



Ports as key players of the energy transition in the Med - UfM Policy framework & support

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The UfM at a glance



43 Members

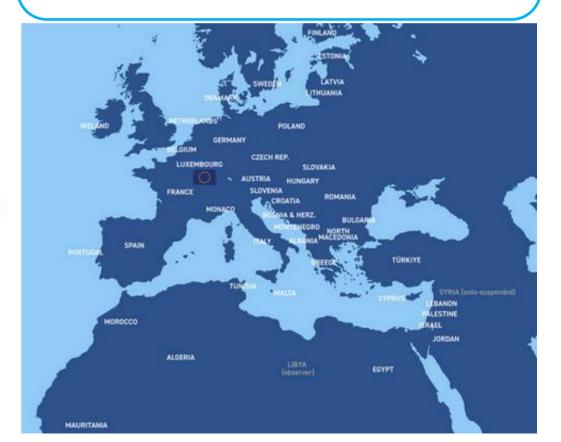
27 EU members and 15 Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries. Their Senior Officials meet regularly to oversee and coordinate the activities of the UfM.

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 Ministerial on Sustainable Blue Economy (February 2021)



UfM Ministerial on Environment and Climate Action (October 2021)



February 2023 **UfM Ministerial Conference on Transport & Regional Transport Action Plan**2021-2027





The 2nd UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy, 2nd February 2021



✓ Blue Economy Roadmap

Ministerial priorities

Governance & the future of sea basin strategies

Marine research, innovation, skills, careers & employment

Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries & aquaculture

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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



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UfM Blue Economy Roadmap

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

- ✓ Landmark document in the region
- ✓ Overview and analysis of the joint needs, gaps and opportunities for future support, funding, and implementation by Ministerial 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/Ministerial



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Implementation of the Roadmap (short-term)

Small-ports and marinas diversification

- Transformative innovation for small-scale ports
- Fostering ports as 'hubs' of clean and renewable energy
- · Foster ability of ports in adopting fully circular model

Innovation ecosystems for blue economy value-chains

- 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 sea basin

MSP as a sustainable blue economy 'enabler'

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

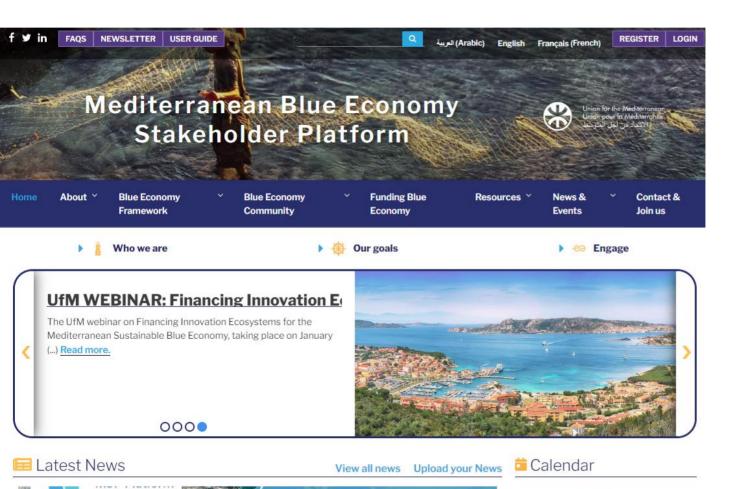
Twinning/Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX) Maritime safety/security / CB Exchange of information/expertise Training for project submission under relevant EU Programmes Maritime renewable energy for a 'greener' blue economy training and capacity building Continuation of webinars (e.g. Ocean Literacy?) Expand existing socio-economic observatories **Cross-cutting support**





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communication gateway offers support to all EU Member States in their efforts to implement MSP, as a key enabler and tool to ensure the most sustainable and productive multi-use of the sea

Learn more about how all European MSP

The Furonean MSP Platform

- Regional networking platform supporting the sustainable blue economy in the Med
- One-stop shop dedicated to consolidating & sharing general, technical + sectoral knowledge & information on SBE in the Med
- ✓ Interactive hub for a wide community of Med SBE stakeholders & actors



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Sustainable investments in the BE

✓ Cross-cutting enabler, SBE Roadmap

Maritime Clusters in the Mediterranean Region



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Thank you! Merci!



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