategies to enhance resilience and promote sustainable practices in the pilot area.</p> <p>- Conduct stakeholders' workshop to validate findings and refine suggested interventions.</p> <p>- Disseminate findings and recommendations through reports and training materials tailored to the pilot area.</p>	New activity	Subsequent activity selection is pending, however, the proposed activities are already aligned with the EUD's topics' prioritization.
Israel	Topic 3: WEFE Nexus	Sub-Topic 3.2: Holistic water planning and allocation between agriculture, energy	<b>National Master Plan for Water Sector – facing the</b>	C1_N-IL-2	- Review the existing master plan and policies to identify ways to introduce/enhance WEFE nexus provisions and financial sustainability.	New activity	Activity officially selected

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	<p>Linked with: Topic 3: WEFE Nexus Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Horizontal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improving Environmental Governance</li> <li>- Legal and Regulatory Aspects</li> <li>- Dissemination of Information and Knowledge</li> </ul>	production, domestic use, and ecosystems.	<b>Nexus – Food Security, Energy and Finance</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advise a comparative analysis of implementation of water master plan focusing on the WEFE nexus.</li> <li>- Develop a framework to facilitate the alignment of sectors, examine regulatory and infrastructures challenges, and propose appropriate tools and mechanisms including economic ones e.g. tariffs, budget support, incentives).</li> <li>- Validate the frameworks with Stakeholders.</li> </ul>		
Jordan	<p>Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities</p> <p>Linked with: Topic 3: WEFE Nexus Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Horizontal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legal and Regulatory Aspects:</li> <li>- Improving Environmental Governance:</li> <li>- Dissemination of Knowledge</li> </ul>	Sub-Topic 5.1: Promoting the use of Non-Conventional Water Resources (NCWR) (in combination with renewable energies):	<b>Develop regulations in support of NBS implementation</b>	C1_N-JO-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a focused review of key regulatory frameworks (Land Use, Environment, and Water Management) to identify gaps.</li> <li>- Prioritize and draft core regulatory provisions targeting high-impact areas (such as land use, environmental safeguards, and financial incentives), ensuring alignment with national priorities, international commitments, and the WEFE nexus principles.</li> <li>- Engage stakeholders through workshops and consultations to validate and refine the framework.</li> <li>- Propose an implementation plan, including timelines, responsible entities, and resources required.</li> </ul>	<p>Follow up activity</p> <p>N-W-JO-2: Explore the potential of Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) at the catchment scale</p>	Activity officially selected
Lebanon	<p>Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities</p> <p>Linked with: Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Horizontal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promotion of Circular/Blue/Green Economy</li> <li>- Improving Environmental Governance</li> <li>- Dissemination of Information and Knowledge</li> </ul>	Sub-Topic 5.1: Promoting the use of NCWR (in combination with renewable energies)	<b>Design of NBS in a Pilot Area in Lebanon</b>	C1_N-LB-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of international BMPs and NBS applicable to stormwater/rainwater management in Lebanon, emphasizing nature-based, low-cost, and scalable solutions.</li> <li>- Selection and validation of a pilot area based on hydrological criteria, technical feasibility, and stakeholder input.</li> <li>- Development of a Pre-Feasibility Study for the selected Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) with a focus on Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM), with consideration for enhancing local ecosystems and biodiversity</li> <li>- Organise a concluding workshop to present outcomes, gather feedback, and explore opportunities for scaling and replication.</li> </ul>	New activity	Activity officially selected
Morocco	<p>Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Linked with: Topic 3: WEFE Nexus Topic 5: Climate Change Actions (CCA)</p> <p>Horizontal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promotion of Circular/Blue/Green Economy</li> <li>- Improving Environmental Governance</li> <li>- Dissemination of Information and Knowledge</li> </ul>	Sub-Topic 4.1: Promotion of sustainability practices: Water Demand Management (WDM) and Non-Revenue Water (NRW).	<b>Introduce practices to reduce evaporation, conserving water resources, and minimizing water losses in open water systems</b>	C1_N-MO-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify international practices and approaches to reduce evaporation in open water areas including combined water/energy technologies where appropriate.</li> <li>- Assess the suitability of international solutions in a pilot context with due consideration to technical, environmental, economic, and institutional dimensions.</li> <li>- Validate findings and gather input from key stakeholders.</li> <li>- Develop a detailed pilot project proposal, including description of the chosen solution, the implementation framework, monitoring framework and estimated costs.</li> <li>- Disseminate results through workshops and reports.</li> </ul>	New activity	Activity officially selected

