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Tapping the potential of Sustainable Blue Economy  
in the Western Mediterranean  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

# The UfM at a glance



## 42 Members

27 EU members and 15 Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries. Their Senior Officials meet regularly to oversee and coordinate the activities of the UfM.

## 2 Co-Presidents

The EU and Jordan have assumed the Northern and Southern co-presidency since 2012, embodying the UfM principle of co-ownership.

## 1 Secretariat

Based in Barcelona, the Secretariat is the operational platform of the UfM.

*Mission to enhance cooperation, dialogue, integration, stability, and sustainable development at regional level through the implementation of concrete projects and initiatives with tangible impacts*



## UfM operates at different levels

- UfM Ministerial Declarations

Convergence around common agenda/s

- UfM Platforms of Dialogue/WG

Ownership

- Projects

Pooling of technical, human and financial resources around the joint priorities

# Latest UfM Ministerial References of relevance to SBE



**Sustainable Blue Economy** (2015 and February 2021)



**Energy** (December 2016 and June 2021)



**Environment and Climate Action** (2014 and December 2021)



**Research and Innovation** (27 June 2022)



**Employment and Labour** (2019 and May 2022)



**Strengthening the role of Women in Society** (Nov 2022)





# Partnership is key

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## Multi-stakeholder approach and collaboration



# Sustainable Blue Economy



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**Today, ministers of the UfM agreed to the transition to a truly sustainable blue economy, as part of our strategy to recover from the Covid-19 crisis and to tackle the serious impacts of climate change and environmental degradation.**



**Virginijus Sinkevičius**

Commissioner for Environment,  
Oceans and Fisheries



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## Ministerial priorities :

Governance & the future of sea basin strategies

Marine research, innovation, skills, careers & employment

Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries & aquaculture

Sustainable, climate-neutral & zero-pollution maritime transport & ports

Interactions between ML & the blue economy

Coastal & maritime tourism

MSP & ICZM

Marine Renewable Energies

Maritime safety & security of BE activities

Sustainable investment in the BE

# UfM Blue Economy Roadmap

Following the **2021 UfM Ministerial on SBE**, Co-Presidency, UfM Secretariat and UfM countries have agreed to elaborate a Roadmap for the implementation of the Ministerial

Overview and analysis of the **joint needs, gaps and opportunities for future support, funding, and implementation by thematic priority**

Sketching out of ongoing **initiatives, programmes and projects + potential avenues for future cooperation** (promising pathways, processes and actions) that can **be launched, scaled-up and promoted in the short, medium and longer term**

Easy to handle **monitoring system** of the implementation of the Roadmap





# Groupings of initiatives to implement the Roadmap

## *Validated by the UfM WG on BE in March 2022*

### **Cross-cutting support**

Blue skills, careers, and jobs, training and capacity building  
Twinning/Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX)  
Expand existing socio-economic observatories  
Continuation of webinars (i.e. Ocean Literacy)  
Maritime safety  
(training/CB/exchange of information & expertise/TA)

### **Small ports and marinas diversification**

- Transformative innovation for small-scale ports, linking to (i.e.) aquaculture, tourism, energy, marine litter facilities)
- Fostering ports as 'hubs' of clean and renewable energy
- Alternative fuels
- Foster ability of ports in adopting fully circular model

### **Innovation on local value chains**

- Raise awareness on Sustainable Smart Specialisation Strategies
- Scale-up of good practices on sustainable food value-chains
- Financing tourism diversification/digitalisation
- Cluster alliance to address the sector and investors
- Scale-up innovation practices across the sea basin

### **MSP as blue economy enabler**

- MSP for a proper planning of marine renewables zones/licensing
- Principal Areas (fisheries), Allocated Zones (aquaculture)
- Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) multi-stakeholder working group

## Grouping of initiatives for implementing the Roadmap

### Overview of the overall planning and key milestones

Activities	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
<b>Small ports and marinas project idea development</b>							
1.1	Development of a draft concept note						
1.2		Presentation of concept note during UfM BEWG					
1.3							Final concept note (containing a well structured project idea)
<b>Innovation ecosystems webinars</b>							
2.1	Development of draft concept note						
2.2		Presentation of concept note to the UfM BEWG					
2.3				Webinar I: Discussing local financing opportunities for southern countries			
2.4						Webinar II: Raising awareness on Smart Specialisation and potentials for southern countries	
<b>Marine Spatial Planning as "enabler"</b>							
3.1		MSPMED Workshop: Towards the operationalization of a joint MSP Roadmap for the Mediterranean (26-28 September)					
3.2		Development of draft concept note					
3.3			Presentation of Technical Group proposal to the UfM BEWG				
3.4							Technical Group approval
<b>Project development support Training Session (25 October 22)</b>							
4.1	Development of draft concept note						
4.2		Webinar: Training on project development and funding opportunities back-to-back to the UfM BEWG					
		UMA PRO328WES-2021   Kick-off meeting					10



