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BSERP Exit Strategy



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Why Exit Strategy?

- it identifies which BSERP priority activities
 - which should pass on to the BSC for continued implementation,
 - which to the riparian countries, and
 - those which should phase out



Exit Strategy Includes:

- Consideration of BSERP objectives and planned outcomes with respect to **post-project sustainability**
- Consideration of the **BSC Institutional Review** immediate and mid-term recommendations
- Consideration of the **tools, programmes and activities of EU** (European Neighbourhood Policy, Europaid, etc.) in the BS region, particularly related to the EU Marine Policy
- Agreement on the **transfer of activities and responsibilities** from the BSERP to the BSC Permanent Secretariat and Advisory Groups during 2007 – 2008
- Strategies for the BSC and governments to **bridge financial and technical gaps** upon BSERP conclusion.



Financial Support

- Adequate funding is urgently needed to continue the progress
- Sources of additional funding should not come only from international donors, but also (mostly) from the Black Sea countries
- Commissioners to recommend a new level and allocation of the budget/resources among the Parties to the Convention



Possible Country Contribution

- Countries to pay for the **costs of representatives participation** in the Commission and related bodies
- Each Country could **appoint a full time staff person** in the country to work on BSC issues.
- Countries could pay for staff with **specific expertise to be seconded to the Commission** for periods of one year or longer. Turkey has done this on two occasions on a part time basis.
- Countries could **review the work of their scientific institutes** and see how that work can be used to support the objectives of the Blacks Sea Commission.
- Countries could make **interim voluntary cash contributions** to the Commission where possible.



Outstanding Issues

■ Core activities

- Convention Amendments
- Organisational Structure
- Budget
- Ministerial Meeting (Kiev, 2008)

■ Policy Activities

- SAP national negotiations (provision of costs, reassessments of priorities and time-scales)
- NAPs (production)
- LBSA Protocol (finalisation of regional negotiations and adoption of the Revised LBSA Protocol at the Ministerial Meeting of Contracting Parties, 2008)
- ICZM (as recommended by Feasibility Study)
- LBD on Fisheries and Conservation of Marine Living Resources



Outstanding Issues...

- Science and Information
 - 2nd BS Scientific Conference (Oct 2008)
 - Research cruises and Pilot Monitoring activities
 - Distribution of Zooplankton nets
 - State of Environment Report (2008)
- Investment Activities



Outstanding Issues... ..

- **Public Awareness and Participation**
 - BS Day 2008 (in partnership with UNDP and Coca-Cola)
 - Evaluation of Small Grants projects
- **BSERP Administrative Issues**
 - Terminal Evaluation of BSERP
 - Administrative closure of BSERP office
 - Transfer of goods and equipment to BSC and countries



GEF/BSERP Grant to BSC

- Fee of the Editor of the State of Environment Report (2008)
- 2nd Black Sea Scientific Conference in 2008. Conference is being organised jointly with BS-SCENE EU Project
- Support of national consultations and regional negotiations of the Revised LBSA Protocol
- Further activities related to the Revised BS SAP (2008)



Transfer of Goods

- Computer equipment to AGs and Commissioners
- Furniture, computer and office equipment to BSC/PS
- Project vehicle to BSC/PS
- Monitoring equipment (LADCP, zooplankton nets)
- All publications/reports, visual materials



Conclusions

- GEF through its interventions (BSEP, BSERP I & II) have played an important catalytic role in BS
- A major part of BSERP outputs has been finalised, a clear strategy (and resources) to finalise outstanding issues
- Sustainability mechanisms have been built-in
- BSC to actively cooperate with the EC and its on-going initiatives (EuopeAid, PLANCOAST, DABLAS) to maximise the impact of interventions on objectives of BSC
- Two-step budget strategy of BSC – short and long-term (the latter is mainly based on country contributions)
- Capacity of BSC/PS has to be adequate
- Partnerships to support BSC activities (UNDP, Coca-Cola, etc.)
- To expand public awareness and stakeholder involvement



“If you think you can win, you can win. Faith is necessary to victory.”

William Hazlitt (1778 - 1830)