



**MedWet**

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The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative  
مبادرة المناطق الرطبة المتوسطية

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**MedWet/Com 13**  
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**Provisional Budget 2019-2021**

**Actions requested: MedWet/Com 13 is invited:**

- to consider the financial explanations, the summary of income and expenditures and the list of country contributions,
- to provide amendments where needed,
- to adopt the annual expenditures and income summarized in table 1,
- to adopt the list of annual contributions by MedWet member states for the years 2019-2021 in table 2, and
- to assure that table 3 summarizing the annual contributions of the MedWet state members will be attached to the Resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives submitted to COPI3 for adoption.

## Summary

The present provisional budget considers the following two scenarios.

- “Business as Usual” scenario with the current countries contribution of 134,426.18 euro (Table 1)
- “New” scenario including an updated countries contribution of 160,000 euro (Table 2)

The two scenarios are the projection of the forecast budgets of the MedWet Initiative for the period 2019-2021. These budgets do not have a full breakdown and are currently presented on the first level only at this stage. As a general premise, it must be considered that the forecast budget for the three-year period 2019-2021 considers two sources of funding.

The first, which we will call "baseline funding", concerns the MedWet countries contribution (Table 3) and is aimed at covering the costs of the core activities for the functioning of MedWet: the Coordinator, the financial and administrative officer, the communication officer, and the office costs. This structure guarantees the essential activities of the Secretariat and therefore the animation of the whole Initiative, in particular: overall coordination, human resources management, financial and administrative management, communication, project preparation and fundraising, continuous support to MedWet/SG and MedWet/Com, collaboration with the Observatory and support for MedWet/STN operation, design and inception of strategic projects such as the Mediterranean Networks of Wetlands Managers (MeRSiM-Net). It should be noted that this baseline income does not cover the costs of consultants, travel and other costs for communication and networking activities.

The second form of funding concerns the additional resources that come mainly from private donors (e.g., MAVA) or from European funding obtained with participation in dedicated calls for projects. The goal is to use the baseline funding to increase MedWet's co-financing capacity to apply for and obtain new funding. Through these additional resources it will be possible to finance all the other activities of the Initiative. The MedWet's Coordinator will take an active lead in delivering fundraising activities and campaigns and engaging with donors. The role of the Coordinator will also include grant seeking and applications plus seeking out and approaching suitable donors who share MedWet's ethos and goals.

Follows is a detailed list of the main expenses and their justification.

### ► Expenses

- A part-time Coordinator (50%). The current budget allows the recruitment of a part-time Coordinator with an estimated gross annual cost of 48,000 euro. The part-time Coordinator cost is covered by the baseline funding in both scenarios (Table 1 and Table 2).

- Staff costs:

- an administrative and financial officer (part time, 80%)
- a communication officer (full time)

The Secretariat staff cost is covered by the baseline funding in both scenarios (Table 1 and Table 2).

- Experts and consultants:

The following missions are performed by two regular consultants:

- communication tools and website
- animation of the MedWet Scientific and Technical Network
- support to the development of the MeRSiM-Net (Mediterranean Ramsar Sites Managers Network)

The total cost varies according to the scenario. In case of scenario “Business as Usual”, the cost for Experts and Consultants is 32,000 euro. In case of scenario “New”, the cost for Experts and Consultants is 52,000 euro.

- Official travel

- expenses for the Coordinator, employees and other consultants: In the scenario “Business as Usual” the average cost is 10,000 euro per year while for the scenario “New” it is 15,000 euro.
- MedWet/SG travel costs and one MedWet/Com physical meeting planned in 2021 (this cost will rise to 15,000 in 2021)

- Office costs based on the real expenses 2018.

- Communication services

As for the scenario “New”, an extra cost of 3,500 is considered to update the general template. Average costs to maintain the website are 1,500/year in both scenarios. A small increase of 3,500 in 2020 is planned to update the general structure of the website.

