

Preparation of the MedECC Second Mediterranean Assessment (MAR2) Pre-scoping questionnaire

The MedECC Steering Committee (SC) proposes preparing a Second Mediterranean Assessment Report (MAR2) for publication in 2028. This report aims to provide updated regional information on the challenges of climate and environmental change tailored to the Mediterranean's unique characteristics. Building on the rapid evolution of scientific knowledge, MAR2 will reflect significant research advancements on key themes, encompassing the entire range of issues, and assess progress on actions since MAR1. MAR2 will also identify knowledge gaps, informing the areas that require further research and data collection, as well as identifying action needed to address climate-related challenges. The preparation of MAR2 will align with the IPCC model of publishing reports approximately every seven years. The report will represent the collaborative efforts of a team of leading experts and scientists who will volunteer their time and expertise without any financial compensation. Its preparation will follow the established principles of scientific assessments, similar to those applied for MAR1 and the IPCC, involving an open and rigorous process of author selection, external peer-review, and stakeholder consultation. The development of the report will include several stages of drafting, an open and transparent review and revision process, and consultation with stakeholders to ensure scientific accuracy and robustness, as well as strong policy-relevance. The Summary for Policymakers (SPM) will be the main outcome of the report and is anticipated to undergo the approval procedure by Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Member States representatives, Focal Points of the United Nations Environment Program/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and Plan Bleu/Regional Activity Center, as well as the submission for endorsement at the 25th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP25) in December 2027.

The report's precise content and outline will be developed in consultation with scientists, experts, and stakeholders during the online scoping meeting scheduled for April 2025. We are pleased to invite you to participate in a questionnaire to gather input on the structure and content of the MAR2 report.

This survey is addressed to interested and qualified experts, including scientists, governments, intergovernmental organisations, decision-makers, practitioners, and other knowledge holders. The survey is open from 27 January 2025 to 2 March 2025. The questionnaire aims at identifying policy relevant questions and scientific and technical topics to be addressed in the report. The responses received will be synthesised and made available to the Scoping Meeting participants. As a policymaker, scientist, or expert working in the Mediterranean region, your input is essential to ensure that the assessment addresses the most pressing issues and provides relevant and actionable knowledge for policymakers and stakeholders.

You can access the questionnaire by following [this link](#). Completing the survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes. Please submit your responses by 2 March 2025. Your responses will be kept confidential and used only for the purpose of the Scoping Meeting.

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