

## **Horizon 2020 - De-pollute the Mediterranean!**

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A key pillar of the environmental strategy for the Mediterranean is 'Horizon 2020', an initiative to tackle the top sources of Mediterranean pollution by the year 2020 that was endorsed by leaders of Euro-Mediterranean countries at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Euro-Mediterranean Summit in Barcelona in 2005.

The Mediterranean strategy fleshes out the detail of Horizon 2020, grouping planned activities under four headings:

- Projects to reduce the most significant sources of pollution. The initial focus will be on industrial emissions, municipal waste and urban waste water, which are responsible for up to 80% of Mediterranean Sea pollution.
- Capacity-building measures to help neighbouring countries create national environmental administrations that are able to develop and police environmental laws.
- Using the Commission's research budget to develop greater knowledge of environmental issues relevant to the Mediterranean and ensure this is shared.
- Developing indicators to monitor the success of Horizon 2020.

For getting more information about the initiative please click [here](#).

Source: EU Commission web site (DG Environment).