

## Sectors

ecosystems

climate change

biotechnologies

aquaculture  
& fisheries

spatial  
planning

tourism

shipbuilding

transportation

observing  
systems

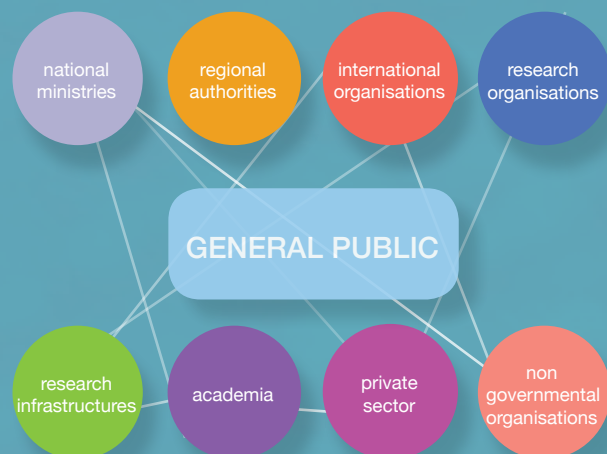
data

offshore  
platforms

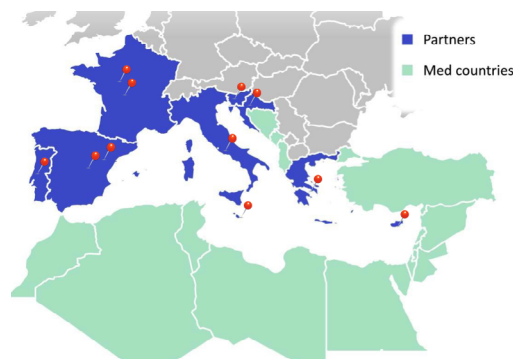
cultural heritage

## Stakeholders

Research and innovation players and public and private stakeholders such as:

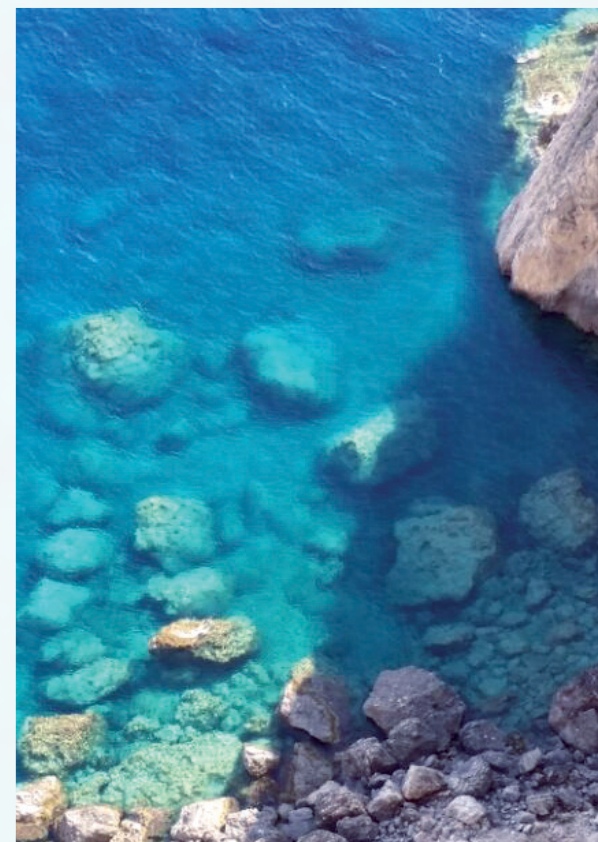


## The CSA Partnership



# blueMed

Research and Innovation  
initiative for blue jobs and  
growth in the Mediterranean area





**BLUEMED** is the research and innovation Initiative for promoting the blue economy in the Mediterranean Basin through cooperation. It is the strategy of reference for the Mediterranean countries to work together for a healthy, safe and productive Mediterranean Sea. **The BLUEMED Initiative** will contribute to create new 'blue' jobs, social wellbeing and a sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors through the implementation of its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, the **BLUEMED SRIA**. Coordination and integration of efforts among all stakeholders is key to fulfil the BLUEMED objectives.

## Governance

The **Strategic Board** steers and promotes the BLUEMED Initiative, favouring the adoption of the BLUEMED agenda at country level and alignment of strategies. Coordinated by Italy, the European Commission (**DG R&I - DG MARE**), It is joined by representatives from Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Malta, Slovenia, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, and Montenegro.

## The SRIA

The BLUEMED Strategic Research and Innovation agenda addresses crucial challenges for the Mediterranean Basin and encompasses goals and actions to tackle them with the objectives of filling knowledge gaps, promoting activities enabling the blue growth, and developing measures for capacity creation and skills' enhancement.

## Key Steps

**December 2014:** BLUEMED Vision Document presented by the Italian Presidency of the EU at the Competitiveness Council and endorsement of the process.

**October 2015:** Adoption of the **Venice declaration** by 10 European countries and launch of the BLUEMED SRIA.

**October 2016:** Starting of the **BLUEMED Coordination and Support Action**.

**April 2017:** BLUEMED Conference 'A Basin of Research and Sustainable Growth' under the Maltese Presidency of the EU Council and **first SRIA update**

**May 2017:** Signature of the **Valletta Declaration** on Strengthening Euro-Mediterranean cooperation through Research and Innovation. The BLUEMED Initiative enters the agenda of the Member States of the Union for Mediterranean and the EU.



## The BLUEMED CSA

The BLUEMED project is funded by the European Commission within the H2020 framework programme with 3 M€, aimed at supporting the implementation of the BLUEMED Initiative by promoting the update and implementation of the BLUEMED SRIA, converting its outputs into actions. It started on the 1st October 2016 and will last 4 years.

## How the CSA supports the BLUEMED Initiative

To support the BLUEMED Initiative, the CSA will:

- ◊ Strengthen cooperation across the Mediterranean Basin to update, consolidate and implement the BLUEMED SRIA
- ◊ Run, with the support of National Pivots, 4 BLUEMED Platforms as tool to ensure constant interdisciplinary and cross-national consultation
- ◊ Issue the BLUEMED Implementation Plan
- ◊ Build a network of funders and key players
- ◊ Develop a set of indicators and assess relevant research infrastructures, data policies and skills to underpin the BLUEMED research and innovation actions
- ◊ Promote the engagement of non-EU countries in collaboration with the Union for Mediterranean
- ◊ Increase the awareness of the BLUEMED vision in communities of hundreds of people
- ◊ Launch up to 5 start-up actions