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**UfM Blue Finance Conference:** Investing in a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean

22nd of June 09:00-18:30

# Activity of the Conference

- Give **access to finance and investments** in blue economy sectors; including EU, national and local funding, as well as private investors.
- Conduct **matchmaking sessions** between the countries and the Banks/Financial institutions, so that the participants could present specific proposals and discuss feedback ahead of their viability.



## BlueInvest Africa 2022



## Mediterranean Investment Platform



## BE Partnership for the Med Sea





**SOS**  
2022 Sustainable  
Ocean  
Summit

**OCEAN-CLIMATE-BIODIVERSITY**  
Synergies and Solutions for Ocean Sustainability

17-18 October Barcelona

**BlueFIN**  
2022 Global  
Blue Finance  
Summit

**OCEAN INVESTING FOR OCEAN IMPACT**

19 October Barcelona

**PARTNER EVENT**

 **OCEANO**NOVATION

MEETUP SERIES X BARCELONA

20 October Barcelona



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

# Green Economy



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# THE 2<sup>ND</sup> UFM MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE - CAIRO, 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021



- Ministers from the 42 Member countries of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) gathered today in Cairo at the 2<sup>nd</sup> UfM Ministerial Conference on Environment and Climate action under the Co-Presidency of Jordan and the European

Latest news

- A common agenda to acknowledge the urgency of taking action and reasserted a firm ambition to tackle climate and environmental challenges through the full implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Agenda 2030.
- Endorsement of the GREENER MED Agenda





# TOWARDS 2030: AGENDA FOR A GREENER MED

Contributing to Achieving the Environmental SDGs in the Mediterranean

{2030GreenerMed}



# GREENERMED AGENDA AND THE MAIN AXES



**2030 GreenerMed**  
AGENDA FOR A GREENER  
MEDITERRANEAN



**Support the transition towards a Green, Circular and Socially Inclusive Economy, based on sustainable consumption and production practices and nature-based solutions.**



**Prevent and reduce pollution on land, air, and sea.**



**Protect, preserve, manage, and restore natural resources in the Mediterranean region within an integrated ecosystem approach, including terrestrial, marine, and coastal dimensions.**





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## Towards a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean region

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# Mediterranean Blue Economy Stakeholder Platform

Regional networking platform supporting the sustainable blue economy in the Med

“One-stop shop” dedicated to consolidating and sharing general, technical and sectoral knowledge & information on SBE in the Med

An interactive hub for a wide community of SBE stakeholders and actors

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- Blue Economy Community
- Funding Blue Economy
- Resources

- Who we are
- Our goals

## Reports & Leaflets: "Towards a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean"

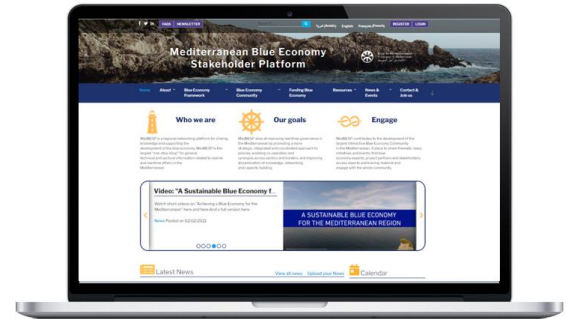
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## UFM at events relevant to Sustainable Blue Economy, late October -November 2022:

- UfM Working Group on Sustainable Blue Economy, 24 Oct, Aqaba
- UfM Environment Task Force, 3 Nov, Online
- Interreg MED Biodiversity Community, 4 Nov, Brussels
- IEMED - MedThink5+5 Thematic Seminar – Tapping the Potential of the Sustainable Blue Economy in the Western Mediterranean – Lisboa, 7 Nov
- COP14 Ramsar – Mediterranean Wetlands, 7 Nov, Lisbon
- Mission Restore our Oceans, Ecomondo, 9 Nov, Rimini
- COP 27 Climate Change – HL event and SBE side events, Med Pavillion, 8 Nov and 17 Nov, Sharm-El-Sheik,, Egypt
- DG MARE/IOC UNESCO, 3rd International Conference on MSP, 22-23 Nov, Barcelona
- UfM Regional Forum, 24 Nov, Barcelona



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Thank you!

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