



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

Operational advancements on concrete activities

Grouping of initiatives for implementing the Roadmap

Overview of the groupings as approved by the UfM WG

Cross-cutting support

Support to blue skills, training and capacity building

Training for project submission under relevant EU Programmes
Twinning/Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX)

Expand existing socio-economic observatories

Continuation of webinars (e.g. Ocean Literacy?)

Maritime renewable energy for a 'greener' blue economy

Maritime safety/security / CB Exchange of information/expertise

Small-ports and marinas diversification

- Transformative innovation for small-scale ports
- Fostering ports as 'hubs' of clean and renewable energy
- Foster ability of ports in adopting fully circular model

Innovation ecosystems for blue economy value-chains

- Scale-up 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 a sustainable blue economy 'enabler'

- MSP for a proper planning of marine renewables zones/licensing
- Principal Areas (fisheries), Allocated Zones (aquaculture), and MPAs
- Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) multi-stakeholder working group

Concept Notes for implementing the Roadmap

'Concept notes' have been produced for each initiative (Word doc)

- Small-ports and marinas diversification
- Innovation ecosystems for blue economy value-chains
- MSP as a sustainable blue economy 'enabler'

Features of each Concept Note are as follows

- Introduction and objectives
- Support activities foreseen
- Stakeholders to be potentially involved
- Specificities of each action
 - Project structure / Work Packages
 - Work Plan / Communication
 - Webinars / Support

Next steps foreseen

- Approval of concept note and suggested action
- Implementation of agreed workplan (next slide)

Next steps for implementing the Roadmap

Overview of the overall planning and key milestone in 2022/2023

Activities		September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Small ports and marinas project idea development								
1.1	Development of a draft concept note	■						
1.2	Presentation of concept note during UfM BEWG		■					
1.3	Final concept note (containing a well structured project idea)							■
Innovation ecosystems webinars								
2.1	Development of draft concept note	■						
2.2	Presentation of concept note to the UfM BEWG		■					
2.3	Webinar I: Discussing local financing opportunities for southern countries				■			
2.4	Webinar II: Raising awareness on Smart Specialisation and potentials for southern countries						■	
Marine Spatial Planning as "enabler"								
3.1	MSPMED Workshop: Towards the operationalization of a joint MSP Roadmap for the Mediterranean (26-28 September)	■						
3.2	Development of draft concept note	■						
3.3	Presentation of Technical Group proposal to the UfM BEWG		■					
3.4	Technical Group approval							■