

# Introductory Course to the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Barcelona Convention

## *Course Syllabus*



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## Learning objectives

This Course will introduce you to the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. It will provide you with an overall overview of how the 22 Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention take action to protect the marine environment and the coastal region of the Mediterranean, thus contributing to the vision of a healthy Mediterranean, sustainably managed and preserved for the present and future generations.

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Describe the key legal obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols
2. Define the institutional arrangements put in place to implement the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols
3. List the major strategies and guiding principles at the heart of the Mediterranean Action Plan

## Content and duration

The e-learning course is comprised of three lessons and interactive modules. The core content of these lessons is complemented with additional materials, such as videos, publications and/or external websites.

It will take you two hours approximately to complete the course, excluding additional materials. You can manage your time as you wish; and retake

## Assessment and certificate

Take the 10-question quiz the end of the course to assess your learning progress. You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly in order to obtain your certificate.

Before obtaining the certificate you also need to submit the course survey (your feedback). This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new courses and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Unit	Content	Learning objectives
<b>Lesson 1 – Legal framework</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Background</li> <li>2. MAP Phase II: Objectives</li> <li>3. Barcelona Convention: Obligations and objectives</li> <li>4. Protocols</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Narrate the history and background of the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Barcelona Convention</li> <li>2. Describe the main objectives and obligations of the Barcelona Convention</li> <li>3. Match each Protocol to the Convention with its objective and scope</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 2- Institutional framework</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Governing Bodies</li> <li>2. The Compliance Committee</li> <li>3. The Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development</li> <li>4. The Coordinating Unit and MAP Components, including the Mediterranean Pollution Assessment and Control Programme (MED POL) and the Regional Activity Centers</li> <li>5. Partnerships</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the overall institutional framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan</li> <li>2. Tell the main role and functions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Governing Bodies</li> <li>• The Compliance Committee</li> <li>• The Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development</li> <li>• The Coordinating Unit and Mediterranean Action Plan Components</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 3 – Key strategies and guiding Principles</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021</li> <li>2. Ecosystem Approach</li> <li>3. Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the key features of the different strategies and guiding principles of the Mediterranean Action Plan</li> </ol>



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