

**Annual Programme Report 2016**  
**EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2009-2014**  
**PROGRAMME GR.02 'INTERGRATED MARINE AND INLAND WATER**  
**MANAGEMENT'**

Checklist questions before submitting the Annual Programme Report	YES	NO
Does the executive summary serve as a stand-alone document?	X	
Does this report provide analyses on how activities so far have contributed to progress towards targeted results using agreed output and outcome indicators?	X	
Have successful bilateral achievements been highlighted?	X	
Have all the sections in the Annual Programme Report been addressed, including any relevant horizontal concerns?	X	

### ***1. Executive summary***

In 2016, all projects were under implementation for achievements towards the objectives of reducing economic and social disparities and in particular towards the environment and the improvement of water supply, integrated -inland and marine- water management and coastal zone protection through selected studies and projects.

All the project contracts have been signed and are under implementation.

One out of twelve (12) projects of outcome 1 has been completed in 2016 and provides 900m<sup>3</sup>/day of clean desalinated water to 4.500 residents and tourists in Oia, in Santorini island.

The predefined project continued implementation, and all its procurement tenders were published and contracts signed within 2016

The Small Grant Scheme II, which granted 12 scholarships for post-doc and PhD studies in the Donor countries, was implemented and finalised by the end of September 2016.

The deadline of implementation of the aforementioned projects for outcome 1 and 2 is 30 April 2017.

The programme runs with no major risks.

Strong and substantial bilateral relationships are established through the selected projects. These relationships are characterized by cooperation between institutions, academia, civil society and public sector. The PO estimates that the four distinctive results will contribute more or less equally to the strengthening of the bilateral relations.

In 2016, measure b for bilateral relations was launched with a call for proposals. In addition the PO organized a 3-day event, under complementary actions, in June 2016 in Athens, with the

aim to exchange experiences and best practices related to the implementation of Programmes within the Programme Area “Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management” (02).

## **2. Programme area specific developments**

The overall objectives of the EEA Financial Mechanism (FM) are:

- reduction of economic and social disparities in the EEA and EU
- enhance bilateral relations between the Donor States and the beneficiary ones.

The objective of the Programme area GR02 is to ensure good environmental status of marine and inland waters in the EU.

The objectives of the Programme area will be implemented with 12 projects, the predefined project and the Small Grant Scheme II. More specifically, three projects constitute of procurement and installation of desalination units for drinking water in Telendos, Pserimos, Ios islands and Oia in Thira island in order to improve the quality of drinking water and protect the ground water reserves. The project in Leros Island consists of procurement and installation of a system for improvement and control of water quality and distribution. The remaining eight projects constitute of studies which be implemented by universities and other bodies in partnerships and will increase knowledge and awareness of the protection and management of water bodies suffering from environmental problems or biodiversity loss and knowledge concerning the integrated marine and islands policy or the protection / management of coastal areas.

The pre-defined project which is entitled: ‘Implementation of an integrated marine monitoring programme, in compliance with the requirements of the EU marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC’, is implemented by 5 sub-projects. Four of them are procurement and one in house implementation.

The Small Grant Scheme II provides grants for Ph-D students and post-doc researchers, in the field of marine and inland water resources management.

The Small Grant Scheme I which concerns implementation of environmental education programme in schools will not be implemented, due to lack of resources, according to the decisions taken in the EEA Grants annual meeting held on the 4th November 2015.

There is synergy with the intervention field 021 “Water management and drinking water conservation (including river basin management, water supply, specific climate change adaptation measures, district and consumer metering, charging systems and leak reduction)” of the European Structural and Investment Funds for the period 2014-2020.

## **3. Reporting on outputs**

### **3.1 Summary and analysis of how the selected projects are contributing to each of the Programme outputs**

Three calls for submission of proposals – each one is related to each of the 3 outputs of outcome 1 - were published by the Programme Operator in 2014, with deadline for submission of proposals the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2015. The selection procedure took place according to the terms described in the calls with no particular problems. The financed projects are expected to contribute to the output targets, in particular they are expected to overcome the output 1 and output 2 targets, by far.

