



MedWet Scientific and Technical Network (STN)

Five Specialist Groups for Mediterranean wetlands conservation and sustainable use.

STRP21 – Ramsar Annual Meeting,
15th-19th January 2018

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Operational Goals in line with the Ramsar Strategic Plan

- Addressing the drivers of Mediterranean wetlands loss and degradation;
- Contributing to the conservation of Mediterranean Ramsar Sites;
- Encouraging the wise use of all Mediterranean wetlands;
- Enhancing the implementation of the Ramsar Convention across the Mediterranean.

Main Objectives of the MedWet/STN

- ❖ to provide scientific and technical support to the MedWet countries.
- ❖ to encourage the establishment of scientific and technical networks at the country level.
- ❖ to provide inputs to the Ramsar STRP.



Functioning of the MedWet/STN



**STN chaired by the
coordinator of MWO
(Ilse Geijzendorffer)**

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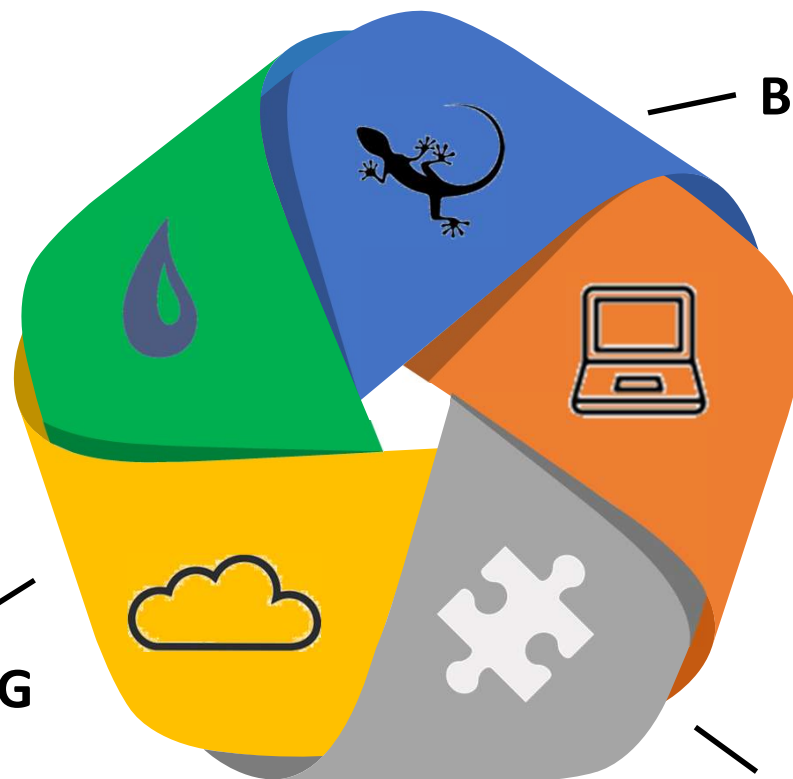
**Manager of the STN
(Flavio Monti)**



Water-SG



Climate change-SG



Biodiversity-SG



Inventories-SG



Ecosystem services-SG





Meet the chairs of the Five Specialist Groups



Biodiversity-SG



Violeta Barrios
IUCN-Med

14 Members

57% Males
43% Females



Inventories-SG



Marc Paganini
ESA

14 Members

79% Males
21% Females



Climate change-SG



Maria Snoussi
Univ Rabat

9 Members

56% Males
44% Females



Ecosystem Services-SG



Özge Balkız
DKM-Turkey



*Ilse
Geijendorffer*
MWO-TdV

8 Members

37% Males
63% Females



Water-SG



*Stefano
Barchiesi*
IUCN

9 Members

67% Males
33% Females

MedWet/STN



54 Members

61% Males
39% Females



Geographical balance of the MedWet/STN Specialist Groups

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Six countries outside the Mediterranean basin:

Belgium-Denmark-The Netherlands
Austria-UK-Switzerland

Major represented countries:

France = 9
Greece = 8
Spain = 7
Italy = 5
Tunisia = 4



Proposal Title: Euro-Mediterranean network for wetlands conservation and sustainable use.

Acronym: MERWEC-Mediterranean Researchers for Wetlands Conservation.

COST Country Institutions(17) :

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, fYR Macedonia.

Near-Neighbour Country Institutions(6) :

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia.

