

Independent Terminal Evaluation of SwitchMed II - 180228

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OBJECTIVES



ASSESS

progress made in achieving stated objectives while focusing on the four specific outcomes at regional level



REVIEW

governance, monitoring, and learning structures of project to propose improvements for future regional projects



IDENTIFY

challenges and constraints during implementation of project to propose potential solutions and improvements



IDENTIFY

best practices and lessons learned to inform future projects

SCOPE

The scope of the evaluation was limited to SwitchMed II's implementation period from **January 2019 to June 2024**. In the context of a regional project implemented in eight countries, the aim was to evaluate the project at the **outcome level** while focusing on achievement of objectives at the **regional level**, composed of the following:
Component 1: Direct support to private sector
Component 2: Creation of an enabling environment
Component 3: Coordination, networking and communication
Component 4: Blue Economy

METHODOLOGY



THEORY OF CHANGE



MIXED METHODS



PRIMARY DATA:

- Key Informant Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Survey



SECONDARY DATA:

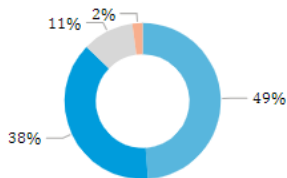
- Project documents
- SM Knowledge Products

CONCLUSION

SwitchMed II supported the transition to green, blue and circular economy, achieving significant outcomes in sustainability, resource efficiency, and business development, despite delays and coordination challenges.

KEY FINDINGS

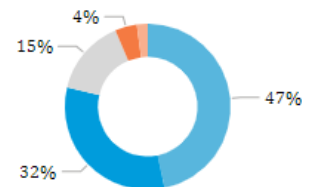
Objectives meet needs, policies and priorities of your organization



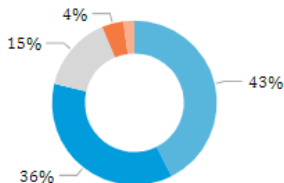
Successful in targeting comprehensive ecosystem of stakeholders in the region



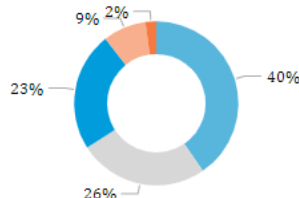
Adequate and efficient governance and management



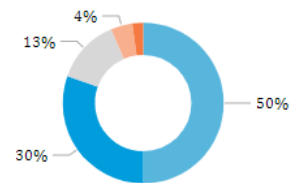
Effective and innovative partnerships



Development of new business activities and decent employment



Net benefits will or are likely to continue



COUNTRIES INVOLVED

Algeria Lebanon
 Egypt Morocco
 Israel Palestine
 Jordan Tunisia



PROJECT OUTCOMES

Outcome 1: Enhanced economic opportunities for industry and start-ups following new green and circular business models

Outcome 2: Enabling environment for resource efficient and a Circular Economy created at national and regional level

Outcome 3: Facilitate knowledge and information sharing for accelerating the uptake of green and Circular Economy

Outcome 4: Increase efficiency and competitiveness of key marine sectors and reduce their negative environmental impacts on the marine ecosystem

BUDGET

€22,012,000

DONORS



EU DG NEAR



AGENZIA ITALIANA
 PER LA COOPERAZIONE
 ALLO SVILUPPO

Italian Development
 Cooperation (co-financier)



Agència de
 Residus de
 Catalunya

Catalan Waste Agency
 (co-financier)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES



UNIDO



MedWaves



UNEP



1. Enhance the engagement of partners and stakeholders in project design and implementation



5. UNIDO should build on the achievements of SwitchMed II to scale its interventions in the region



2. Enhance the integration of regional and national interventions



3. Enhance project governance and coordination



6. UNEP should continue strengthening policy frameworks and promoting country-driven approaches to the transition towards Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), and a circular economy in the Mediterranean



4. MedWaves should continue improving the support provided to Switchers



7. EU DG NEAR should consider better adapting project design and funding rules to national contexts and crises

