

**2 Countries signatory of 1 to 5 international multilateral environmental agreements, namely, Minamata, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and the Montreal Protocol on hazardous waste and other chemicals**

**Definition and scope**

The indicator refers to the number of parties (=countries that have ratified, accepted, approved or accessed), to the following Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs):

1. The Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Basel Convention);
2. The Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade (Rotterdam Convention);
3. The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Stockholm Convention);
4. The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Montreal Protocol);
5. Minamata Convention on Mercury (Minamata Convention)

This indicator has a set 5-year cycle reporting period, the last one being 2015-2019 for 2020.

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**Factsheet rationale**

Indicator provides information on a country level to international multilateral environmental agreements on hazardous waste, and other chemicals that meet their commitments and obligations in transmitting information as required by each relevant agreement

**Current situation and progress in the Mediterranean region**

A majority of MEAs have been consolidated in the Mediterranean, particularly, the Montreal Protocol with a 100% of commitments achieved by each country, followed by the Basel, Rotterdam and to a lower extent the Stockholm Convention of Persistent Organic Pollutants. The recent Minamata Convention on Mercury (in force since August 2017) will consolidate further in the next few years. The country percentage depends on the amount of information that is sent to each Conventions' Secretariat.

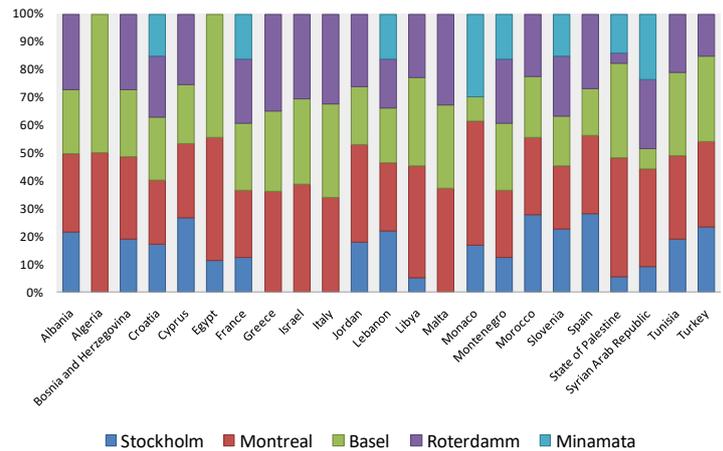
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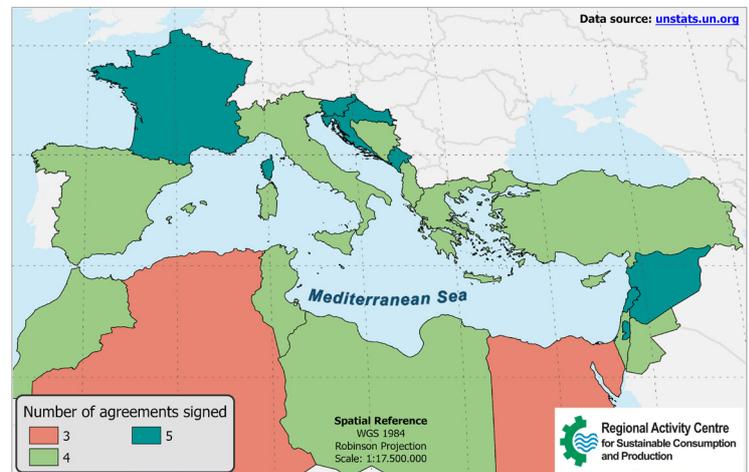
The specific Minamata Convention on Mercury (from 2017) has not yet been extensively ratified by Mediterranean countries but multilateral environmental agreements on hazardous waste and other chemicals are in place throughout the region.

**National compliance (%) with the reporting obligations of the MEAs**



**Signatory of international environmental agreements (2020)**

Minamata, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and Montreal Protocol



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