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## Biannual Newsletter on Blue Economy

Welcome to the 14th issue of the biannual newsletter on blue economy in the Mediterranean region!

Explore the most updated information related to the work of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and its partners to promote the blue economy in the Mediterranean region.

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### Latest News

#### 1. 13th UfM Working Group on Blue Economy and First back-to-back Meeting of the Blue Mediterranean Partnership (14 March 2023, Brussels)

UfM Countries and blue economy stakeholders met in Brussels on March 14 to continue making progress on the implementation of the [2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy](#) and its related Roadmap and to discuss ongoing and future joint activities, including further reflections on the mid-to-long-term. **In the framework of the Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation System of the Roadmap, UfM countries shared progress achieved at national level by Ministerial priority.** This exercise will constitute the baseline for yearly updates by the countries on the implementation of the Ministerial, foreseen in 2024 and 2025. The [First meeting of the Blue Mediterranean Partnership, announced at the Mediterranean Pavilion during COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh](#), took place directly after the WG. [Learn more.](#)





## **2. COP27 UfM Side Event on Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean ‘A rising tide which lifts all boats’ (17 November 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh)**

In the framework of COP27 taking place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, on 6-18 November and on the occasion of Solutions Day at the COP, this UfM Side Event brought together an exemplary representation of the large and dynamic Mediterranean SBE Community, highlighting why SBE is a driving force in the region and how it contributes to addressing climate change and to accelerating the transition towards sustainable, carbon-neutral, and circular economies in line with the priorities of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy, while providing critical opportunities to improve the health of our shared marine and coastal ecosystems. The Side Event took place at the Mediterranean Pavilion, convened by the UfM and a first in COP's history. [Learn more here and here.](#)



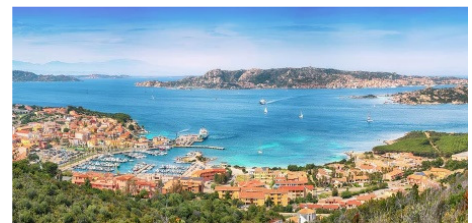
## **3. EBRD, EIB and the UfM with the political support of the European Commission to set up a new Blue Mediterranean Partnership (8 November 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh)**

In the framework of the Med Pavilion at COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), with the support of the European Commission, announced the creation of the Blue Mediterranean Partnership aiming to support the development of a sustainable blue economy in the EU's Southern Neighbourhood countries in the Mediterranean region. The BMP represents the partners' response to the commitments made at EU level to fully integrate the blue economy into the Green Deal, as well as to the priorities outlined in the EU's new Agenda for the Mediterranean and set by the 43 UfM countries in the framework of the [2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy](#). [Learn more.](#)



## **4. UfM WEBINAR: Financing Innovation Ecosystems for the Mediterranean Sustainable Blue Economy – Local Actors, Opportunities, and Challenges (30 January 2023)**

Organized in the framework of the joint priorities of action agreed by the countries of the UfM under the Roadmap for the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy, this UfM webinar brought together **local and national actors (including innovative start-ups, Venture Capitalists, incubators, and policy-makers)** as well as IFIs, and **100 participants and stakeholders**, to exchange on their experiences and challenges in terms of harnessing sustainable finance and support at local level to foster innovation ecosystems in the sectors and activities of the Mediterranean Sustainable Blue Economy. Focusing on the needs of the Southern and Eastern shores of the basin (including financing, capacity building, and awareness raising), the webinar also aimed to shed a light on the opportunities available at local level to scale-up innovation ecosystems as essential drivers for transformative change in Mediterranean coastal and maritime regions. [Learn more.](#)



## **5. UfM and World Ocean Council together with the WestMED Initiative sign MoU boosting private sector engagement and stewardship in the Mediterranean blue economy (28 March 2023, Barcelona)**

