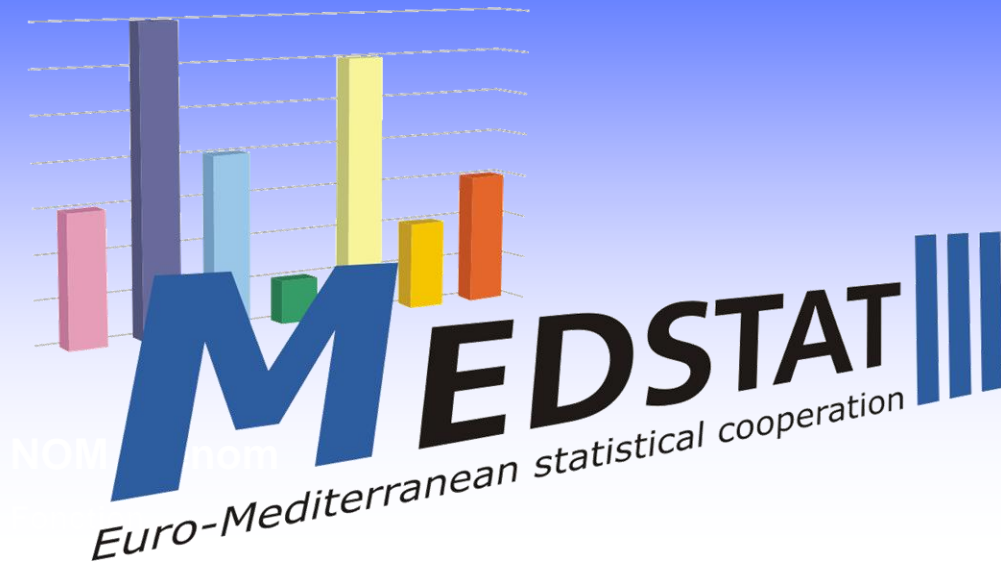


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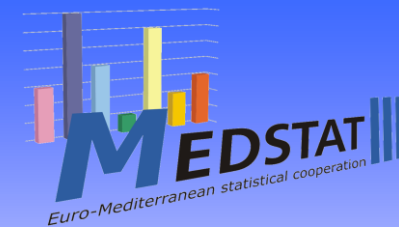


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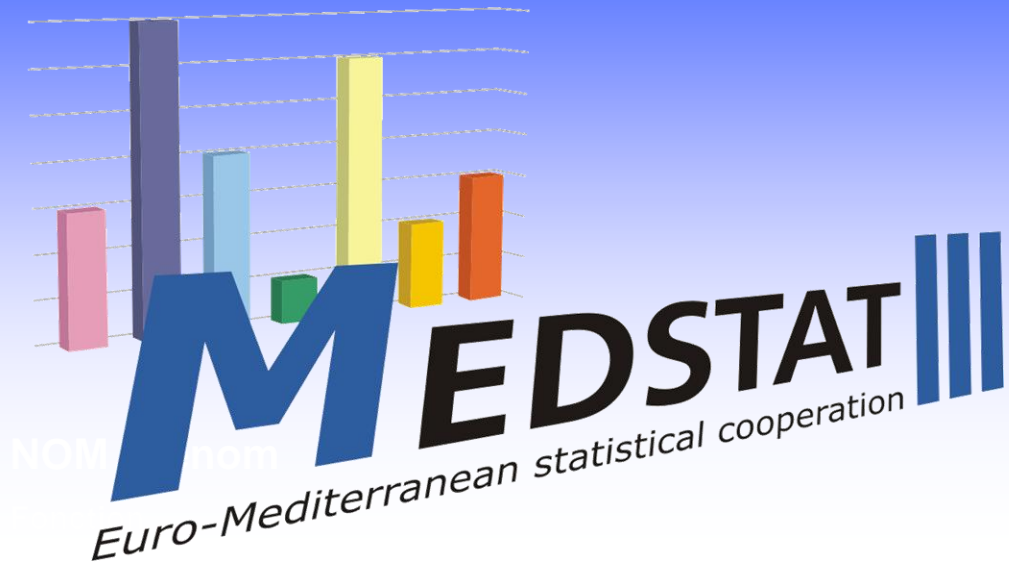
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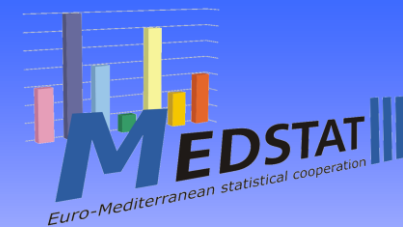


