

**Agenda of the 5th Meeting of the UfM Working Group on the Blue Economy,
Conference Centre Albert Borschette (CCAB), 36 rue Froissart, Brussels
25 March 2019**

09:00 – 09:30	Registration of participants
09:30 - 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening (by the co-Presidency) • Adoption of the agenda • Tour de table on progress made on developing maritime policy, blue economy, and cross-sectorial coordination at national level (by focal points of the UfM Countries).
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key outcomes of the written reports submitted by the countries and concerned institutions in 2018 (UfMS) • Deliverables of the 1st UfM Ministerial Declaration on the Blue Economy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latest advancements at regional level, including WestMed (DG MARE); Blue Med Initiative (DG RTD); Med Blue Economy Stakeholder Platform (UfMS), etc. <p>(Input by country representatives)</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 - 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards the next UfM Ministerial Conference on the Blue Economy in 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Review of the Ministerial Declaration of 2015 (Copresidency, UfMS and country representatives)
15:30- 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De-briefing from the first “Blue Invest in the Mediterranean” event - 24 January, Malta – by DG MARE. • How to ensure active participation of blue economy entrepreneurs and investors in the UfM Blue Economy Forum (introduction by DG MARE and DG NEAR; discussion). • Support grant from DG MARE/EASME¹ to the UfMS: purpose and objectives. • Overview of projects linked to IMP/BE, implemented by the European Commission
16:30 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMP-MED Facility: short overview of the achievements of the project (by Ms Federica Pesce - DG NEAR and Mr Lothar Schillak – Project Team Leader)
17:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOB • Next steps • Conclusions (by the co-Presidency)

¹ EU grant under the European and Maritime Fisheries Fund: Promoting the Blue Economy in the Mediterranean; Action Grant EASME/EMFF/2019/ - EMFF Work Programme 2019.