The expected contribution of the projects to the output indicators is provided in the following table:

<b>Outcome : More intergraded management of marine and inland waters</b>			
<b>Output 1.: Water quality improved for drinking or irrigation purposes in islands</b>			
<b>Funded projects</b>	<b>Output Indicator</b>	<b>Target Value</b>	<b>Output Value of selected projects</b>
1. SUPPLY OF DESALINATION UNITS OF PSERIMOS AND TELENDOS	Production of quality improved water for drinking or irrigation purposes (m3/day)	2.500	200
2. SUPPLY OF A MOBILE SEA WATER DESALINATION UNIT FOR OIA			900
3. SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND SET IN OPERATION OF A SYSTEM FOR DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENT AND QUALITY CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION IN LEROS MUNICIPALITY			4.668
4. SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND SET IN OPERATION FOR "UPGRADING AND MODERNIZATION OF A DESALINATION, REFINERY AND DRINKING WATER PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION QUALITY SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IETE"			2.800
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2.500</b>	<b>8.568</b>
<b>Output 2.: Increased knowledge and awareness on the protection and management of water bodies suffering from environmental problems or biodiversity loss</b>			
<b>Funded projects</b>	<b>Output Indicator</b>	<b>Target Value</b>	<b>Output Value of selected projects</b>
1. IMPROVED KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF THE MINIMALLY REQUIRED LEVEL	Number of studies leading to Increased knowledge and awareness of the protection and management of water bodies.	2	5
2. INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AND MAPPING STUDY TO IMPROVE SPERCHIOS RIVER CATCHMENT AREA AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLANS			2
3. INNOVATIVE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT METHODOLOGIES FOR ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE REGION OF CRETE-AQUAMAN			1
4. ENHANCED KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON ATTICA WETLANDS RECOMPOSITION AND REHABILITATIONA			5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>Output 3.: Increased knowledge concerning the integrated marine and islands policy or the protection / management of coastal areas</b>			
<b>Funded projects</b>	<b>Output Indicator</b>	<b>Target Value</b>	<b>Output Value of selected projects</b>
1. STUDIES AND RECORDING OF EROSION PHENOMENA REVERSION ON AEGEAN ISLANDS TOURIST BEACHES	Number of studies and/or interventions leading to increased knowledge concerning the intergrated marine and inland policy or the protection/manageme nt of coastal areas.	4	1
2. MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING ON THE AEGEAN FOR BIODIVERSITY PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION			1
3. SMART SYSTEM DESIGN FOR WATER NETWORKS SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT: APPLICATION IN CRETE			1
4. THE ANOXIC ZONE OF AMVRAKIKOS BAY: DEPICTION, IMPACT, MANAGEMENT /UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS			1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

The 12 projects, related to outputs 1, 2, 3, were contracted by the Programme Operator on the 2nd of September 2015. The implementation of the projects started in the last quarter of 2015. In 2016 all projects progressed in implementation and one project is finalised. This project is the installation of a desalination unit in Oia of Santorini Island which lead to Production of 900 m3/day of quality improved water for drinking or irrigation purposes. All the output indicators of the selected projects are expected to be met, when the projects are completed.

### 3.2 Summary of the pre-defined project implementation

There is one predefined project in the Programme entitled:  
 “Implementation of an integrated marine monitoring programme, in compliance with the requirements of the EU marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC’.  
 Project Promoter: The Hellenic Centre for Marine Research.

The expected contribution of the projects to the output indicators is provided in the following table:

<b>Output</b>	<b>Output Indicator</b>	<b>Target Value</b>	<b>Predefined project Output value</b>
<b>Upgrades of existing systems for an integrated marine monitoring programme.</b>	Number of intergrated marine monitoring programmes implemented, cf MSFD Article 5(2iv)	1	1
<b>Increased area coverage of marine waters’ monitoring programmes</b>	Number of marine sub-regions (cf MSFD, article 4(2) where a monitoring programme has been implemented.	3	3

The predefined project application was submitted and positively evaluated in 2014 and the project contract was signed in January 2015. The project is implemented by five (5) sub-contracts: four (4) procurements and one (1) in house implementation. In 2016, all the

contracts for the procurements have been signed. Two of the procurements have been finalised and the rest of the works are in progress. The project is expected to finish in April 2017.

**3.3 Summary of the Small Grant Schemes I and II implementation**

- SGS I: “Environmental Educational programmes in primary and secondary education in the field of Water resources.”