## ► Income

- Country contributions

The main income of MedWet is the baseline funding ensured by countries’ contributions. In the scenario “Business as Usual” a contribution of 134,426.18 is considered (Table 1).

In the “New” scenario an updated countries contribution of 160,000 euro is considered as proposed by the participants of the Malaga Meeting (i.e., France, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain and Tunisia). This amount needs to be approved by the MedWet/Com 13 in Dubai.

The MedWet baseline funding, suggested by the participants at the Malaga meeting, does not propose to establish any new system, nor to introduce any change in how the amount is split between countries. It is simply proposed to apply and update the formerly adopted key of distribution of the countries’ contributions, as it was published earlier in the annexes to two subsequent Resolutions, but not updated since. By doing so, MedWet continues to mirror exactly what the Ramsar Convention does at global level: follow the up-to-date UN evaluation of each country’s economic strength and allocate a contribution coefficient according to this up-to-date evaluation, plus applying a minimal amount of annual contributions for countries who would otherwise pay less (as Ramsar also does at global level). This means that annual contributions for each country may increase or decrease, according to changes in its economic situation, within the framework developed by the UN to make individual contributions for each country as equitable as possible, by taking into account their actual economic situations (i.e., richer countries pay more than poorer countries), and countries may become richer or poorer from one year to the next, according to objectively measured criteria.

Please find attached in Table 3 the current and the updated countries contribution. The updated contribution is calculated using the UN scale of contributions for 2018. The contributions for 2019 – 2021 are indicative only. The exact figures will be calculated on the basis of the UN scale for each year, when it is known. In line with Ramsar practice, and with what MedWet has decided earlier, a minimum contribution of 514 euro is applied for those countries who would pay less according to the UN scale.

- French Water Agency

This funding is not assured after April 2019. Only the funding for the period 01 January 2019 – 30 April 2019 is included (15,000 euro)

- Funding from other donors

MedWet will continue to benefit from MAVAs financial support on some projects (e.g., Communication Campaign on the value of Coastal Wetlands) until July 2020. The Secretariat is in the process of defining an agreement with the Mangrove Foundation, which is willing to finance some MedWet activities for at least three years up to a maximum of 40-50,000 euro/year. Some concrete funding opportunities will come from the CONNECT-MED project proposal (potential funding 388,000 euro per 3 years, 2019-2021), WetNet2 (potential funding 240,000 euro per 3 years, 2019-2021) which has been submitted to the ENIC CBC MED Call for Standard Projects. The results will be known by the beginning of 2019. In the meantime, the Secretariat is currently working on new project proposals to be submitted for EU funding (e.g., Horizon2020 and MED).

**Table I.** Budget forecast of the “Business as Usual” scenario for the triennium 2019-2021

<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>COORDINATOR</b>			
Part time (50%)	48,000	48,000	48,000
<b>STAFF COSTS</b>			
All salaries including taxes and social charges	90,000	90,000	90,000
<b>EXPERTS &amp; CONSULTANTS</b>			
Regular needs (STN, MeRSiM-Net and Com)	29,000	29,000	29,000
Other experts	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>OFFICIAL TRAVEL</b>			
MedWet Coordinator	6,000	6,000	6,000
MedWet Secretariat Staff	4,000	4,000	4,000
MedWet/Com and MedWet/SG	3,000	3,000	15,000
<b>OFFICE COSTS</b>			
Office management	18,000	18,000	18,000
<b>COMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>			
Website & dissemination	1,500	1,500	1,500
Communication tools	3,500	3,500	3,500
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Miscellaneous expenses	2,000	2,500	2,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>208,000</b>	<b>211,500</b>	<b>220,000</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Medwet country contributions	134,500	134,500	134,500
Agence de l'Eau	15,000		
Funding from other donors	58,500	77,000	85,500
<b>Total income</b>	<b>208,000</b>	<b>211,500</b>	<b>220,000</b>
<b>Final Balance Income - Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 2.** Budget forecast of the “New” scenario for the triennium 2019-2021