COST Inclusiveness Target Countries: 41.18%





COST Action Proposal



Next proposals' evaluation
April 2018

Possible Expected Funding
>110.000 euro/year
during 4 years

Number of participating countries

24

Number of Proposers

57

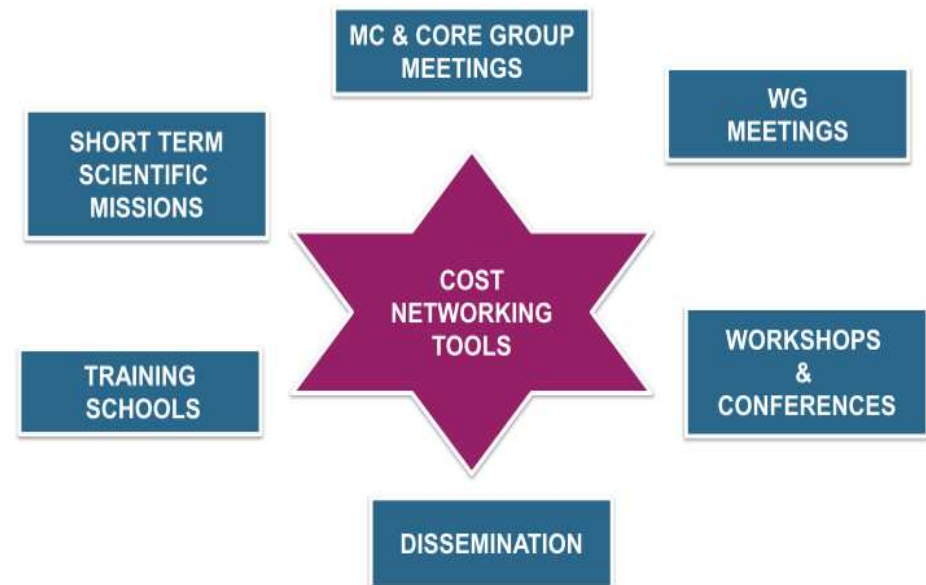
Gender Distribution of Proposers

65% Males

35% Females

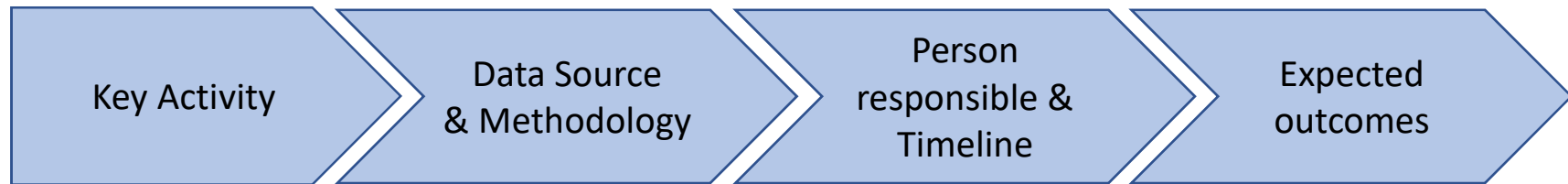
Number of Early Career Investigators

25





Work Plans of the SGs (2018-2020)



Biodiversity-SG:

1

*The monitoring of the **conservation status** of areas of key importance for wetland biodiversity.*

2

*The summary of knowledge on the **conflicts** between biodiversity and human activities.*

3

*Summarizing knowledge on the **values and services** provided by the biodiversity.*



Climate change-SG:

1

Regional synthesis of **climate drivers** that will impact on wetlands and water resources.

2

Assessment of the **Carbon stocks** in the main wetlands types in the Mediterranean.

3

Assessment of the climate-related **risks to coastal wetlands** from sea level rise & marine storms.

4

Communicate the **vulnerability** of wetlands and potential **solutions** in the context of climate change.



Inventories-SG:

1

Define the MedWet **Conceptual Framework** for Wetland Inventories.

2

Develop a robust, novel and cost-effective **Inventory method** with pilot studies.

3

National Cases Demonstration.

4

Link wetland inventories to land use regulation, management & ecosystem services.



Water-SG:

1

Environmental water requirements of
Mediterranean wetlands (Ramsar STRP Policy Brief)

2

Mediterranean wetlands as **natural infrastructure**.

3

Trends and status of “**water indicators**”.



Ecosystem services-SG:

1

To identify **positive futures** for the biodiversity and ecosystem services of Mediterranean wetlands.

2

To assess **economic effects** of land use change on Ecosystem services and the trade-offs.

3

To identifying the importance of wetland ecosystems services to achieving the **17 SDGs**.

4

To identify **key event** to further the importance of ecosystem services provided by Mediterranean wetlands.



MedWet Scientific and Technical Network (STN) is very much looking forward to receive valuable feedbacks for the next Ramsar COP13.



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