

# A Euro-Mediterranean Blue Deal?

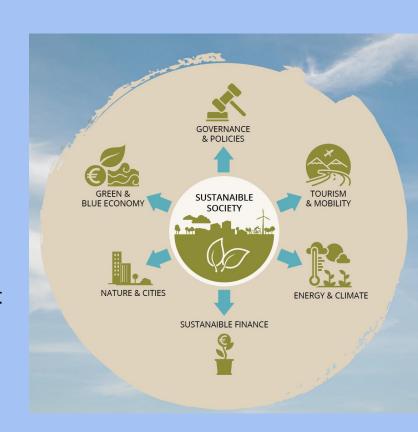
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#### eco-union

- Environmental Think and Do Citizen Tank based in Barcelona (Spain)
- Focus on Environmental sustainability in the Euro-Mediterranean
- Bridging gaps between Sustainability Science,
  Policies and Practices
- Research, Advocacy and Policy work on Just Energy transition, Green & Blue Economy, Tourism, Clean Mobility





## 1- Common understanding of Blue Economy

- Adapted to local and regional context
- Listening to all relevant stakeholders at local, national and regional level
- Integrating whole **Blue Economy** sectors: Tourism, Fisheries, Transport
- Not all blue economy activities are sustainable!
- Promoting Local Communities interest & Social Solidarity Economy
- Providing capacity building and Civil Society empowerment



#### 2- Regional strategy and cooperation

- A strong high level political commitment is needed
- Leverage on the Agenda 2030 and Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable
  Development (Barcelona Convention)
- Engage with the different political, economic and social actors, Multilateral Banks, large/small NGOs, large /small Businesses, Academia, etc
- Develop and implement common Action-oriented Road Map with clear Targets,
  Milestones, Indicators



## 3- Strong monitoring and accountability

- Transparent, consistent and updated indicators and reporting
- Using Digital and open data sharing platforms
- Integrating Big Data and Citizen Science
- Going beyond "Development as usual" (Well-being Index, Ecological footprint, Happiness, etc.)
- Empowering Stakeholders through knowledge sharing and capacity building
- Develop a Blue Economy Tracker: <a href="https://greeneconomytracker.org/">https://greeneconomytracker.org/</a>



#### **Blue Tourism Initiative**



- To reduce the environmental impacts and maximize the socio-economic benefits of coastal and Marine Tourism around World Marine regions
- Through better planning, governance and monitoring
- Connecting environmental, social and economic policies/strategies at destination, regional and national levels
- Focus in the Mediterranean with pilot projects in Morocco, Tunisia, and Lebanon
- Working with IDDRI, IUCN, Plan Bleu and UNEP/MAP through the Barcelona Convention

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### Thank you!



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