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Palestine	<p>Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities</p> <p>Linked with: Topic 3: WEFE Nexus Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Horizontal Promotion of Circular/Green Economy Improving Environmental Governance Legal and Regulatory Aspects Dissemination of Information and Knowledge:</p>	Sub-Topic 5.1: Promoting the use of Non-Conventional Water Resources (NCWR) (in combination with renewable energies):	<b>Draft standards for NWRM design and implementation and conduct stakeholder consultations to ensure broad support and compliance.</b>	C1_N-PS-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify NWRMs that align with the country's policy and planning objectives.</li> <li>- Conduct stakeholders' consultation and prioritize a limited number of NWRMs based on the stakeholder's input and feasibility.</li> <li>- Develop Technical Standards tailored to the prioritized measures, covering design, implementation, and maintenance, ensuring adaptability and scalability.</li> <li>- Prepare operational guidelines with practical instructions and examples for implementing the standards.</li> <li>- Conduct workshop to build stakeholder capacity and disseminate the standards.</li> </ul>	New activity	The scope of the activity is still under discussion with the project.
Tunisia	<p>Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities</p> <p>Linked with: Topic 3: WEFE Nexus Topic 4: Water Efficiency</p> <p>Horizontal - Promotion of Circular/Blue/Green Economy - Improving Environmental Governance - Legal and Regulatory Aspects - Dissemination of Information and Knowledge</p>	Sub-Topic 5.2: Climate Resilience in Agriculture and Tourism Sectors	<b>Capacity building and knowledge development on climate-resilient agricultural practices and water management: orientation to strategic crops in Tunisia (cereals and olive trees).</b>	C1_N-TN-2	<p>Both options require additional expertise on crops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evaluate vulnerabilities of cereals and olive trees to climate change in the pilot area. Assess current water management, soil conservation, agricultural practices and functional biodiversity elements.</li> <li>- Identify gaps and opportunities for targeted interventions including the role that functional biodiversity can play in increasing resilience propose Climate-Resilient Strategies and Interventions (water-efficient irrigation, soil conservation, and crop improvement) and sustainable agricultural practices for cereals and olive trees, as well as local knowledge that incorporate climate-smart technologies and traditional knowledge and practices that enhance functional biodiversity and contribute to system resilience.</li> <li>- Develop training content based on the assessment results and proposed strategies, incorporating tailored technical modules and case studies inspired by relevant experiences in similar Mediterranean contexts</li> <li>- Capacity Building for Stakeholders (farmers, policy makers, extension officers).</li> </ul>	New activity	Activity aligned with EUD priorities.

TABLE 1-3: PRESENTATION OF WORKPLAN FOR COMPONENT I ACTIVITIES AT REGIONAL LEVEL UNDER TOPICS 1, 2 (ENVIRONMENT)

Topic	Subtopic	Proposed Activity by WES-BCA	WES-BCA Activity Code	Brief overview and main elements of the activity
<p>Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution &amp; Marine Litter</p> <p>Linked with: Topic 1: Prevention &amp; reduction of pollution Topic 3: on Nexus Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities Horizontal: Circular/Blue/Green Economy</p>	Sub-Topic 2.2: Strengthening regulatory frameworks for the reduction of SUPs and Packaging Waste	<p><b>Strengthening regional regulatory frameworks for plastics and Circular Economy alignment</b> (online)</p> <p>(Activity linked to the International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution and the INC-5, including in the marine and coastal environment)</p>	C1_REG-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare a document comparing existing regulatory frameworks, best practices, etc. on plastic waste management, circular economy, etc. in the Partner Countries to the International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution and the INC-5 (including in the marine and coastal environment).</li> <li>- Organize a regional workshop for knowledge-sharing on plastic pollution focusing on aligning frameworks with the Global Plastics Treaty (INC-5), and regional priorities including UfM, UNEP/MAP, LAS, and EU strategies.</li> <li>- Facilitate a session for policymakers and experts to exchange on the follow-up for adapting existing provisions to - INC-5.2.</li> </ul>



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<p>Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution &amp; Marine Litter</p> <p>Linked with:</p> <p>Topic 1: Prevention &amp; reduction of pollution</p> <p>Topic 4: Promotion of water efficiency at all steps and levels of water management and use</p> <p>Horizontal: Circular/Blue/Green Economy</p> <p>Horizontal: Improving environmental governance and particularly promoting Agenda 2030, its SDGs in the Mediterranean</p>	Sub-Topic 2.5: Promoting Green/ Blue/ Circular Economy	<b>Regional event on advancing Green, Blue, and Circular Economies in the Mediterranean through multi-sector collaboration (Sustainable Tourism)</b> (Study Tour)	C1_REG/ST-2	<p>- Organize (or contribute to) a regional event to engage government officials, industry leaders, and community groups in discussions on the green, blue, and circular economy with focus on tackling plastic pollution for more in sustainable tourism.</p> <p>- Facilitate policy sessions focused on practical, regionally relevant policies and frameworks that promote sustainability, business incentives, and standards for sustainable products with focus on plastics.</p> <p>- Promote the alignment of national policies with Mediterranean (including EU/UN/UfM/LAS) and international best practices, fostering the adoption of green, blue, and circular economy models.</p>
<p>Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution &amp; Marine Litter</p> <p>Linked with:</p> <p>Topic 1: Prevention &amp; reduction of pollution</p> <p>Topic 4: Promotion of water efficiency at all steps and levels of water management and use</p> <p>Topic 3 on Nexus</p> <p>Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities</p> <p>Horizontal: Circular/Blue/Green Economy</p>	Sub-Topic 2.6: Promotion of marine litter prevention and mitigation measures	<b>Fostering regional collaboration and circular economy solutions to address land-based plastic pollution and marine litter in the mediterranean: policy guidance on tackling riverine plastic pollution</b> (Study Tour)	C1_REG/ST-3	<p>- Identify and showcase successful strategies and effective approaches, including initiatives by "WES Champions" to reduce riverine plastic litter, microplastics from wastewater, and plastic pollution from coastal landfills and floods</p> <p>- Address waste leakage from rivers, landfills, and flood-prone areas by promoting improved waste management practices and enacting policy changes in riverine and coastal zones.</p> <p>- Organise Regional Event and Study Tour for experts and decision-makers to explore solutions to land-based plastic pollution and riverine inputs.</p>
<p>Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution &amp; Marine Litter</p> <p>Linked with:</p> <p>Topic 1: Prevention &amp; reduction of pollution</p> <p>Horizontal: Circular/Blue/Green Economy</p>	Sub-Topic 2.6: Promotion of marine litter prevention and mitigation measures	<b>Contribution to the Mediterranean monitoring and reporting programs for marine litter prevention and mitigation</b> (Online)	C1_REG-4	<p>- Promote the wide implementation of harmonized marine litter monitoring approach in line with latest Mediterranean and European technical/policy advances, also by targeting civil society actors</p> <p>- Develop a best practices platform to share case studies on plastic pollution, prevention and mitigation supporting decision-making and contributing to the implementation of NAPs.</p> <p>- Organize a regional event on Marine Litter monitoring and mitigation to exchange national experiences and best practices.</p>