***Output for SGS I: Increased knowledge and awareness among students in primary and secondary public schools on the importance of protecting water resources***

SGS I will not be implemented, according to the decisions taken in the Annual meeting of the 4th of November 2015, which lead to the amendment of the MoU and the Programme Agreement. In 15 December 2016, the Programme Agreement Annexes were modified accordingly.

- SGS II: “Grants to graduates of higher education in the fields of marine and inland water resources management in Donor State’s institutions or universities”

***Output for SGS II: Graduates, fellows / scholars, of higher education in the field of marine and inland water resources management spend time in and/or exposed to and/or learn from donor states’ institutions or universities***

This includes grants for PhD students or postdoctoral researchers to carry out part of the doctoral (PhD) studies or postdoctoral research in one of the European Economic Area (EEA) donor countries’ institutions or universities – Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein- in fields of knowledge relevant to the sector of “Marine and Inland Management of Water Resources

One (1) invitation for applications was published in January 2015 which resulted in four (4) scholarships. A supplementary invitation for applications was published in June 2015 which resulted in eight (8) scholarships. In total 12 scholarships derived from SGS II during 2015. All the grant-holders completed their studies in the donor countries by the end of September 2016.

The output indicator is provided in the following table:

<b>Output for SGS II:</b>	<b>SGS II Output indicator</b>	<b>Target value</b>	<b>Achieved Output value</b>
<b>Graduates, fellows, / scholars, grants for studies/research in the field of marine and inland water resources management spend time in and/or exposed to and/or learn from donor states’ institutions or universities</b>	Number of graduates, fellows, /scholars, grants for studies/research in the field of marine and inland water resources management in institutions or universities of donor states	22	12

It is worthy to highlight that there have been scholarships for all of the 3 donor countries. Scholarships were awarded for Iceland and Lichtenstein, which are rare destinations for Greek scholar-holders. Also an equal number of scholarships for Ph-D and post-Doc positions have been awarded.

The following table describes the level of studies and the country for which the scholarships of SGS II is given:

<b>SGS II N° of Scholarships</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Level of Studies</b>
5	Norway	PhD
4	Norway	Post-Doc
1	Iceland	PhD
1	Iceland	Post-Doc
1	Liechtenstein	Post-Doc

#### **4. Reporting on Programme outcome(s)**

**Expected Outcome: more integrated management of marine and inland water resources**

The projects' outcome indicator to the outcome 'more integrated management of marine and inland water resources', is expected to overcome the target of the outcome indicator, as demonstrated below:

<b>Outcome Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline (people)</b>	<b>Target (people)</b>	<b>Expected projects' outcome indicator value (people)</b>
Population of the areas where actions for the improvement of the management of water resources have been implemented.	0	4000	21.900

The project "Supply of a mobile sea water desalination unit in Oia", which was finalized in 2016, provides to 4.500 residents and tourists 900m<sup>3</sup>/day clean desalinated water for every use.

**Expected Outcome: Improved monitoring of marine waters**

The predefined project “Implementation of an integrated marine monitoring programme, in compliance with the requirements of the EU marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC’ is the only project contributing to this outcome.

The main objective of the project is to facilitate the implementation of the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive concerning the continuous monitoring and evaluation of the environmental status in the marine areas under the jurisdiction of the Hellenic Republic. The project will deliver the following:

- Upgrade and expand the existing monitoring platforms with new sensors and technologies,
- Data-sets and quality assessed time-series that estimate qualitative descriptors such as eutrophication, alternations of hydrography, noise and distribution and abundance of small pelagic fish.

This will result in an increase in the area covered by marine waters’ monitoring programs. The project will deliver data through web tools and applications deriving from operational marine observations and forecasting.

It will also improve the fisheries data collected within the current monitoring programs and harmonize the estimation of the small pelagic fish stocks with the ecosystem approach to fisheries.