Budget Line	2019	2020	2021
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>COORDINATOR</b>			
Part time (50%)	48,000	48,000	48,000
<b>STAFF COSTS</b>			
All salaries including taxes and social charges	90,000	90,000	90,000
<b>EXPERTS &amp; CONSULTANTS</b>			
Regular needs (STN, MeRSiM-Net and Com)	49,000	49,000	49,000
Other experts	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>OFFICIAL TRAVEL</b>			
MedWet Coordinator	9,000	9,000	9,000
MedWet Secretariat Staff	6,000	6,000	6,000
MedWet/Com and MedWet/SG	3,000	3,000	15,000
<b>OFFICE COSTS</b>			
Office management	18,000	18,000	18,000
<b>COMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>			
Website & dissemination	1,500	5,000	1,500
Communication tools	4,000	4,000	4,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Miscellaneous expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			
	<b>233,500</b>	<b>237,000</b>	<b>245,500</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Medwet country contributions	160,000	160,000	160,000
Agence de l'Eau	15,000	-	-
Funding from other donors	58,500	77,000	85,500
<b>Total income</b>			
	<b>233,500</b>	<b>237,000</b>	<b>245,500</b>
<b>Final Balance</b>			
<b>Income - Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 3.** MedWet Countries Contribution (current and updated to UN Scale 2018 and to the baseline budget of 160,000 euro)

Country	Percentage MedWet countries used for 2018 invoices	CURRENT Contribution, amounts invoiced to each country in 2018 (euro)	UN 2018 percentage (all countries)	Percentage rate proposed to be invoiced in 2019 based on UN 2018 rate	UPDATED contribution, amounts proposed to be invoiced to each country in 2019 (euro)
Albania	0.38	514.04	0.008	0.06	514.04
Algeria	0.52	704.49	0.161	1.12	1,770.10
Andorra	0.38	514.04	0.006	0.04	514.04
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.38	514.04	0.013	0.09	514.04
Bulgaria	0.38	514.04	0.045	0.31	514.04
Croatia	0.38	514.04	0.099	0.69	514.04
Cyprus	0.38	514.04	0.043	0.30	514.04
Egypt	0.54	719.38	0.152	1.06	1,671.15
France	38.32	51,511.12	4.859	33.89	53,421.92
The FYR of Macedonia	0.38	514.04	0.007	0.05	514.04
Greece	3.62	4,872.41	0.471	3.28	5,178.37
Israel	2.54	3,415.90	0.43	3.00	4,727.60
Italy	23.73	31,903.92	3.748	26.14	41,207.11
Jordan	0.38	514.04	0.02	0.14	514.04
Lebanon	0.38	514.04	0.046	0.32	514.04
Libya	0.38	514.04	0.125	0.87	514.04
Malta	0.38	514.04	0.016	0.11	514.04
Monaco	0.38	514.04	0.01	0.07	514.04
Montenegro	0.38	514.04	0.004	0.03	514.04
Morocco	0.38	514.04	0.054	0.38	514.04
Portugal	3.20	4,307.91	0.392	2.73	4,309.82
Serbia	0.38	514.04	0.032	0.22	514.04
Slovenia	0.65	874.70	0.084	0.59	923.53
Spain	18.05	24,263.14	2.443	17.04	26,859.38
Syrian Arab Republic	0.38	514.04	0.024	0.17	514.04
Tunisia	0.38	514.04	0.028	0.20	514.04
Turkey	2.32	3,114.53	1.018	7.10	11,192.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>134,426.18</b>	<b>14.34</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>160,000.00</b>

**Note:** This table is calculated using the UN scale of contributions for the years indicated. The calculations for 2019 and beyond are only indicative; the exact numbers will be calculated on the basis of the UN scale for each year, when it is known. The minimum contribution is set to 514.04 euro.