TABLE 1-4: PRESENTATION OF WORKPLAN FOR COMPONENT I ACTIVITIES AT REGIONAL LEVEL UNDER TOPICS 3, 4, 5 (WATER AND WEFE NEXUS)

Topic	Subtopic	Proposed Activity by WES-BCA	WES-BCA Project Code	Brief overview and main elements of the activity
Topic 3: WEFE	Sub-Topic 1: Water and Energy use Efficiency, supporting sustainable production and food security in agriculture	<b>WEFE Nexus best practices in agriculture - Learning from practical approaches of Northern Mediterranean countries</b> (Regional Training and Study Tour)	C1_REG/ST-5	<p>- Prepare a background document integrating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a desk study on Northern Mediterranean WEFE Nexus implementation in agriculture, including the use of NCWR for smart irrigation, renewable energy integration, and protection of ecosystems.</li> <li>Review of the EU legal and regulatory framework examining key directives, national regulations and additional regulatory provisions enabling these practices.</li> <li>key training topics and knowledge areas for the workshop ensuring targeted capacity-building and continuity with the Horizontal activity (C1_HOR-1) (i.e also building on its outcomes).</li> <li>Study tour program outlining thematic sessions, site visits, and discussions on Northern Mediterranean WEFE practices.</li> </ul> <p>- Organize a <b>4-day regional workshop and study tour</b>. Facilitate discussions on lessons learned, policy and technical adaptations and the applicability of Northern Mediterranean</p>

Topic	Subtopic	Proposed Activity by WES-BCA	WES-BCA Project Code	Brief overview and main elements of the activity
				<p>approaches in the Southern Mediterranean. Topics may include sustainable irrigation, policy enablers, financing mechanisms and cross-sectoral governance models (TBD). The study tour will include site visits to showcase successful WEFE Nexus applications in agriculture, providing participants with practical exposure to innovative solutions such as NCWR applications, smart irrigation and integrated resource management.</p> <p>- Finalise the consolidated document incorporating insights from the workshop and study tour and providing practical recommendations for Partner Countries to adapt and implement WEFE Nexus approaches in agriculture, while ensuring coherence with the Horizontal activity (C1_HOR-1)."</p>
Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities	Sub-Topic 1: Promoting the use of Non-Conventional Water Resources (NCWR) (in combination with renewable energies)	<b>Adaptation measures for flood and storm management</b> (Study Tour)	C1_REG/ST-6	<p>- Conduct a desk study compiling strategies, tools, methods, and techniques to address flood and stormwater management also exploring engineering, NBS and hybrid approaches for water retention and detention.</p> <p>- Prepare guidelines on best practices and techniques for implementation tailored to specific climatic, geographical, and socio-economic conditions in the target countries.</p> <p>- Review software and models for hydrological analysis, flood risk assessment, stormwater planning, management, and designing flood adaptation solutions.</p> <p>- Provide technical recommendations for implementing effective flood adaptation measures.</p> <p>- Design a study tour program outlining key thematic sessions, site visits, and discussions on Northern Mediterranean practices.</p> <p>- Organize a <b>4-day regional workshop and study tour</b> showcasing successful WEFE-based flood and stormwater adaptation solutions and innovative approaches such as integrated flood retention and detention systems, smart water management for urban resilience, and ecosystem-based flood mitigation measures.</p> <p>- Gather stakeholder feedback. Refine recommendations to ensure practical applicability and disseminate findings among public authorities, technical agencies, and relevant institutions.</p>
Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities	Sub-Topic 1: Promoting the use of Non-Conventional Water Resources (NCWR) (in combination with renewable energies)	<b>Assess Best Available Technologies for wastewater treatment (WWT) for reuse also involving the evaluation of the feasibility of integrating different renewable energy options with various WWT technologies and providing guidelines for integrating renewable energy with wastewater treatment plants</b> (online)	C1_REG-7	<p>- Conduct a focused review of 5-8 WWT technologies, emphasizing reuse applications and renewable energy integration.</p> <p>- Perform a feasibility study to evaluate technical and economic viability of renewable energy options.</p> <p>- Develop regional guidelines for integrating renewable energy with WWT technologies tailored to local conditions.</p> <p>- Organize an <b>online regional stakeholder consultation</b> to present and gather feedback.</p> <p>- Disseminate knowledge through reports, policy briefs, and practical tools to support implementation.</p>
Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities	Sub-Topic 2: Climate Resilience in Agriculture and Tourism Sectors	<b>Climate-resilient planning and practices in agriculture including efficient water management techniques in order to help equip irrigation managers/extension officers/WUAs with the knowledge and skills to adapt to Climate Change impacts.</b> (online) (Efficient irrigation systems/ Water harvesting / TWWR / Crop Diversification and Resilient Varieties /Cultivation of drought-resistant and climate-resilient crop varieties /Soil and Water Conservation Practices)	C1_REG-8	<p>- Identify priority actions, strategies, and frameworks to enhance climate resilient agriculture at both the practical (on-the-ground farming techniques) and planning (policy and strategy development) levels.</p> <p>- Develop training materials covering key strategies, tools and frameworks for implementing climate-resilient agricultural practices and planning approaches.</p> <p>- Deliver a 3-day <b>online</b> workshop to equip stakeholders with tools and skills for implementing practices and developing resilience plans.</p> <p>- Document workshop outcomes, including stakeholder feedback and actionable recommendations.</p> <p>- Disseminate knowledge and tools through post-training guides, infographics, and templates for plan development.</p>