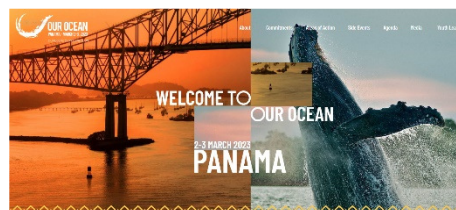
In close coordination with the UfM EU (DG MARE) and Jordan Co-Presidency, on March 28, 2023, the UfM and the [World Ocean Council \(WOC\)](#) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at UfM Headquarters in Barcelona in the framework of the [2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy](#) and the Roadmap for its implementation, and



in the framework of the [WestMED Initiative](#), supported by the UfM and by the European Commission. The MoU details key avenues of collaboration to promote **cooperation, strong engagement, stewardship, and corporate responsibility from the business and investment communities in maritime and marine sectors and activities at Mediterranean level**. Strategic cooperation will focus on – among other key areas – blue business development and entrepreneurship; blue skills, careers, jobs and employability in the sectors activities of the Med SBE; sustainable investments in the blue economy; and the blue finance process in the Mediterranean. [Learn more here](#).

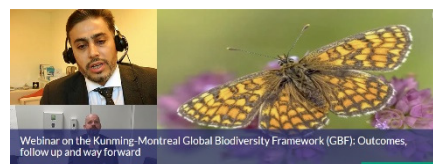
#### 6. Our Ocean Conference: EU announces €816.5 million worth of commitments to protect the ocean (2-3 March 2023, Panama)

At the [Our Ocean Conference in Panama](#), the EU confirmed its strong engagement for international ocean governance by announcing [39 commitments](#) for action for the year 2023. These actions will be funded by €816.5 million, one of the largest sums announced by the EU since the start of the Our Ocean Conferences in 2014. The EU made commitments for action covering all the themes of the Conference: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), marine pollution, climate change, sustainable fisheries, sustainable blue economies, and maritime security. The EU also joined the [Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated \(IUU\) Fishing Action Alliance](#). [Learn more](#).



#### 7. UfM Webinar on the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF): Outcomes, follow up, and way forward (7 March 2023)

The UfM hosted on 7 March 2023 a webinar on the 'Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF): Outcomes, follow up and way forward', as follow-up to the COP15 on Biodiversity (December 2022, Montreal) and the adoption of the GBF as the global post-2020 roadmap to tackle the ecological crisis and set the path towards a more nature-positive world. The webinar stressed the need to continue pooling technical, human, and financial resources; and to ensure coordination and converge efforts to reach the 30x30 target, which calls for 30% of the world's terrestrial, inland water, and coastal and marine areas to be in effective protection and management by 2030. [Learn more](#)



#### 8. UfM Ministers endorse a new Regional Transport Action Plan to boost connectivity in the Euro-Mediterranean region (9 February 2023, Barcelona)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> UfM Ministerial Conference on Transport took place online on 9 February 2023. A [new Regional Transport Action Plan](#) was endorsed by the UfM Ministers, reinvigorating multilateral cooperation in this sector until 2027 and unlocking the important potential for economic and social development in the region in the years ahead. [Learn more](#)



#### 9. High Seas Treaty: Global agreement on the protection and sustainable use of resources and biodiversity in the high seas (4 March 2023, New York)

On March 04, 2023, global negotiations concluded on the landmark **Treaty on Marine Biodiversity in areas Beyond National Jurisdiction - the so called BBNJ or High Seas Treaty** - to protect the ocean, tackle environmental degradation, fight climate change, and prevent biodiversity loss. The new treaty will allow the **establishment of large-scale marine protected areas on the high seas**, which are also necessary to meet the global commitments of the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Agreement](#) concluded last December to protect at least 30% of the ocean by 2030. For the first time, the treaty will also require **assessing the impact of economic activities on high seas biodiversity**. Developing countries will be supported in their participation in and implementation of the new treaty by a strong capacity-building and marine technology transfer component, funded by a variety of public and private sources and supported by an equitable mechanism for sharing the potential benefits of marine genetic resources. [Learn more](#).



#### 10. 2<sup>nd</sup> UfM online Conference on “The Restoration of Mediterranean Wetlands: The Wetland-Based Solutions” (1 December 2022)

The online Conference organized by the Union for the Mediterranean and MedWet was an excellent opportunity to inform decision-makers and practitioners at all levels on the latest tools, findings and strategies available and currently implemented in these vital ecosystems in different parts of the Mediterranean to activate the transformative changes and coordinated efforts urgently needed to scale up wetland ecosystem conservation and restoration. [Learn more.](#)



#### 11. The Mediterranean reaches historic milestone in the regional endeavor for greener shipping (December 16 2022, London/Athens)