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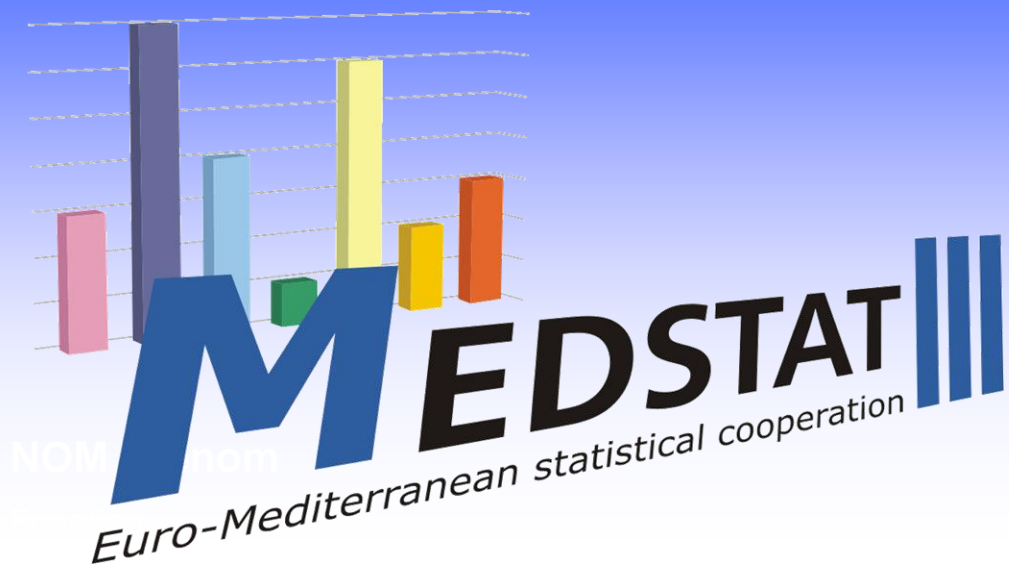
**Our common goal in the next few years  
= to design and start implementing a strategy for the future  
Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in statistics**

**Today  
= we talk only on how to achieve that goal**

**“A scoping study”**



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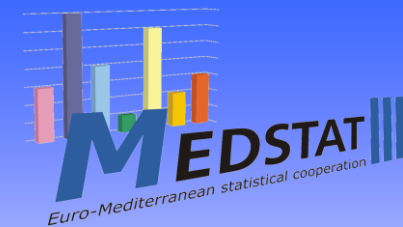


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# Presentation of the Study

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## Background

**EU-MED cooperation on statistics was started in 1995**

**=> Main instruments: MEDSTAT I, MEDSTAT II and now MEDSTAT III**

**MEDSTAT is Important, very useful but not enough:**

- **Needs of the countries are different (mix of approaches)**
- **Capacities and contributions are different**

**=> To transform MEDSTAT towards a more strategic relationship**



## Background

### **POST-MEDSTAT:**

- **Discussions started with MEDSTAT II**
- **Task force light**
- **Several papers and other material**

**=> Agenda of the 1st DC meeting of MEDSTAT III (Helsinki)  
and initial proposal**



## Initial findings

➤ **However:**

**Present time and circumstances are not optimal:**

- **They can potentially open new opportunities for statistics**
- **They make it difficult taking firm commitments for building on the discussions started in Helsinki**