The outcome indicator and the predefined project contribution is demonstrated below:

<b>Outcome Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Expected projects’ outcome indicator value</b>
Number of environmental monitoring programmes implemented	0	1	1

**Expected Outcome: Increased awareness of and education in integrated marine and inland water management**

<b>Outcome Indicators</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Expected and achieved projects’ outcome indicator value</b>
Number of educational programmes in primary and secondary education, in the field of water resources	0	0	0
Number of graduates, fellows/scholars granted for studies/research in the field of marine and inland water resources management in donor states’ institutions or universities	0	22	12

The outcome indicator ‘number of educational programmes in primary and secondary education, in the field of water resources’ is null, after the modification of the Programme Agreement, which entered into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

The second outcome indicator ‘number of graduates, fellows/scholars granted for studies/research in the field of marine and inland water resources management in donor states’ institutions or universities’ has been achieved only in part, as only 12 applicants have been granted scholarships and completed their studies by the end of September 2016.

The main risk identified during 2016 was the delay in launching some projects. The Project operator facilitated and provided the necessary advice to the project promoters in order to overcome the negative effects of the delay.

The existence of a descriptive Management and Control System which sets out in detail the procedures to be followed during the implementation of the Programme, reduces significantly the risks of failure during the implementation of the projects.

The Programme is neutral in terms of horizontal concerns, such as Roma inclusion, promoting tolerance, multicultural understanding and respects for rights of minorities.

## 5. Project selection

In 2016 there was no call issued for the Programme area GR02.

A summary for the calls published in 2014 follows:

Open call / output	No of submitted proposals	No of proposals with donor partnership	No of selected projects	No of selected projects with donor partnership
GR.02.01/output 1	19	0	4	0
GR.02.02/output 2	29	11	4	4
GR.02.03/output 3	43	12	4	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>

The analysis of the available calls’ budget, the submitted proposals’ and the financed projects’ budget is provided below:

Open call / output	Budget (€)	Budget of submitted proposals (€)	Budget of financed projects (€)
GR.02.01/output 1	3.500.000	20.303.300	3.481.250
GR.02.02/output 2	1.500.000	10.651.620	1.555.270
GR.02.03/ output 3	1.500.000	16.475.420	1.487.330
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6.500.000</b>	<b>47.430.340</b>	<b>6.523.850</b>

The selection procedure was implemented smoothly.

### 1. OPEN CALL for the Small Grant Scheme II and a supplementary:



**SCHOLARSHIPS IKY –EEA FOR POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH OR PART OF THE DOCTORAL (Ph.D) STUDIES IN NORWAY, ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN (EEA) IN THE FIELD OF “INTEGRATED MARINE AND INLAND MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES”**

Related output “Graduates, fellows/scholars, of higher education in the field of marine and inland water resources management spend time in and /or exposed to and/or learn from donor states’ institutions or universities.

Scholarships were for the academic year 2014-2015, involving at least 22 participants. Scholarship component of the programme GR02 supports PhD students or postdoctoral researchers to carry out part of the doctoral (PhD) studies or postdoctoral research in one of the European Economic Area (EEA) donor countries – Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein- in fields of knowledge relevant to the sector of “Marine and Inland Management of Water Resources such as: “Water Resources Technology - Management”, “Environmental Technology”, “Marine Land Planning - Coastal Areas Management”, “Environmental Management”, “Marine Ecology/Biology – Hydrobiology”, “Science of Water Resources, Protection and Management”, “Aquacultures”, “Marine Environment”, “Marine Technology”, “Drilling for Hydrocarbons”, “Renewable Energy Sources in Marine Environment – Hydro energy Production”, “Environmental Sciences”.

The amount of 600.000 € was dedicated for grants of 5.000 € (min) to 30.000 € (max), intended for about 22 scholars, to be implemented within 18 months. Timeline:1/4/2015-30/9/2016

The SGS II Operator(I.K.Y) addressed a first and a second (supplementary) call for scholarships in 2015.

Both calls resulted in 12 scholarships, completed all by September 2016.

Despite the efforts to broaden the scientific area for grants as possible and have a wide publicity campaign, the scheme concluded to 12 scholarships – out of the 22- for a total of 165 months of scholarship, covering the amount of 283.500€ - out of 600.000€.

Nevertheless, the implementation of the SGS II has encouraged the mobility of doctoral and postdoctoral scholars, enhanced the educational process and contributed to the increase of academic knowledge in the field of water resources.