TABLE 1-5: PRESENTATION OF WORKPLAN FOR COMPONENT I HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES (COVERING ALL TOPICS) AT REGIONAL LEVEL

Topic	Subtopic	Proposed Activity	Project Code	Brief overview and main elements of the activity
Topic 3: WEFE Nexus	Sub-Topic 3: Showcasing practical examples of WEFE approaches to promote their wider adoption	<b>Demonstrating the implementation of the WEFE strategy at national level</b> (online)	C1_HOR-1	<div>- Prepare a background document to guide discussions. The document will:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Summarize WEFE Nexus developments in Jordan, Lebanon, and Morocco, covering institutional frameworks, policy integration, and key challenges.</li><li>Assess the degree of alignment of the draft WEFE Mediterranean Strategy with national WEFE policy advancements.</li><li>Identify key discussion points and knowledge gaps to structure event dialogues.</li><li>Preliminary assessment of capacity-building needs to guide future training activities.</li></ul></div> <div>- Organize a <b>2-day online Regional Event</b> to showcase country experiences, institutional &amp; policy challenges, &amp; the national-level implications of the Mediterranean WEFE Strategy &amp; to identify opportunities for training, regional cooperation &amp; technical support.</div> <div>- Compile event feedback into a report summarizing insights on national-level WEFE Strategy implementation, institutional and policy challenges, capacity-building needs, and cross-sectoral coordination recommendations.</div> <div><i>The report will also serve as valuable input for shaping the capacity-building elements of the regional activity (C1_REG/ST-5) that will focus on showcasing practical field-level experiences.</i></div>
Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities	Sub-Topic 4: Mobilizing Private Sector Investments for Climate Adaptation in Coastal Areas	<b>Climate Change adaptation in the Mediterranean coastal area: catalysing financing/the role of the private sector</b> (online) <i>(Follow up activity of WES “HW-1 Catalysing Financing for Climate Change Adaptation in the Mediterranean coastal area: The role of the Private Sector”)</i>	C1_HOR-2	<div><i>Follow-up activity on the 1st Regional Workshop on Climate Adaptation Financing in the Mediterranean Coastal Area (2-3 December 2024, Athens), co-organised by EU WES, GWP-Med and Blue Plan. The Workshop concluded with a set of Recommendations, reflecting findings from the Regional Assessment elaborated by EU WES in synergy with the UNEP/MAP SCCF project.</i></div> <div>The main elements of this activity are presented as follows:</div> <div>- Develop Action Plans for up to 3 priority recommendations based on regional priorities and available implementation capacities, detailing key steps, required resources, and potential implementing partners while ensuring synergy with regional partners willing to commit to contributing to implementation process.</div> <div>- Establish a Mediterranean Community of Practice (CoP) on Climate Adaptation Financing by further mapping key stakeholders, identifying COP needs, and structuring a platform for knowledge exchange, peer learning, and networking. Develop guidelines and thematic focus areas for the CoP, ensuring long term relevance and sustainability.</div> <div>- Present outcomes during the 2-day <b>2nd Regional Workshop on Climate Adaptation Financing</b> which will launch the COP, seek commitment for the implementation of the Action Plans and define next steps for scaling up climate adaptation financing in the region.</div> <div>- Co-organize the workshop with GWP-Med in late 2025 or early 2026, with an official announcement at the 2nd UfM Ministerial Meeting to maximize impact and visibility.</div>
Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions, including Water Scarcity and Biodiversity protection as priorities  Linked with Topic 3: WEFE Nexus Horizontal: Legal and Regulatory Aspects	Sub-Topic 5.3: Ecosystem and Biodiversity Protection: Maintaining Green Spaces and Restoring Urban, Peri Urban, and/or Endangered Ecosystems/Biodiversity	<b>Support for WES-BCA PCs in preparing their 7<sup>th</sup> National Biodiversity Reports (7NR) under the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)</b> (Connected with activity C1_N-PS-1.2) (online)	C1_HOR-3	<div>Provide targeted regional assistance to help Partner Countries to align with the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Mediterranean biodiversity commitments, facilitating them to properly prepare and submit their Seventh National Biodiversity Reports (7NR) by February 2026.</div> <div><b>Proposed tasks:</b></div> <div>- Coordinate with the UNCBD Secretariat and PCs to assess specific support needs and clarify reporting requirements.</div> <div>- Organize a two-day webinar for sharing updated information, strengthening national expertise on the CBD, and addressing critical biodiversity challenges in the Mediterranean as well as other relevant existing or emerging frameworks.</div>

