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#### **Completion of the project "Horizon 2020 Initiative"**

LDK Consultants successfully completed the project assigned by the Directorate General Environment of the European Commission within the frame of support to the **Horizon 2020 initiative**.

The Commission has launched the Horizon 2020 Initiative which aims to tackle the top sources of Mediterranean pollution by the year 2020, through the elaboration of a roadmap within a particular time-schedule. The Initiative was approved by the leaders of the Euro-Mediterranean countries at the summit for the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Euro-Mediterranean Process, which took place in Barcelona in November 2005. The partners were committed to endorse a feasible timetable to depollute the Mediterranean Sea by 2020, by providing appropriate financial resources and technical support for its implementation, utilising the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development and exploring possible areas for cooperation with UNEP.

The European Commission defined four particular action sectors for the **Horizon 2020 Initiative** in its recent Mediterranean environment strategy:

- elaboration of projects aiming at reducing the most significant pollution sources, such as municipal solid waste and wastewater, and industrial emissions;
- realisation of measures to help neighbouring countries create national environmental administrations able to develop and enforce environmental legislation;
- use of the Commission's research budget to develop greater knowledge of environmental issues relevant to the Mediterranean;
- development of monitoring indicators for the Initiative's progress and success.

In this framework, LDK Consultants elaborated specialised actions for the realisation of the Initiative's roadmap and time plan, providing technical and scientific support throughout the project.