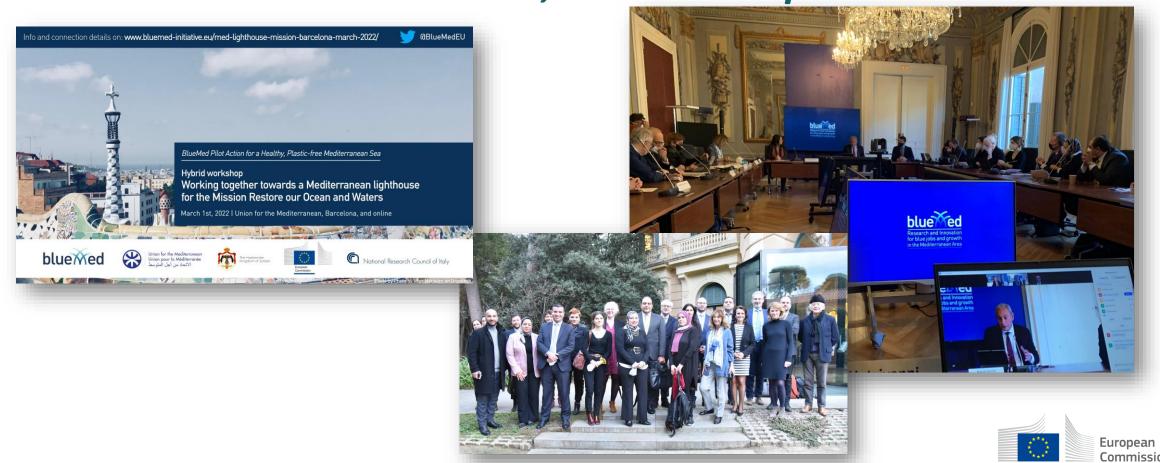
# Working together: From the BlueMed Pilot Initiative towards a Mediterranean lighthouse for the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters 1-2 March, Barcelona Spain



#### Concept of the event

- Bridging the experience of the BlueMed Pilot Initiative on Plastic pollution towards the Mediterranean Lighthouse
- Stocktaking what has been achieved and renewing cooperation around the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters objectives.
- Preparing the path for the implementation of the Mediterranean lighthouse
- Follow up on Brest One Ocean Summit event
- Present information on national initiatives to tackle pollution
- Integrate the BlueMed and UfM Blue Economy and Environment working groups, gathering
   Mediterranean stakeholders to explore synergetic approaches



## BlueMed National Hubs Activities

### Pilot activities have been presented at national level:

- Monitoring and assessment of marine litter
- Preventing marine litter, recycling, promoting circular economy
- Restoration and valorization
- Education, training, communication
- Policies, regulatory issues and financing

## Join efforts through Initiatives

- UfM: Blue Economy Roadmap, ENV Greener Med Agenda and, R&I Roadmaps
- The **Plastic Busters** Initiative
- The sea basin strategies perspective (WestMed)
- **LIFE** Programme
- Med Strategy for the prevention, response and preparedness to marine pollution from ships
- The **CPMR** Intermediterranean Commission initiatives
- WWF Plastic Smart Cities Initiative
- The Scinmeet, IOC
- PRIMA
- Interreg MED: BLUEISLANDS
- ENI CBC Med
- Sustainable Development Goals for the Mediterranean

The EU Mission and the Mediterranean Lighthouse

#### Main messages

- ☐ Coordinated action and creating consensus: vital to address cross border environmental threats
- ☐ **UfM is fundamental** towards our new approach for a sustainable economy in the Mediterranean.
- > We now need to go forward to the Mission.
- ➤ The Mediterranean lighthouse: An enabler for policymakers, the public & private sector, researchers, citizens. Regions and local communities are significant stakeholders because these solutions need to be taken at local level.
- Bluemed Pilot leaded to a partnership that focuses on local hubs, uses a platform to connect them, and created a strong community.
  - BlueMed National Hubs will be key drivers.

