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## Ministerial priorities :

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Governance & the future of sea basin strategies

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Marine research, innovation, skills, careers & employment

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Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries & aquaculture

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Sustainable, climate-neutral & zero-pollution maritime transport & ports

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Interactions between ML & the blue economy

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Coastal & maritime tourism

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MSP & ICZM

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Marine Renewable Energies

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Maritime safety & security of BE activities

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Sustainable investment in the BE

# UfM Blue Economy Roadmap

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

Overview and analysis of the **joint needs, gaps and opportunities for future support, funding, and implementation by 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



# Groupings of initiatives to implement the Roadmap

## *Validated by the UfM WG on BE in 2022*

### **Cross-cutting support**

Blue skills, careers, and jobs, training and capacity building  
Twinning/Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX)  
Expand existing socio-economic observatories  
Continuation of webinars (i.e. Ocean Literacy)  
Maritime safety  
(training/CB/exchange of information & expertise/TA)

### **Small ports and marinas diversification**

- Transformative innovation for small-scale ports, linking to (i.e.) aquaculture, tourism, energy, marine litter facilities)
- Fostering ports as 'hubs' of clean and renewable energy
- Alternative fuels
- Foster ability of ports in adopting fully circular model

### **Innovation on local value chains**

- Raise awareness on Sustainable Smart Specialisation Strategies
- Scale-up of 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 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





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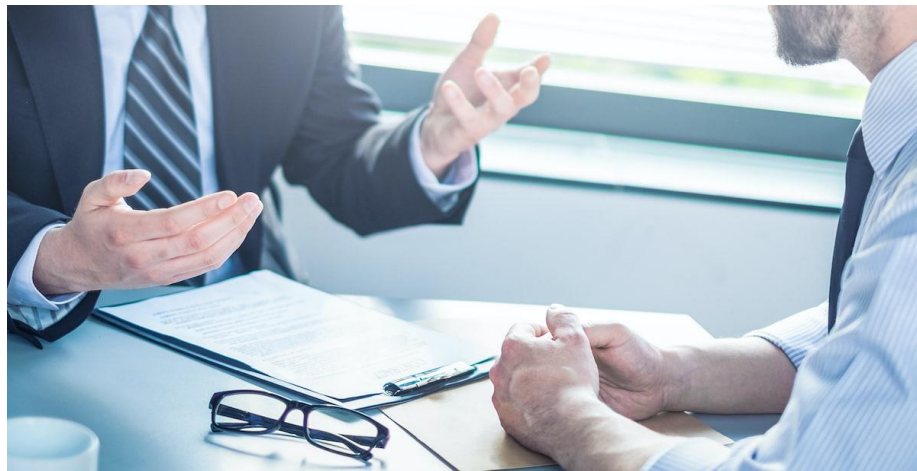


**UfM Blue Finance Conference:** Investing in a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean

22nd of June 09:00-18:30

# Activity of the Conference

- Give **access to finance and investments** in blue economy sectors; including EU, national and local funding, as well as private investors.
- Conduct **matchmaking sessions** between the countries and the Banks/Financial institutions, so that the participants could present specific proposals and discuss feedback ahead of their viability.



## Points made at the Conference

- There are already active opportunities for investments in sustainable blue economy including **financial packages, guarantees, financial networking tools and accelerators**
- **Matchmaking sessions between banks and project promoters**
- Strong **collaboration around blue economy priorities at regional level**





# Recommendations emerging from the Conference

- **Facilitate communication** between the financial institutions and project promoters in the form of a “**common language**”, currently lacking.
- **Women and youth involvement and empowerment** remain a crucial issue to be mainstreamed in all the blue economy related work.
- Expansion of the blue economy community drawing the **participation of national and local banks**.
- Drive financial support for **feasibility and prefeasibility studies**.
- **Creation and monitoring of regional and national funds** dedicated to sustainable blue economy.







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# Mediterranean Blue Economy Stakeholder Platform

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▶ Our goals

## Reports & Leaflets: "Towards a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean"

Check out the leaflets and full reports "Towards a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean (...)" [Read more.](#)



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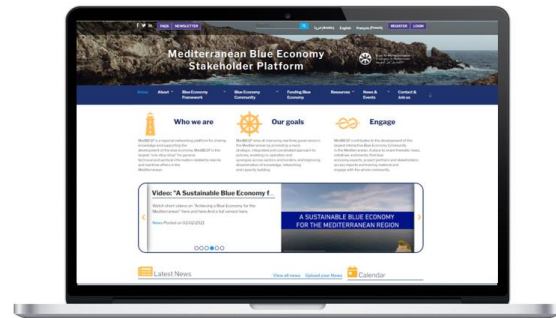
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Regional networking platform supporting the sustainable blue economy in the Med

“One-stop shop” dedicated to consolidating and sharing general, technical and sectoral knowledge and information on SBE in the Med

An interactive hub for a wide community of SBE stakeholders and actors





## Sustainable Tourism

Publication promoted by  
the Union for the Mediterranean  
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the Conference of  
Peripheral Maritime Regions





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## UFM at upcoming Events relevant to Sustainable Blue Economy *October –December 2022*

- UNECE Ministerial Conference on Environment, CYPRUS
- TouMali Conference, Egypt
- Maritime Spatial Planning, Rome
- UfM Working Group on Sustainable Blue Economy, Aqaba
- UfM Environment Task Force, Barcelona
- COP 27 – Med Pavillion, Sharm-El-Sheik, Egypt
- COP15 – Post 2020 Framework, Montreal



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# Thank you!

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