## **6. Progress of bilateral relations**

As the projects are in the stages of implementation the bilateral indicators and outcomes have not got the final value yet, but the Project Operator assesses that they would be fulfilled and further achievements in networking, exchange of knowledge would be reported by the end of the Programme (31/12/2017).

Furthermore, under measure ‘b’ of the bilateral funds the Programme Operator issued a call to the Project Promoters for the strengthening of bilateral relationships. The call was published on November 3, 2016 with deadline for submissions the 30/11/2016. Eight applications were submitted and evaluated in accordance to a list of criteria and the requirements of Regulation. All of them will be funded by measure b.

The PO assumes that the outcomes and the indicators of bilateral relations will get higher value than the targeted. Taking into account that 6 projects have partnership with donor states (measure a) and pending the completion of measure b, the objective of Bilateral relations will be fulfilled at maximum.

## Complementary action

The PO organized a 3-day event in June, 22 and 24, 2016 in Athens.

The aim of the event was to exchange experiences and best practices related to the implementation of Programmes within the Programme Area “Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management” (O2), from Bulgaria, Estonia, Lithuania, Portugal and Greece. Latvia attended the meeting, as observer, after request, because of the nexus between Water Management and Climate Change.

The event included a Study Visit to the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), the PP of the predefined project and presentations of good practices of Programmes O2.

The PO participated in the Complementary actions of Programmes BG02/BG03 which took place in Sofia, October, 13-14. It was presented the GR02 Programme, its progress and good practices in its implementation

## 7. Monitoring

The Programme Operator has planned site visits. The selection of projects to be visited on-site is determined by the projects’ progress and are performed by internal representatives. The monitoring plan for 2016 and 2017 has been approved by the PO legal representative.

A detailed monitoring programme for all projects has been developed, including the predefined project as it is presented in the following table:

	Title of Project	Project Promoter	Dates of on site monitoring visits
1	IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED MARINE MONITORING PROGRAM	HELLENIC CENTER FOR MARINE RESEARCH (HCMR)	June and November 2016
2	SUPPLY OF DESALINATION UNITS OF PSERIMOS AND TELENOS	HELLENIC UNION OF MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES FOR WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE (EDEYA) OF KALYMNOS	June 2016
3	SUPPLY OF A MOBILE SEA WATER DESALINATION UNIT FOR OIA	HELLENIC UNION OF MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES FOR WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE (EDEYA) OF THYRA	June 2016
4	OPERATION OF A SYSTEM FOR DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENT AND QUALITY CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION IN LEROS MUNICIPALITY	MUNICIPALITY OF LEROS	March 2017
5	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND SET IN OPERATION FOR	MUNICIPALITY OF IETE	March 2017

	"UPGRADING AND MODERNIZATION OF A DESALINATION, REFINERY AND DRINKING WATER PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION QUALITY SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IETE"		
6	IMPROVED KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF THE MINIMALLY REQUIRED LEVEL/PROVISION OF WATER BODIES	GOULANDRIS NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM - GREEK BIOTOPE/WETLAND CENTER	February 2017
7	INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AND MAPPING STUDY TO IMPROVE SPERCHIOS RIVER CATCHMENT AREA AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLANS	AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS	September 2016
8	INNOVATIVE WATER RESOURCES METHODOLOGIES FOR ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE REGION OF CRETE-AQUAMAN	NATIONAL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF CRETE-SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR RESEARCH GRANTS	December 2016
9	ENHANCED KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON ATTICA WETLANDS RECOMPOSITION AND REHABILITATION	REGION OF ATTICA	March 2017
10	STUDIES AND RECORDING OF EROSION PHENOMENA REVERSION ON AEGEAN ISLANDS TOURIST BEACHES	UNIVERSITY OF AEGEAN-SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR RESEARCH GRANTS (ELKE)	November 2016
11	MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING ON THE AEGEAN FOR BIODIVERSITY PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION	UNIVERSITY OF AEGEAN	November 2016
12	SMART SYSTEM DESIGN FOR WATER NETWORKS SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT: APPLICATION IN CRETE	TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF CRETE	December 2016
13	THE ANOXIC ZONE OF AMVRAKIKOS BAY: DEPICTION, IMPACT, MANAGEMENT	UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS	December 2016

14	Small Grant Schemes II	STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOUNDATION	November 16
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For 9 of the 14 projects the on the spot verifications have been completed.