The 79th session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee adopted on 15 December 2022 the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter (Med SOx ECA), with effect from 1 May 2025, to further limit air pollution from ships, pursuant to Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL). The adoption is the upshot of a successful multilateral process stewarded by UNEP/MAP. [Learn more.](#)

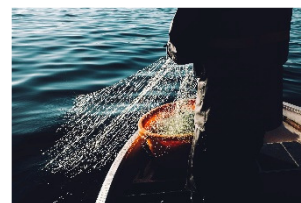
#### 12. 50th CPMR General Assembly (28-29 October 2022, Agios Nikolaos)

The General Assembly meeting of the CPMR took place on 28-29 October in Agios Nikolaos, hosted by the Region of Crete (Greece). The General Assembly meeting provides the opportunity for CPMR members to get together, exchange, and have bi-lateral meetings. Geographical Commission plenary meetings allow for discussions on common challenges and opportunities around sea basins, and CPMR technical and project meetings provide members with updates on main policy dossiers, actions plans and priorities in different CPMR areas of work. [Learn more.](#)



#### 13. Fisheries: EU and neighbouring countries agree first-ever joint multiannual management plans in the Mediterranean (12 November 2022)

On November 12, for the first time, the EU and neighbouring countries in the Mediterranean agreed on the **establishment of five fully-fledged multiannual management plans (MAPs)** based on the principles of the [Common Fisheries Policy](#) (CFP). This is a key step in improving the environmental and economic sustainability of fishing in the Mediterranean. It is the outcome of the 45th annual meeting of the [General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean](#) (GFCM). Member States and more than 20 other coastal countries, the GFCM unanimously adopted a total of 21 ambitious measures, 19 tabled by the European Union, for the management and control of fisheries, aquaculture, and the protection of sensitive habitats. The EU is also supporting the implementation of all the measures and the new [GFCM 2030 Strategy](#) with an **annual grant of €8 million.** [Learn more.](#)



#### 14. Sustainable fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black Seas: New updates to 2023 fishing opportunities proposal (23 November 2022)

On November 23 the European Commission completed its proposal for the 2023 fishing opportunities in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, adopted on 14 October 2022. Elements missing from the initial proposal were added, in particular, fishing opportunities stemming from the outcomes of the [45<sup>th</sup> annual session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean \(GFCM\)](#) and elements for the implementation of the [western Mediterranean multi-annual management plan](#) (West Med MAP). These updates are based on the latest scientific advice and reflect the Commission's ambition to achieve sustainable fisheries and thriving ecosystems in these two sea basins, in line with the legal obligations under the [common fisheries policy](#) (CFP) and international commitments reflected in the [GFCM 2030 Strategy](#). [Learn more.](#)





**15. UfM participates in Final Conference of the project ‘Strengthening project implementation capacity, dialogue, and cooperation in the Black Sea Region’ organized by BSEC and ICBSS (23 November 2022, Athens)**

The Final Conference of the project organized by the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC PERMIS) and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) aimed at presenting the results of three concrete initiatives co-funded by the EC in the Black Sea region (Black Sea React!, Black Sea Cruise, and CulTourE4Youth), as well as to promote dialogue and the exchange of experiences and knowledge among regional and international stakeholders active in the areas of environmental protection, culture, tourism, transport, and youth entrepreneurship. UfMS took part in a **session dedicated to fostering the exchange of experiences and knowledge between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean on tackling the challenge of marine litter**. Both semi-enclosed Seas facing growing anthropogenic pressures, the Mediterranean and Black Sea are highly impacted by marine litter pollution, the vast majority of which is generated by land-based activities and consists of plastics, both micro and macro. [Learn more here.](#)



**16. The Day of the Mediterranean (28 November 2022)**

The 2nd Edition of the **Day of the Mediterranean** was celebrated on **28 November, 2022**. This Day provides a yearly opportunity to promote intercultural exchanges, celebrate cooperation, embrace diversity and strengthen ties between the two shores. It also provides an opportunity to launch projects and initiatives and hold events, roundtables, exhibitions, and festivals across the region, promoting intercultural exchanges and embracing diversity. [Learn more.](#)