Topic	Subtopic	Proposed Activity	Project Code	Brief overview and main elements of the activity
				- Provide coaching for groups of Partner Countries facing similar biodiversity challenges and requiring support for their 7NR.

TABLE 1-6: PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES FOR COMPONENT I

Activity	Project Code	Brief overview and main elements of the activity
Communication Strategy delivery (material, brochures, website, identity etc)	C1_Com	<p>A Communication strategy for Component 1 was designed to comply with the 5 topics of the work plan and is to be implemented during the development and the delivery of the 27 activities.</p> <p>All key WES-BCA information, messages, best practices, deliverables will be communicated in News Releases, Announcements, Newsletters, Information Bulletins.</p> <p>The news items (in EN, FR, ARA versions) will be published and shared via the media, the WES-BCA website, WES-BCA social media pages on Facebook, LinkedIn, X, to achieve optimum publicity and thus visibility of the project in the MENA region.</p> <p>The Component 1 communication action plan will also follow and share the campaigns of Comp 2 Outreach.</p>

## 2 COMPONENT 2: OUTREACH ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

TABLE 2-1: PRESENTATION OF WORKPLAN FOR COMPONENT II ACTIVITIES

Task	Sub-Task	Project Code	Scope and main elements of the activity	Linkages with other Activities	Expected outputs	Timeline	Current status
<p>Drafting of an Outreach Strategy on Environment and Climate Action (C2_1)</p> <p><i>(COMPONENT II of WES-BCA is meant to raise awareness, increase knowledge and improve public understanding in the WES-BCA PCs, stimulating behavioural changes needed for appropriate climate action and environmental protection).</i></p>	Review of relevant surveys, publications and opinion polls providing information on the level of awareness on climate and environmental aspects in the WES-BCA PCs	C2_1.1	Existing surveys, publications, and opinion polls that provide insights on the level of awareness on climate and environmental issues in the PCs and target groups - including women's organizations - and lessons-learned from previous similar campaigns and other initiatives in the region, were reviewed. Under this subtask, and in combination with the work done under sub-activities C2_1.2 and C2_1.3, the above and other sources of information are being accessed by WES-BCA, including think tanks, NGOs working on environment and climate action, including women and youth organisations (formal and informal) for complementary insights on the level of awareness of the targeted groups of the campaign (baseline), barriers/resistance, but also motivation factors to change, realistic changes to expect.	C2_1.2, C2_1.3, C2_1.4, C2_3.1, C2_4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>report (internal) on desk review results (combined with reporting on sub-activities C2_1.2 and C2_1.3)</li> </ul>	By February-early March 2025	Completed
	Consultations with relevant EU services	C2_1.2	Consultations/exchanges with DG MENA and EUDs on specific themes to be covered, target groups to be involved and communication approaches to adopt are underway, and results are integrated in updated country profiles of the C2_1.1 Report. In terms of the themes to be covered, or rather to which themes the Strategy should limit itself to, there is (so far), good alignment with the priority themes of COMPONENT I.	C2_1.1, C2_1.3, C2_1.4, C2_3.1, C2_4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>updated country profiles of C2_1.1 Report</li> </ul>	Launched in February 2025 and on-going (to be continued throughout the duration of the project)	Underway
	Consultations with other stakeholders including project implementers, regional bodies, relevant CSOs, NGOs, Academia and Media active in the region on environment and climate action	C2_1.3	Consultations are taking place with other stakeholders, including related EU project implementers, regional bodies, relevant CSOs/NGOs, youth organisations, media, etc. active in the region on environment and climate action. These consultations aim to provide elements to include/mistakes to avoid in the Outreach Strategy; advice on how to approach various media for effective implementation of the Strategy, etc. Key findings are incorporated in the C2_1.1 Report and considered in the Outreach Strategy itself. Collaboration and synergies with on-going relevant campaigns will be important.	C2_1.1, C2_1.2, C2_1.4, C2_3.1, C2_4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>missions of the NKEs (ad hoc participation);</li> <li>inputs to the draft Outreach Strategy on environment and climate action</li> </ul>	By May 2025, but to be continued throughout the duration of the project	Underway



