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Euro-Med Governance and the UfM



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The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) is an intergovernmental Euro-Mediterranean organisation which brings together all countries of the European Union and 15 countries of the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean

UfM governance and operating structure:

- *North/South Med CoPresidency;*
- *UfM Secretariat made of representatives of the UfM countries and technical staff*
- *Six Divisions*
- *Ministerial/s;*
- *UfM Inter-sectorial Blue Economy Working Group – countries and stakeholders involvement*
- *Initiatives and projects*



Panoramed initial focus – *Blue Economy*



UfM Ministerial on Sustainable Blue Economy
(February 2021)



UfM Ministerial on Environment and Climate Act
(October 2021)

NEWS: UfM Ministers commit to strengthen the blue economy sector and promote sustainable growth in the Mediterranean



 **Blue Economy Roadmap**
under preparation

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

MRE

Maritime safety & security of BE activities

Sustainable investment in the BE

UfM Labelling

UfM Labelling of the “Euro-Med Governance”

Euro-MED 2021-2027 Governance projects and capitalization of the Interreg MED 2014-2020 governance approach and projects



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Implementation of the UfM Ministerial Declaration

- ✓ UfM Roadmap
- ✓ Panoramed and the UfM Roadmap
- ✓ Panoramed as part of the UfM Roadmap



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Grouping of initiatives/actions for initial implementation under the Roadmap

Preliminary validation - under finetuning/finalisation by the UfM BE WG

Cross-cutting support

Support to blue skills, training and capacity building
Twinning/Technical Assistance and Information Exchange
(TAIEX)

Expand existing socio-economic observatories
Continuation of webinars (e.g. Ocean Literacy?)
Maritime safety and security / CB Exchange of information,
expertise

Small ports and marinas diversification

- Transformative innovation for small-scale ports
- Foster ability of ports in adopting fully circular model also linking with aquaculture, tourism, ML, etc
- Fostering ports as 'hubs' of clean and renewable energy;
- Alternative fuels

Smart specialisation and local value chains innovation

- Support Sustainable Smart Specialisation Strategies
- Scale-up 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 seabasin

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



Governance 2021-2027

Green, blue, circular



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Thank you!

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