



Union pour la Méditerranée  
Union for the Mediterranean  
الإتحاد من أجل المتوسط

*An action-driven organization with a common ambition*

**43** member countries **28** EU member states **15** Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries



## MISSION

To enhance regional cooperation, dialogue and the implementation of concrete projects and initiatives with tangible impact on our citizens, mainly our youth, in order to address three strategic objectives for the region: human development, stability and integration.

## UfM Co-presidency

### Co-ownership:

The Co-presidency ensures coherence of activities and equal footing and representation of North and South



*Jordan and the EU have been Co-presidents since 2012*

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## UfM Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)

### Governing Body:

Trimestral meetings of the Ambassadors of the 43 countries



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## UfM Secretariat

- 1** Secretary General from the South
- 6** Deputy Secretary Generals (3 North and 3 South)
- 60** Diplomats, financial experts and project managers from more than 20 countries and institutions



*The UfM Secretariat is the operational institution that empowers the regional dialogue between the UfM Member States and stakeholders and promotes regional cooperation projects and initiatives*

# UFM | The Euro-Mediterranean Family



In 2017, the UfM Secretariat continued building relationships and cooperation with all the members of the Euro-Mediterranean family and other relevant stakeholders.



Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat

European Economic and Social Councils



ASCAME

ASSOCIATION DES CHAMBRES DE COMMERCE ET D'INDUSTRIE DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE  
ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
جمعية غرف التجارة والصناعة للبحر الأبيض المتوسط

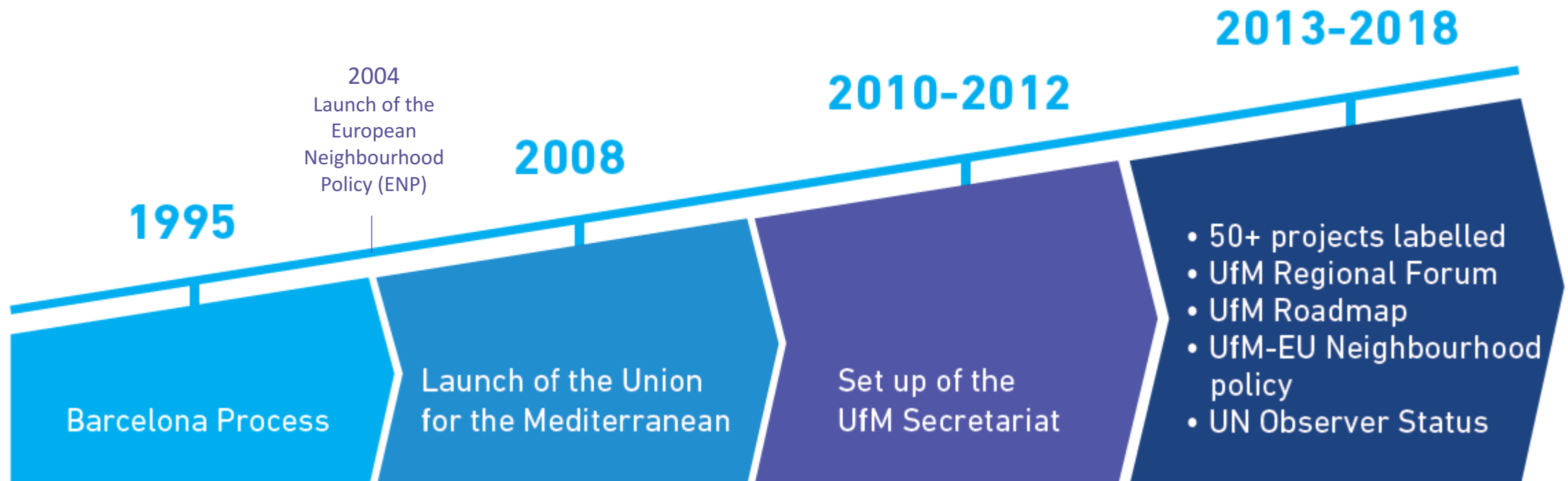
**BUSINESSMED**

Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises  
Union Méditerranéenne des Confédérations d'Entreprises