Task	Sub-Task	Project Code	Scope and main elements of the activity	Linkages with other Activities	Expected outputs	Timeline	Current status
	Drafting of the Outreach Strategy	C2_1.4	<p>The findings of all previous activities have fed into the drafting of the Outreach Strategy, as will the expert input of the NKEs, drawing from the latest research on effective outreach on environment and climate matters. The guiding principles have been defined and the target groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farmers and related stakeholders in the agri-food system (including associations and direct participants) within the agricultural sector, with connections to water, climate, biodiversity, circular economy, and plastics, following the WEFE nexus approach along the source to sea continuum.</li> <li>The end users of plastics, with a focus on the tourism industry, supermarkets, households and individual consumers (general public).</li> <li>Educators at various levels who have an impact on students across all age groups.</li> <li>Other x-helix stakeholder groups will be targeted or engaged at appropriate times and levels (e.g. Members of Parliament, etc.).</li> </ul> <p>Although the Strategy is regional in scope, country specific outreach approaches will be clearly defined, reflecting the needs of targeted sectors and taking note of local contexts and interlinkages with COMPONENT I national and regional activities. A preliminary draft will be shared with DG MENA, EUDs and FPs, etc. for feedback and consultation. The available incidental budget will delineate the range, type and extent of activities/campaigns, materials to be produced, etc.</p> <p>The Strategy will be interconnected and aligned with the Communication Strategy of COMPONENT I of WES-BCA.</p>	C2_1.1, C2_1.2, C2_1.3, C2_3.1, C2_4.1	an Outreach Strategy on environment and climate action	By May 2025 (but considered a living document)	Underway
Outreach Strategy delivery (C2_2)	Production and dissemination of communication material	C2_2.1	As defined in the Outreach Strategy, general and targeted communication materials will be produced and disseminated. These range from a website, a series of publications, audio-visual content, radio announcements, online content, human stories, social media posts, graphic work/animations, etc.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 website;</li> <li>social media of the campaign;</li> <li>targeted materials designed and produced</li> </ul>	Website: by July 2025 Communication materials: throughout the project's duration	Underway
	Preparation and implementation of specific awareness campaigns and outreach activities in the PCs	C2_2.2	<p>Specific awareness campaigns and outreach activities will be designed and implemented in the PCs, in coordination with the EU Delegations and the FPs. The actions/ campaigns will focus on specific groups deemed more likely to be receptive and become agents of change through their professions (e.g. farmers, tourism sector, educators) but may also target the general public at household and community levels (e.g. women and youth).</p> <p>The emphasis on youth, women, and young influencers will greatly benefit from collaboration with regional institutions such as the UfM, UNEP/MAP, the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD), the Mediterranean Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (MCESD), etc.;</p>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>targeted campaigns per country;</li> <li>other outreach activities per country;</li> <li>targeted materials produced (see subtask C2_2.1); meetings held with targeted stakeholders;</li> <li>events/ happenings;</li> <li>new partnerships/ synergies;</li> </ul>	2025: Preparation and piloting  2026-2027: Implementation	Not launched yet
	Regular monitoring and evaluation of communication campaigns and outreach initiatives	C2_2.3	Regular monitoring and evaluation of the designed and implemented communication campaigns and outreach initiatives will take place as defined in the Strategy, to measure to the extent possible, their impact on the target groups. E.g. M&E of the on-line components will be done via Reach, Engagement and Behavioural Metrics.	C2_2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M&amp;E report (living, periodic document, based on the # of targeted campaigns per country and # of materials produced)</li> </ul>	1st report submitted with the periodic report of the project close to the end of 2026	Not launched yet
Civil society mobilization (C2_3)	Assessment of national and/or local NGOs/ CSOs active on environment/ climate action education/ outreach in the region	C2_3.1	<p>The assessment is underway in the form of a desk study, combined with targeted consultations with regional and national NGOs, EUDs, WES-BCA Focal Points and their colleagues that interface with registered civil society organisations, etc., for cross-checking and enriching. WES-BCA NGO Consortium members RAED, MIO-ECSDE and ACR+, as well as MedWaves are contributing to the assessment exercise.</p> <p>National and/or local media activities are also included. WES has a significant database of various media, the EU Delegations to the Partner Countries as well,</p>	C2_3.2, C2_3.3, C2_4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>assessment report (combined with C2_4.1 Review Report)</li> </ul>	Launched by April 2025. To be completed by June-July 2025	Underway