**=> Identify key priorities on which to test processes and cooperation systems**





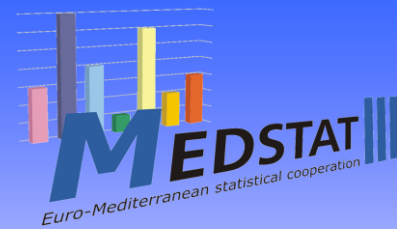
## Objectives

**The study should assist in:**

- **Building progressively a shared, feasible and sustainable approach**
- **Drawing a path for the transition to the post-MEDSTAT strategy**
- **Discussing the contributions from the partners**
- **Building a consensus on key issues related to the strategy**



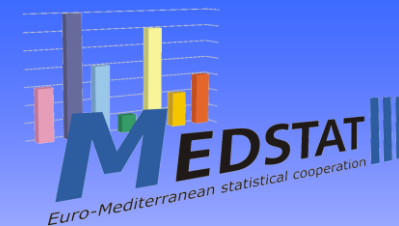
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## Expected results

### **Contribution to:**

- **Capacity strengthening**
- **Priority issues**
- **Strategic validation**

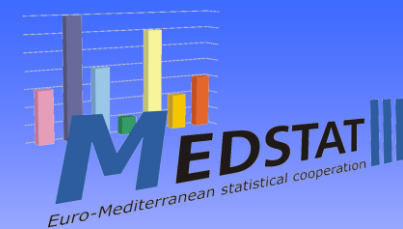


## Implementation plan

<p><b>February</b> to <b>April</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initial consultations (Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon)</li> <li>- Provisional synthesis of the information gathered</li> <li>- draft issues paper</li> </ul>
<p><b>April</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of the draft issues paper during the Directors' Committee</li> </ul>
<p><b>May</b> to <b>October</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Additional discussions and contacts</li> <li>- Finalization of the proposals</li> <li>- Circulation of the final issues paper</li> <li>- Presentation/discussion in a special meeting (October-November 2011)</li> </ul>



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## The team

### Experts from the MED countries

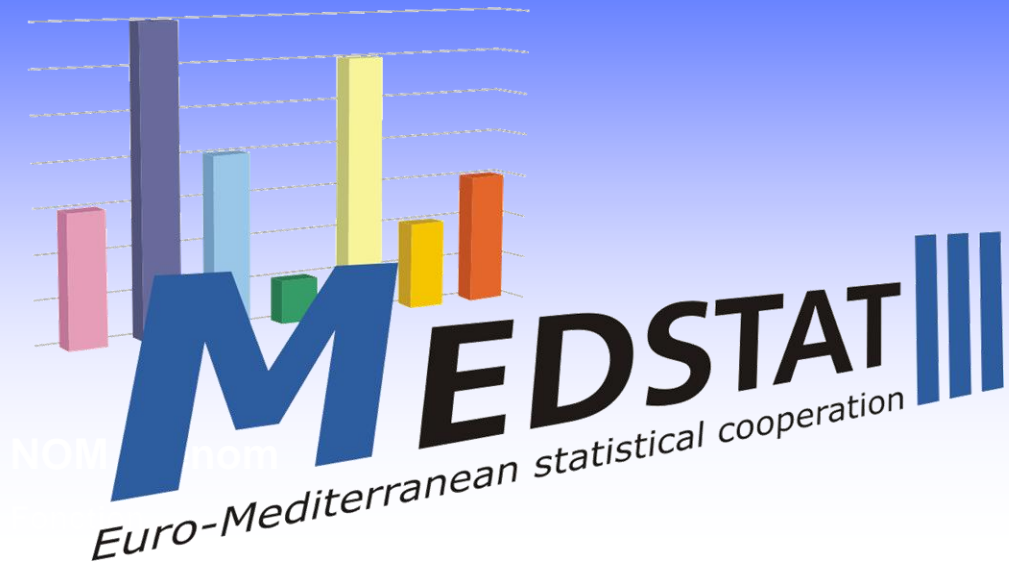
- Hasnae Fdhil
- Sufian Abu Harb

### Experts from the EU countries

- José Cervera
- Thierry Paccoud



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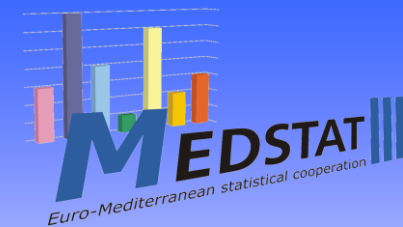