# The UfM Project Promoters



## A response to the challenges of the region



# Our belief

- ✓ **Regional challenges call for regional solutions**
- ✓ **There is no security without development and no development without security**
- ✓ **We need to address the root causes of irregular migration, terrorism and radicalisation through:**
  - Development through euro-mediterranean regional integration
  - Job creation and inclusive growth
  - Promotion of dialogue and mutual understanding

# UfM Roadmap

**On January 2017, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the UfM adopted a roadmap for action aiming at strengthening the role of the UfM towards an enhanced regional cooperation and integration in the Mediterranean**

*Through this roadmap, Member States express their political will and commitment to work together to:*

- ✓ **Enhance political dialogue among Member States**
- ✓ **Ensure the contribution of UfM activities to regional stability and human development**
- ✓ **Strengthen regional integration**
- ✓ **Consolidate UfM capacity for action**



# The 3 P's: Policies in Action – Strategic Objectives



## Political forum

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- **UfM Ministerial Conference on Blue Economy, Brussels, 17 November 2015**

# UfM Ministerial on Blue Economy



It recognized the importance of the blue economy for the Mediterranean region, and settles the existing long-term objectives for sustainable management of the sea and for a cleaner Mediterranean, acknowledging the need to invest on Blue research, technology, innovation, knowledge and skills.

*“Ministers **welcome** the proposal to include UfM partners in the implementation of the above BLUEMED Initiative on a voluntary basis and to support the networking amongst maritime clusters in the Mediterranean”*

## Regional Policy & Dialogue Platforms

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- **UfM Working Group on Blue Economy**

## UfM Working Group on Blue Economy

The **UfM Working Group on Blue Economy** is a technical group composed of representatives designated by the UfM countries and is co-chaired by the two co-Presidencies with the support of the UfM Secretariat.

Meets once a year and focuses its efforts on the **implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Blue Economy** of November 2015.

Aims at:

- Further shaping the regional **Blue Economy agenda** and portfolio based on the Ministerial recommendations
- **Exchanging** information, views and best practices between countries as well as stakeholders
- Creating **synergies** among initiatives
- **Providing input** to future actions and possible sea basin approaches/maritime strategies, without duplicating existing initiatives and bodies

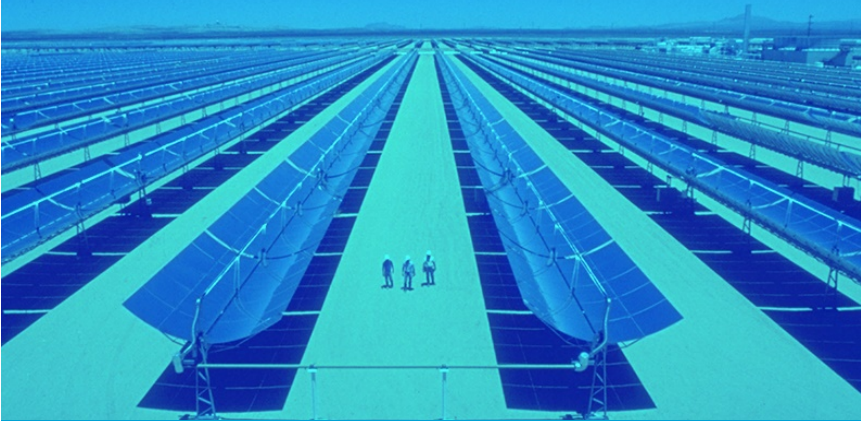
## WestMed Initiative

In the UfM Regional Stakeholder Conference on the Blue Economy, Naples, 29 November 2017 it was launched the **Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the western Mediterranean (WestMed)**

- It received the support of the ministers of Algeria, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia
- The conference gathered more than **400 stakeholders** dealing with marine and maritime issues from the entire Mediterranean region
- It was launched **Virtual Knowledge Centre on the Blue Economy**, the web-based information and networking platform for Blue Economy stakeholders in the Mediterranean

## Projects with regional impact

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- **PLASTIC-BUSTERS** for a Mediterranean free from litter
- **MedCoast4BG – Med Coasts for Blue Growth**

