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ROADMAP TO SET THE PATH TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 UFM MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY – 26

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Recap: Purpose and objectives of the Roadmap monitoring system

- Monitoring **the process of implementation** to ensure that the activities outlined in the Roadmap are being accomplished and that resources are being allocated and used effectively.
- Monitoring **concrete outputs directly associated to the activities** supported through the actions, sets of activities or projects carried out to implement the Roadmap.
- **Assessment of the progress towards the achievement** of the short, medium and long term objectives, assessing if the result indicators evolve in the expected/desired direction.
- **Using the information collected to periodically review the overall strategy** and to inform decision makers and stakeholders at different levels.

Implementation arrangements

A **simple** and **straight-forward system** has been set out to monitor the implementation of the Roadmap towards the fulfilment of the UfM Ministerial Declaration. This will be based on four main steps:

- 1) The monitoring process will start with the development of a **reporting template**, aimed in particular at monitoring progress on the accomplishment of the different Declaration Priorities.
- 2) This will be the basis of the **Regular (tbd: yearly) summary reports on implementation**, prepared by the UfM Secretariat (in close cooperation with the UfM Blue Economy Working Group and Co-Presidency).
- 3) In parallel, and in order to properly link the monitoring of the Roadmap's implementation with the national dimension and trying to minimise the reporting burden on countries, National Focal Points of the UfM Blue Economy Working Group will be requested to **report every two years on progress** by Ministerial Declaration Priority/ies.
- 4) Finally, a **mid-term evaluation** would take place in the context of the preparation of a new Ministerial Declaration, expected possibly after 2025. The scope and focus of the evaluation will be agreed based on the inputs received by the both the Yearly summary reports and the biannual national reports on progress.

Implementation arrangements

Activities to be carried out by UfM's Blue Economy Working Group with the support of the UfM CoPresidency and Secretariat

- **Overall coordination and monitoring of the implementation** of the Roadmap
- **Approve and update the indicators** to capture the implementation of the Roadmap
- Ensuring the **preparation of yearly summary reports on the progress** in the execution of the Roadmap

Support of UfM CoPresidency and Secretariat in close coordination with the countries

- **Steers** the process
- **Takes ownership** and **coordinates monitoring activities** throughout the implementation of the Roadmap

Summary of Monitoring, Reporting & Evaluation milestones

Monitoring activity	Lead	Timeline
Preparation of monitoring template	UfM Secretariat	End of year 2022
Regular (possibly yearly) summary report on implementation of the Ministerial Declaration	UfM Secretariat, supervised by UfM Blue Economy Working Group and Co-Presidency	First report due in February 2023
Biannual progress reports on the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration at national level	UfM Blue Economy Working Group Focal Points	Every two years (first report due in September 2023, second report due in September 2025)
Mid-term evaluation	External/ independent consultant	2025

Set of proposed process and results indicators for the UfM Secretariat report

Output (Process indicators)

+Number of actions, sets of activities and projects of regional cooperation planned (per Declaration Priority)

+Number of actions, sets of activities and projects of regional cooperation being implemented in the Mediterranean area per Declaration Priority

+Level of financial support committed/secured to support each priority of the UfM Ministerial Declaration

+Number and typology of partners and stakeholders involved in the actions/sets of activities/projects

Outcomes (result indicators)

+Achieved and projected results of the different actions, sets of activities and projects underway or finished, mainly:

- Number/type of new/enhanced products/services developed;
- Number/type of new/enhanced collaboration networks and platforms being supported/activated;
- Number/type of stakeholders (businesses, research, CSOs, etc.) involved and benefitting from the initiative;
- Number/type of regional policies influenced as a result of regional cooperation (mainstreaming).

Reporting template for UfM Focal Points

Focal points' reports should be **simple and compact reports** which would contain a brief introduction on main achievements and describe new or enhanced:

- Policies (including new/revised regulations in place),
- Strategies,
- Initiatives,
- Action plans or
- Projects

This will be done for each of the 10 Roadmap Priorities. The reporting template to be fulfilled by UfM BEWG members is currently under preparation and will be circulated by the end of year 2022.