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

- 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)