

The Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): Enhancing Environmental Security is a Global Environment Facility (GEF) multi-focal initiative in the Mediterranean region, executed by UNEP/MAP and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) under the Barcelona Convention. Implemented from 2020 to 2026, the Programme is supported by a GEF grant of USD 42.3 million, complemented by USD 708 million in co-financing, and delivered through eight Child Projects to reduce pollution affecting people, ecosystems, and the Mediterranean Sea.

Amongst other issues, addresses pollution from untreated wastewater and persistent organic pollutants (POPs) linked to public and private sector activities. Across Mediterranean coastal zones, water-intensive industries, wastewater systems, electricity assets, ports and other facilities need practical investment support to introduce cleaner technologies, reduce releases to water and manage hazardous equipment safely. Limited access to concessional finance and investment-ready pipelines slows the shift from technical solutions to real depollution results.

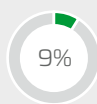


## Child Project 1.3

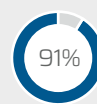
Accelerates ENVITECC investments in wastewater treatment, POPs reduction and pollution prevention through technical assistance, GEF grants and EBRD financing.



Duration  
**2020-2026**



GEF Grant  
**USD 8.75 million**



Approved Co-financing  
**USD 90.00 million**

## Key Targets

### Cleaner investment

Finance cleaner wastewater treatment and reuse, and support POPs reduction.

### Technical assistance

Prepare audits, guides, feasibility studies and investment pipelines for depollution.

### Pollution prevention

Treat and reuse wastewater and remove or prevent POPs before they reach ecosystems.

## Results to Date

### ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT



**Support advanced treatment, reuse and cleaner wastewater management in investment projects**

#### CURRENT STATUS

Three GEF grant agreements signed with linked EBRD loans: Coca-Cola HBC Egypt, Nador West Med BILZ and Guelmim-Oued Noun WWTP reuse.

### POPs REMOVAL AND PREVENTION



**Prepare safe removal, disposal and replacement of PCB equipment and PFAS-containing foams**

#### CURRENT STATUS

PCB audit completed in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Tunisia PCB screening, training and disposal support scheduled for 2026; Türkiye PCB disposal and PFAS-free transition activities scheduled from 2026.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PIPELINES



**Build investment-ready pipelines and guidance for cleaner technologies across eligible countries**

#### CURRENT STATUS

POPs and wastewater technology guides completed in 2023; Green City planning in Morocco and an industrial depollution roadmap in Türkiye form part of the 2026 pipeline.



## Activities and Countries Affected



### ■ POPs prevention, safer alternatives and investment pipelines

Guidance and pipeline work for responsible POPs management, safer firefighting foams, PFAS-free transition and industrial depollution.

### ○ Wastewater treatment, reuse and infrastructure

Investment and technical-assistance support for wastewater treatment and reuse in Egypt and Morocco, and feasibility work in Tunisia.

### ▲ PCB management and disposal

PCB audit in Bosnia and Herzegovina; screening, training and disposal preparation in Tunisia; disposal preparation in Türkiye.

### □ Green city and inclusive investment planning

Guelmim-Oued Noun Green City and Gender Action Plan linking cleaner investment with inclusive regional planning.

## Implementation and Partnerships

Child Project 1.3 is implemented by EBRD with public and private sector partners, supporting investments and technical assistance across the eight ENVITECC countries.



CP 1.3 contributes to SDG targets 6.3, 12.4 and 14.1 by financing cleaner wastewater treatment and reuse, supporting POPs reduction and strengthening pollution prevention in Mediterranean coastal areas.