For the rest 5 projects the on site monitoring visits will be conducted until March 2017, according to the plan.

The most findings were of minor importance and they were about expenditures for traveling costs and delays in the submission of progress and economic reports.

Especially for the pre-defined project two on site monitoring visits were carried out, one for the physical object (June 2016) and the other for the financial object (November 2016). The main findings were about the recruitment of the scientific staff.

SGS II was audited by the Financial Audit Committee too, in April 2016. The total budget of the project was found eligible in both cases.

PO was audited by the Financial Audit Authority too, in May 2016, for the management and control system. The monitoring procedures of projects are defined in details in the management and control system of the Programme Operator p.n. 12104/EYD&PLAP 275 28/3/2014 issued by the Minister of Finance, Development and Competiveness and the regulation for EEA Grants. The Programme Operator issued the circular of May p.n. 140496/11-5-5015 entitled "Specification of Operation and Procedures for the Programme Area Integrated Marine & Inland water management" with specific guidelines, clarifications and other details.

Under this audit, two projects were chosen, the predefined and the project "Supply of a mobile sea water desalination unit for Oia".

The findings of the Audit Authority were about publicity, recruitment of scientific stuff and delays in data entry in MIS. PO complies with the remarks, according to time frame given by the Committee.

For the project "Supply of a mobile sea water desalination unit for Oia", the Audit Authority indicated the application of a 2% fine on the contractual budget. Therefore the amount of 13.620 Euros (2% of contract budget of 681.000) according to AA's suggestion was deducted from the eligible amount payable to the PP for this contract. The irregularity has therefore been remedied, but declared for information in the Q3/2016 irregularities report to FMO.

## 8. Need for adjustments

The extension of the final date of eligibility, until 30 April 2017, in combination with the decisions taken in Annual meeting on 4th of November 2015, about the reallocation of the budgets, lead to the amendment of the MoU and the Programme Agreement. The amended MoU was enforced in December 2015. There were 3 amendments of the Programme Agreement. The first refers to the extension of the eligibility (December 10, 2015), the second to the decrease of the programme budget (March 8, 2016) from 11,188,235 (€) to 7, 641,176 (€) estimated total cost and the third is about the form of payments (December 19, 2016).

The programme will be completed in December 2017 and it seems there is no need for further adjustment.

## 9. Risk management

It seems there is no risk for delays. All in house implementations and procurements of the projects have been signed and enforced according to the projects timeline. The PO is always in close cooperation with the project promoters in order to deal with obstacles, by giving clarifications and guidelines where it is necessary.

## 10. Information and publicity

The PO is going to have its second publicity event in January 2017. From November 2016, PO made all the necessary arrangements in order to organize the second conference. The scope of this conference is to offer an update of achievements and good practices to be presented. In this event the PP will exchange their experiences, solve problems and PO will give guidelines and clarifications to accelerate the ongoing projects.

In the website of the SACEP, the special dedicated area for the publicity of the GR.02.Programme (<http://www.eysped.gr/en/Pages/eea.aspx>) hosts the PP's websites too. For every project a website has developed, according to requirements of the Regulation.

PO is in close cooperation with PP for the development and the update on regular basis of these sites.

The Project's webpages are the following

	Project	Project Promoter	Website
1	IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED MARINE MONITORING PROGRAM	HELLENIC CENTER FOR MARINE RESEARCH (HCMR)	<a href="http://immp-eea.hcmr.gr">http://immp-eea.hcmr.gr</a>
2	SUPPLY OF DESALINATION UNITS OF PSERIMOS AND TELENDOS	HELLENIC UNION OF MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES FOR WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE (EDEYA) OF KALYMNOS	<a href="http://deyak.kalymnos.gov.gr">http://deyak.kalymnos.gov.gr</a>
3	SUPPLY OF A MOBILE SEA WATER DESALINATION UNIT FOR OIA	HELLENIC UNION OF MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES FOR WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE (EDEYA) OF THYRA	<a href="http://www.thira.gr/prokhyxeis-diagwnismoi.html">http://www.thira.gr/prokhyxeis-diagwnismoi.html</a>
4	OPERATION OF A SYSTEM FOR DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENT AND QUALITY CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION IN LEROS MUNICIPALITY	MUNICIPALITY OF LEROS	<a href="http://www.leros.gr/main/index.php?categoryid=138">http://www.leros.gr/main/index.php?categoryid=138</a>

