

## Annex 3: Non Paper on a monitoring system for the implementation of the Message of Guadeloupe

(as circulated during meeting, without suggestions made during the 9<sup>th</sup> Roundtable meeting)

### NON PAPER

#### On a monitoring system for the implementation of the Message of Guadeloupe

Based on the discussions during informal meetings in Brussels in March 2015 (ad hoc after the 7<sup>th</sup> EU Overseas Roundtable), September 2015, June 2016 and February 2017

As a follow-up to the [Message from Reunion Island](#) resulting from the 2008 Reunion Conference dedicated to “The European Union and its Overseas Entities: Strategies to counter Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss”, the Europe Overseas Roundtable was created in 2011 in order to provide an EU-wide flexible and informal instrument for dialogue, exchange and coordination among all Europe overseas actors. Taking a step further, the participants at the “International Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change” 2014 in Guadeloupe agreed on the necessity to put in place a monitoring system for the implementation of the [Message from Guadeloupe](#).

#### Proposal of action

Achieving this ambitious goal requires to address different issues such as format, the methodology to be used, the agenda and the governance arrangements. Some participants of the European Overseas Roundtable agreed to constitute an **informal group to address these questions and to prepare the set up and the work of the formal group**.

The first exchanges between the members on developing such a monitoring system of this informal group were made via email, based on an earlier draft of this non-paper. The topics discussed were:

- **Objectives** of the procedure to monitor the implementation of the Message of Guadeloupe.
- **Ways to proceed** to elaborate this procedure.
- **Practical modalities** of work.
- **Decision-making** structure.

#### Objectives of monitoring system

The objectives of this monitoring system/procedure are to:

- Provide a living system to document the progress in the implementation of the recommendations listed in the [Message from Guadeloupe](#) that can allow an extensive assessment of all activities undertaken by the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT), the Outermost Regions (OR), the Member States (MS) and the European Commission (EC) in terms of programmes and funding in the EU Overseas
- Analyse and identify existing initiatives
- Foster dialogue between and receive feedback from all EU Overseas stakeholders in order to guide future activities and political decisions
- Conduct a mid-term **review** of the achievements before the next EU programming phase and the setup of the BEST sustainable partnership.

## **Composition and tasks of the monitoring group**

This formal monitoring group should bring together representatives of MSs, ORs and OCTs (on an individual basis and/or through the Conference of the ORs' Presidents and through OCTA), the EC, European Parliament, private sector, development agencies and civil society with the mandate to:

- Monitor the implementation of the recommendations listed in the [Message from Guadeloupe](#).
- Report on the assessment progress at the EU Overseas Roundtable as well as at a mid-term review event and the future EU-OCT Forum and Outermost Regions Conference.

The EU Overseas Roundtable will have a supporting role for the monitoring of the Message from Guadeloupe in sharing and circulating information about progresses.

## **Ways to proceed / Methodology / Division of work**

It is suggested to prepare a **monitoring matrix** as a first overview of all activities undertaken by the OCTs, the ORs, the MS and the EC in terms of programmes and funding, which could then provide a living documentation system for monitoring progress and identifying gaps in order to redefine priorities, define new actions, identify new support options, etc.

Regular institutional conferences and meetings should be used to find synergies with existing monitoring and assessment activities, take feedback from all the different stakeholders and thus allow for a true dialogue and for a presentation of the monitoring results.

### **Secretariat:**

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### **Next steps:**

During 2017, work will focus on a mid-term assessment of the implementation of the Message from Guadeloupe, with:

- preparation of a template to identify and document actions initiated and measures and policies introduced since the adoption of the Message from Guadeloupe (March);
- dissemination of the template, in the form of an online questionnaire, through the OCTA and the Conference of the Presidents of the Outermost Regions, as well as through relevant networks (early April, with deadline for responses mid-June);
- compilation of the responses received and dissemination to all actors concerned (August);
- interviews with key informants and preliminary analysis (September);
- dissemination of the preliminary analysis, including presentation to and discussion at the Roundtable (October or November).

In 2018 and 2019, meetings of the Roundtable will be used for in-depth assessments of progress made towards the five strategic priorities and the crosscutting actions of the Message (one theme per meeting).