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Results so far

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## Initial findings

- **Satisfaction with what has been achieved in the past**
- **Strong commitment of all the partners on the long term for pursuing the EU-MED cooperation for statistics**
- **Articulation between the regional and national approaches is crucial**
- **Overall consistent vision that takes into account work programmes of other organisations**



## Transversal issues

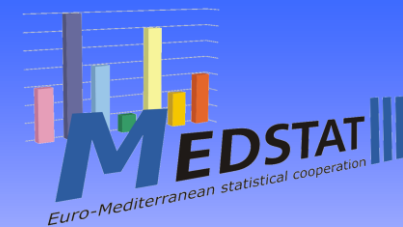
- **Governance statistics**
- **Quality management**
- **Training**
- +
- **Use of administrative data**
- **Technology-4-statistics**



## Thematic issues

- **Migration**
- **Employment/unemployment**
- **Energy**
- +
- **Agriculture**
- **Measuring progress**
- **Implementation the SNA 2008**
- **Social statistics**
- **Business Statistics**
- **Short term economic indicators**





## □ Other questions

### > **Resources/contributions**

- Kind of contributions
- Mechanisms

### **Tools/activities**

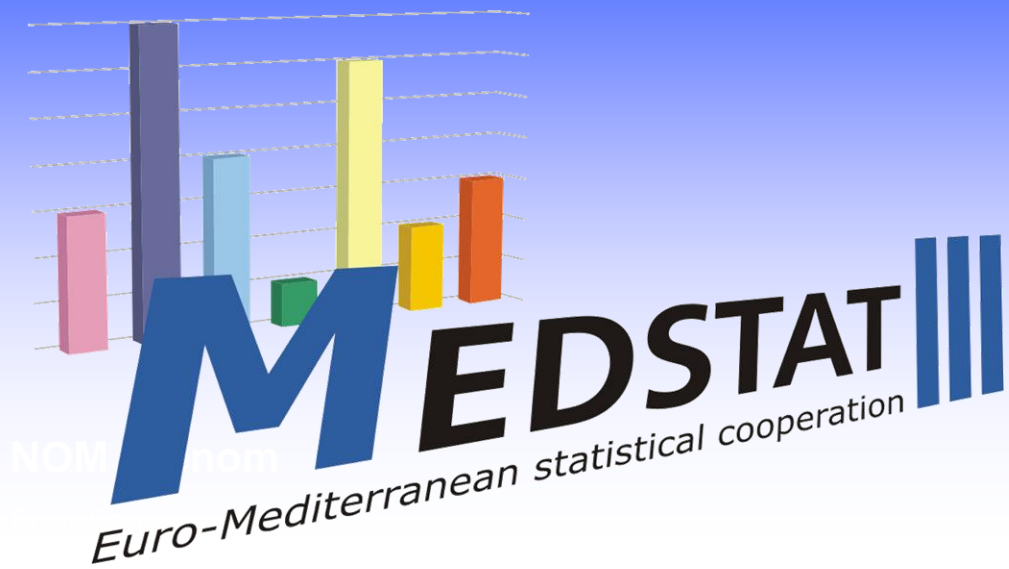
- MEDSTAT type of events
- Other types of events/activities

### **Other actors**

- Other partners within the NSSs
- International partners



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Next steps

## Additional contacts

- Questionnaire
- Direct contacts

## Detailed proposal

## Special discussion (end of 2011)



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