5	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND SET INOPERATION FOR "UPGRADING ANDMODERNIZATION OF A DESALINATION, REFINERY AND DRINKING WATERPRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION QUALITYSYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IETE"	MUNICIPALITY OF IETE	<a href="http://tya.ios.gr/">http://tya.ios.gr/</a>
6	IMPROVED KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF THE MINIMALLY REQUIRED LEVEL/PROVISION OF WATER BODIES	GOULANDRIS NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM - GREEK BIOTOPE/WETLAND CENTER	<a href="http://eordaia-nestos.gr/">http://eordaia-nestos.gr/</a>
7	INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AND MAPPING STUDY TO IMPROVE SPERCHIOS RIVER CATCHMENT AREA AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLANS	AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS	<a href="http://sperchios-project.gr">http://sperchios-project.gr</a>
8	INNOVATIVE WATER RESOURCES METHODOLOGIES FOR ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE REGION OF CRETE- AQUAMAN	NATIONAL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF CRETE- SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR RESEARCH GRANTS	<a href="http://www.aquaman.tuc.gr">http://www.aquaman.tuc.gr</a>
9	ENHANCED KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS ON ATTICA WETLANDS RECOMPOSITION AND REHABILITATION	REGION OF ATTICA	<a href="http://www.patt.gov.gr/site/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=18411&amp;catid=518&amp;Itemid=798">http://www.patt.gov.gr/site/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=18411&amp;catid=518&amp;Itemid=798</a>
10	STUDIES AND RECORDING OF EROSION PHENOMENA REVERSION ON AEGEAN ISLANDS TOURIST BEACHES	UNIVERSITY OF AEGEAN- SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR RESEARCH GRANTS (ELKE)	<a href="https://eoxbeaches.wordpress.com">https://eoxbeaches.wordpress.com</a>

11	MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING ON THE AEGEAN FOR BIODIVERSITY PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION	UNIVERSITY OF AEGEAN	<a href="http://www.marisca.eu">http://www.marisca.eu</a>
12	SMART SYSTEM DESIGN FOR WATER NETWORKS SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT: APPLICATION IN CRETE	TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF CRETE	<a href="http://www.smartwater.tuc.gr">http://www.smartwater.tuc.gr</a>
13	THE ANOXIC ZONE OF AMVRAKIKOS BAY: DEPICTION, IMPACT, MANAGEMENT	UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS	<a href="http://eeagrants.amvrakikos.upatras.gr/en/index.html">http://eeagrants.amvrakikos.upatras.gr/en/index.html</a>
14	Small Grant Schemes II	STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOUNDATION	<a href="https://www.iky.gr/upotrofies-gr/didaktoriko/eox">https://www.iky.gr/upotrofies-gr/didaktoriko/eox</a> and <a href="https://www.iky.gr/upotrofies-gr/metadidaktoriko">https://www.iky.gr/upotrofies-gr/metadidaktoriko</a>

## 11. Cross-cutting issues

Positive performance of the GR.02 Programme can currently be reported by the reports of the Financial Auditing Committee. Further details about the three cross-cutting issues for the previous year, can be found below:

### i. Good governance

Regarding good governance, the web area in the SACEP website, is updated in a regular basis. The dedicated website for the GR.02 Programme contains general information for the Programme and the Programme Operator, the relevant legislation and amendments, the issued calls, the publicity events, the bilateral and complementary actions. All signed contracts and amendments of them and public procurements are uploaded, in order to enhance participation, inclusiveness and transparency.

A complaint mechanism has been established on the website of PO and it is linked to the complaint mechanism of NFP. It has reported an irregularity about the Project “Supply of a mobile sea water desalination unit for Oia” (see par.7). Complaints about suspected non-compliance with the principles of good governance of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 have not been reported.

### ii. Sustainable development

A special section in the application form accompanying the calls GR.02.01, GR.02.02, GR.02.03 is dedicated to sustainability of the proposed projects. All selected projects describe in detail how environmental social and economic sustainability is achieved.

### iii. Gender equality

The Programme is neutral.