A series of activities will enhance the support of existing strategies, policies and structures and their coordination.

National Task Forces will be formed as a means of engagement of policymakers and major stakeholders and of capturing the momentum to promote the implementation of policies and the practice of Open Access.

Partner Workshop will provide a forum for discussion and conclusions regarding the mapping of existing policies, strategies and structures in the six Mediterranean countries. It will take place in Madrid on July 16, 2012.

National Workshops will serve as forums to debate the course of action in each country in a coordinated fashion. These events will take place in each of six countries in October and November, 2012. It was planned to run synchronized sessions between different countries.

European Workshop will bring together key policy makers from the six countries and other European experts, and will contribute towards regional coordination across the partner countries and beyond. The workshop will produce a final document with Conclusions/Recommendations on how to implement coordinated policies.

European Conference will serve to place the project outcomes in a wider context, as well as bring together stakeholders from the six Mediterranean countries and the rest of Europe in an effort to further coordinate discourse towards policy actions that will strengthen the Open Access paradigm.

Project Platform will host project-related information and the data resulting from the mapping.

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The consortium will use the advice of an External Advisory Board (AB), who will offer external expert advice and reviewing to the project.

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MedOANet will identify and map existing strategies, structures and policies of the six countries into an online “Mediterranean Open Access Tracker”. Available in September 2012.


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