## PLASTIC-BUSTERS for a Mediterranean free from litter

- **Promoters:** University of Siena
- **Beneficiaries:** National and local water authorities and public and private actors involved in the water sector
- **Budget:** 8.810.000€
- **Aim:** The overall goal of the project is to effectively tackle the issue of marine litter in the Mediterranean and thus contribute to the de-pollution of the Mediterranean sea
- **Labelisation:** The UfM labeled this project in 2016 and it has contributed by mediating with international financial institutions to raise funds for its implementation





# MedCoast4BG – Med Coasts for Blue Growth

- **Promoters:** CPMR Intermediterranean Commission
- **Beneficiaries:** Public administrations, national/regional/local private operators, citizens of coastal areas across the Mediterranean, research institutions/universities, International Organizations & networks.
- **Budget:** 3.085.000€
- **Aim:** MedCoast4BG's general objective is to analyse and promote the co-evolution of human activities and natural systems in coastal areas particularly or potentially devoted to tourism, taking into consideration climate change effects, sustainable development of tourist activities, and basing its analysis and actions on the principles of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP).
- **Labelisation:** 2017



## Synergies among BlueMed and other UfM-supported initiatives

### BlueMed & PRIMA

According to the 2018 PRIMA Work Plan:

- Marine research is not included in the scope of PRIMA as it is in BlueMed, but PRIMA will look for synergies and complementarities, particularly in aspects related to **land-based aquaculture** and **sea-based food processing**.



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## Research & Innovation

# Valletta Declaration (2017)



The **Valletta Declaration on Strengthening Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation through Research and Innovation** (May 2017) welcomes the BLUEMED initiative as a means to promote a healthy, productive and resilient Mediterranean Sea and stress the importance of structuring Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in marine and maritime sectors to encompass a broad range of objectives comprising the creation of new, blue jobs and social well-being while also being mindful of sustainable development and the preservation of the environment in the Mediterranean area.

*“(The Ministers) **WELCOME** the efforts [...] to include other member countries of the UfM in the implementation of the BLUEMED initiative on a voluntary basis. To this aim, we **CALL** for support to maintain an open dialogue between key stakeholders to develop joint sub-regional and regional approaches towards actions supporting the implementation of the BLUEMED initiative. We **ACKNOWLEDGE** the potential of research and innovation communities across the Euro-Mediterranean area to maximize existing and future opportunities and the use of the most appropriate instruments supporting the implementation of the BLUEMED initiative”*

# Relevant Framework on 5+5 Dialogue

The role of scientific research as a tool for development and an engine for sustainable growth, driving an economy based on knowledge and innovation, creating jobs and wealth, including building capacities and developing skills on blue economy has been recognized in the **3rd Dialogue 5+5 Ministerial Declaration on Research, Innovation and Higher Education** (March 2017).

*“(The Ministers in charge of Research, Innovation and Higher Education in the Dialogue 5+5 Member Countries of the Western Mediterranean delegates) **WELCOME** the BLUEMED initiative for blue growth and jobs, and the efforts to open up this initiative to southern Mediterranean countries”*

**Annual GSO Meeting of the Western Mediterranean Forum (5+5 Dialogue) for Higher Education, Research and Education** (Trieste, 18-19 October 2018)

The UfM participates as observer, enabling to create synergies with relevant regional policy dialogue, initiatives and projects.

## ***Project in UfM pipeline: BLUMES\****

**BLUMES** - **BLUE** Jobs and Responsible Growth in the **Mediterranean** throughout **Enhancing Skills and Developing Capacities**

### **Aims:**

- To promote the **creation of skills, knowledge and research in the field of Blue Economy**, leading to “blue” careers and scientific research.
- By supporting the Euro-Mediterranean community of stakeholders of the Blue Economy through Higher Education and Research, it will **enhance the shared knowledge of the Mediterranean basin in marine and maritime sectors**.

**Planned actions:** summer schools, post-graduate university master’s degree, research mobility, traineeship program, workshops, conferences and publications

***\*The project is currently in process of being labelled***

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