Task	Sub-Task	Project Code	Scope and main elements of the activity	Linkages with other Activities	Expected outputs	Timeline	Current status
			while the WES-BCA Consortium members have well established networks of their own.				
	Design a participatory and transparent process for selecting appropriate NGOs/CSOs/women's associations to implement specific outreach activities within the region	C2_3.2	A call for expressions of interest (voluntary) to be part of the WES-BCA Community for Climate Action will be launched within each Partner Country, with clearly elaborated objectives, role and commitment level required, a list of outreach options/ideas, etc. A simple on and off-line commitment form in the local language (so as to be as inclusive as possible) will be filled out and submitted by the interested NGOs/CSOs/media. A preliminary outline of their proposed eventual outreach campaign will be requested, that may target students, youth, women and other priority groups as defined in the Outreach Strategy, see C2_1) and suggested within the call as examples.	C2_3.1, C2_3.3, C2_4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>invitation for Expressions of Interest to be part of the WES-BCA Community for Climate Action;</li> <li>report with the results of the call and preliminary outreach ideas of participants (including a description of the process followed)</li> </ul>	tbd	Not launched yet
	Organization of roundtables for the selected NGOs/CSOs/Media, focusing on accurate and effective communication and outreach on environmental, biodiversity and climate matters	C2_3.3	<p>The level of engagement to the invitation for participation in the WES-BCA Community for Climate Action and their proposed outreach actions, will contribute to shaping the design, format, etc. of the roundtables in each PC.</p> <p>The participating national/local CSOs, NGOs and media will be assisted via their participation in this sub-task in improving their ability to implement effective and accurate communication and outreach activities on climate and environment, targeting specific groups. These roundtables will include European and non-European Mediterranean national/ local expertise on the thematic areas and on communication/ outreach. The roundtables will also tackle other key prerequisite issues such as Climate Change Education, Education for Sustainable Development, promotion of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Environmental Information, Public Participation, and Access to Justice on Environmental Issues – goals that are highly valued by many NGOs and CSOs.</p>	C2_3.1, C2_3.2, C2_4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>roundtables in each PC;</li> <li>engaged CSOs/ NGOs/ media</li> <li>outreach activities implemented by CSOs/ NGOs</li> </ul>	2026-2027	Not launched yet
	Assessment and review of outreach activities implemented by CSOs/ NGOs to monitor impact	C2_3.4	At the end of the project, a review of the outreach activities implemented by the CSOs/NGOs/media will be done, to assess their impact. The results/impact of their work will have to be captured in a report but also showcased by the overall campaign of the project via appropriate channels (e.g. website, social media, events, etc.).	C2_3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>report with the impact of the outreach activities implemented by CSOs/NGOs</li> </ul>	End of project	Not launched yet
Setup/ enhancement of regional networks (C2_4)	Review of existing networks' activities and their impact in the region	C2_4.1	The review of existing networks' activities and their impact in the region, will include, apart from major ones, less formal ones established e.g. by EU projects, young influencers and multipliers from the region, etc.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>review report (combined with C2_3.1 Assessment Report)</li> </ul>	June-July 2025	Underway
	Formulate and agree on proposals on how to capitalize on what is already active	C2_4.2	<p>Based on the findings of subtask C2_4.1, WES-BCA will elaborate a draft set of proposals on how to capitalize on what is already active. This may entail agreeing on a strategy to further activate/ reinforce/ expand existing networks with a focus on climate and environmental/sustainable development education.</p> <p>Holding an in-person regional meeting with representatives of the networks may take place in October of 2025, to allow for an in-depth exchange on the issues at hand and reach a consensus on the final formulation of the proposals that may guide other processes in the region.</p>	C2_4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>report/strategic document with recommendations (1st draft and final after consultation with the networks);</li> <li>regional meetings (in-person and on-line) of representatives of the networks (at least 2);</li> </ul>	Activities to be launched after June 2025	Not launched yet
	Support, activate and monitor networks' activities to enhance their impact	C2_4.3	Following the 1 <sup>st</sup> regional meeting and the final agreed strategic approach, this subtask would kick in as an extension of subtask C2_4.2, with provision of WES-BCA support to the participating networks (expert advice, partnership and cross-fertilization opportunities,) and monitor, to the extent that the limited duration and resources of the project allows, the networks' activities to enhance the impact of their work on climate and environmental/ sustainable development education and 'people to people' outreach.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>actions supporting the enhancement of the impact of the networks;</li> <li>missions of the NKEs (ad hoc participation);</li> </ul>		

