

Working together: From the BlueMed Pilot Initiative towards a Mediterranean lighthouse for the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters

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BlueMed Pilot Action for a Healthy, Plastic-free Mediterranean Sea

Hybrid workshop
Working together towards a Mediterranean lighthouse for the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters

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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 leded 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.