

ABOUT THE CP/RAC

The Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production (CP/RAC), based in Barcelona-Spain, was established in 1996. Its mission is to promote mechanisms leading to sustainable consumption and production patterns and sound chemicals management in Mediterranean countries. The CP/RAC activities are financed by the Spanish Government once they have been submitted and approved by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and by the Bilateral Monitoring Commission made up of representatives from the Spanish and Catalan Governments.

The CP/RAC is one of the six Regional Activity Centres from the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) that strives to protect the environment and to foster development of the Mediterranean Basin. It was adopted in Barcelona (Spain) in 1975 by Mediterranean States and the EC, under the auspices of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP). Its legal framework is made up of the Barcelona Convention (1976, revised in 1995) and seven Protocols covering certain specific aspects of environmental protection.

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, adopted in 2001 and putted into effect in 2004, is a global treaty to protect human health and environment from chemicals that remain intact in the environment for long periods. The Stockholm Convention is administered by the United Nations Environment Programme and is based in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2009, the CP/RAC was officially recognized as Regional Centre under the Stockholm Convention.

In the 16th Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Contracting Parties, the CP/RAC was recognized as facilitator for the coordination of the Mediterranean Regional Centres under the Stockholm and Basel Conventions, as well as the Mediterranean Cleaner Production Centres, in the decision 19/10.