3 OVERALL WES-BCA WORKPLAN

TABLE 3-1: PRESENTATION OF OVERALL WORKPLAN

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Component 1:Water, Biodiversity and Environment																																						
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Activity C1_N-DZ-1: Advancing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and action planning for plastic waste reduction in Algeria																																						
Activity C1_N-DZ-2 : Low-Cost measures for enhanced water efficiency and NRW reduction: follow-up to the WES action plan																																						
Activity C1_N-EG-1 : Supporting sustainable plastic waste management including SUPs in the tourism sector																																						
Activity C1_N-EG-2 (To be selected)																																						
Activity C1_N-IL-1: Advancing appropriate financial models to combat plastic pollution and promote Circular Economy (To be confirmed)																																						
Activity C1_N-IL-2 : National Master Plan for Water Sector – facing the Nexuses – Food Security, Energy and Finance																																						
Activity C1_N-JO-1 : Pre-conceptualization and support to establish a Plastic Waste Recycling/Upcycling Hub near existing waste management infrastructure																																						
Activity C1_N-JO-2: Develop regulations in support of NBS implementation																																						
Activity C1_N-LB-1 : Advancing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and action planning for plastic waste reduction in Lebanon																																						
Activity C1_N-LB-2 : Design of NBS in a Pilot area in Lebanon																																						
Activity C1_N-MO-1 : Financial impact assessment and economic implications of the proposed EPR model																																						
Activity C1_N-MO-2 : Introduce practices to reduce evaporation, conserving water resources, and minimizing water losses in open water systems																																						
Activity C1_N-PS-1 : Support for EQA in preparing the Palestine 7th National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) (Connected with activity C1_HOR-3)																																						
Activity C1_N-PS-2 : Draft standards for NWRM design and implementation and conduct stakeholder consultations to ensure broad support and compliance																																						
Activity C1_N-TN-1 : Enforcement of political and legal measures for the reduction and eventual prohibition of certain types of shopping plastic bags																																						
Activity C1_N-TN-2 : Capacity building and knowledge development on climate-resilient agricultural practices and water management: orientation to strategic crops in Tunisia (cereals and olive trees).																																						
Regional Activities																																						
C1_REG-1 Strengthening regional regulatory frameworks for plastics and Circular Economy alignment (online)																																						
C1_REG/ST-2 Study Tour- Regional event on advancing Green, Blue, and Circular Economies in the Mediterranean through multi-sector collaboration (Sustainable Tourism)																																						
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C1_REG/ST-5 WEFE Nexus best practices in agriculture - Learning from practical approaches of Northern Mediterranean countries																																						
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C1_REG-7 Assess Best Available Technologies for wastewater treatment (WWT) for reuse also involving the evaluation of the feasibility of integrating different renewable energy options with various WWT technologies and providing guidelines for integrating renewable energy with wastewater treatment plants																																						
C1_REG-8 Climate-resilient planning and practices in agriculture including efficient water management techniques in order to help equip irrigation managers/extension officers/WUAs with the knowledge and skills to adapt to Climate Change impacts.																																						

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Component 1:Water, Biodiversity and Environment																																						
Horizontal Activities																																						
C1_HOR-1 Demonstrating the implementation of the WEFE strategy at national level																																						
C1_HOR-2 Climate Change adaptation in the Mediterranean coastal area: catalysing financing/the role of the private sector																																						
C1_HOR-3 Support for WES-BCA PCs in preparing their 7 <sup>th</sup> National Biodiversity Reports under the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)																																						
Component 2: Outreach on Environment and Climate Action																																						
Activity C2.1: Drafting of an Outreach Strategy on Environment and Climate Action																																						
Sub-activity C2_1.1: Review of relevant surveys, publications and opinion polls providing information on the level of awareness on climate and environmental aspects in the WES-BCA PCs																																						
Sub-activity C2_1.2: Consultations with relevant EU services																																						
Sub-activity C2_1.3: Consultations with other stakeholders including project implementers, regional bodies, relevant CSOs, NGOs, Academia and Media active in the region on environment and climate action																																						
Sub-activity C2_1.4: Drafting of the Outreach Strategy																																						
Activity C2.2: Outreach Strategy delivery																																						
Sub-activity C2_2.1: Production and dissemination of communication material																																						
Sub-activity C2_2.2: Preparation and implementation of specific awareness campaigns and outreach activities in the PCs																																						
Sub-activity C2_2.3: Regular monitoring and evaluation of communication campaigns and outreach initiatives																																						
Activity C2.3: Civil society mobilisation																																						
Sub-activity C2_3.1: Assessment of national and/or local NGOs/ CSOs active on environment/ climate action education/ outreach in the region																																						
Sub-activity C2_3.2: Design a participatory and transparent process for selecting appropriate NGOs/CSOs/women’s associations to implement specific outreach activities within the region																																						
Sub-activity C2_3.3: Organization of roundtables for the selected NGOs/CSOs/Media, focusing on accurate and effective communication and outreach on environmental, biodiversity and climate matters																																						
Sub-activity C2_3.4: Assessment and review of outreach activities implemented by CSOs/ NGOs to monitor impact																																						
Activity C2.4: Setup/enhancement of regional networks																																						
Sub-activity C2_4.1: Review of existing networks’ activities and their impact in the region																																						
Sub-activity C2_4.2: Formulate and agree on proposals on how to capitalize on what is already active																																						
Sub-activity C2_4.3: Support, activate and monitor networks’ activities to enhance their impact																																						
Activity C2_0.4: Organisation and grid of relationships (Ad-Hoc Participation)																																						
Component 0: Completion and Other activities																																						
Activity C1_Com: Communication Strategy delivery (material, brochures, website, identity etc)																																						
Activity C1_0.4: Continue the momentum, organisation and grid of relationships																																						
Activity C1_0.5: Support to UfM																																						
Activity C1_0.6: Gender Mainstreaming																																						
Activity IA_C1: Impact Assessment and communications																																						
Activity 0.7: Steering Committee Meetings Preparations and Implementation (excluding the Final Conference)																																						
Activity 0.6: Organisation of the Final Conference/Wrap-up meeting																																						
End of project																																						
Project Management and Backstopping																																						
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Reporting (Inception, 6-monthly progress reports, draft final, final report)																																						
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