**17. EC report on the implementation of the Western Mediterranean initiative (05 January 2023)**

The Commission has adopted a [report on the outcomes of the Western Mediterranean \(WestMED\) initiative](#). Since 2017, five EU Member States (France, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Malta) and five southern partner countries (Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia), have worked together on their shared interest for the Mediterranean around three common goals: increase maritime safety and security; promote sustainable blue economy, growth and jobs; and preserve ecosystems and biodiversity. The WestMED initiative has proved to be a useful intergovernmental platform for promoting sustainable blue economy sectors across the Western Mediterranean. [Learn more.](#)

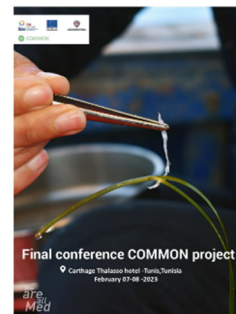
**18. First Steering Committee meeting of the Plan of Action for a Model Mediterranean Sea by 2030 (PAMEx) (24-25 January 2023, Athens)**

The Plan of Action for a Model Mediterranean Sea by 2030 (PAMEx) held its first Steering Committee meeting on 24-25 January 2023 in Athens, Greece. Partners followed-up on the implementation of the [20 concrete actions](#) encompassed by PAMEx. In addition to governance aspects and the functioning of the [Local Investment Finance Facility \(PLIFF\)](#) — the innovative financial mechanism created to underpin the implementation of PAMEx — the members of the Steering Committee reviewed ongoing projects and sought ways to accelerate action for nature in the Mediterranean. The Coordinating Unit of UNEP/MAP hosts the technical secretariat of PAMEx. [Learn more](#)



**19. EU-funded and UfM-labelled 'COMMON' project builds a transnational network of organizations to protect the Mediterranean Sea from marine litter (07 – 08 February 2023, Final Conference, Tunis)**

COMMON (COastal Management and MONitoring Network for tackling marine litter in Mediterranean Sea) is an ENI CBC Med-financed and UfM-labelled project born from a collaboration network between Italy, Lebanon and Tunisia, with the aim of reducing marine litter in the Mediterranean area. The Final Conference of the project served to bring together key stakeholders including the partners of the project (Legambiente, University of Siena, INSTM, CIHEAM Bari, Amwaj, the University of Sousse, and the Tyre Coast Nature Reserve) and the UfM to share and present the results achieved. In addition to capacity-building workshops, engagement with key stakeholders through participatory methods, and awareness-raising campaigns, common monitoring protocols have been developed and applied to assess the impacts of marine litter in the five pilot areas in Lebanon, Tunisia, and Italy - a key aspect in terms of replication potential and to define more targeted and effective mitigation actions. Project results have also nourished the UfM-labelled Plastic Busters 'CAP' project on capitalization and amplification. **Learn more about the results of the project final conference [here](#).**



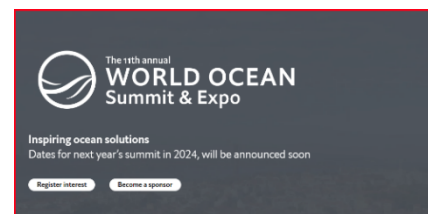
**20. Fisheries, aquaculture and marine ecosystems: transition to clean energy and ecosystem protection for more sustainability and resilience (21 February 2023)**

On February 21, the EC presented a package of measures to improve the sustainability and resilience of the EU's fisheries and aquaculture sector. The main objectives of the measures are to promote the use of cleaner energy sources and reduce dependency on fossil fuels as well as reduce the sector's impact on marine ecosystems. The proposed actions will be carried out gradually to help the sector adapt. A 'Pact for Fisheries and Oceans' will also support the full implementation of the [Common Fisheries Policy](#) (CFP) in coordination with Member States and fisheries stakeholders, including fishers, producer organisations, regional advisory councils, civil society and scientists. **[Learn more.](#)**



**21. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual World Ocean Summit & Expo (February 27 to March 01 2023, Lisbon)**

In its 10th year, this annual global event brought together a wide cross-section of the ocean community, from business and finance to governments, national and international policy-makers, civil society, and academia to discuss, among other key topics, climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. With a **strong focus on marine industries including shipping, fishing, aquaculture, energy, and tourism**, the Conference also featured cross-industry sessions to leverage synergies and encourage cross-sector engagement. **[Learn more.](#)**

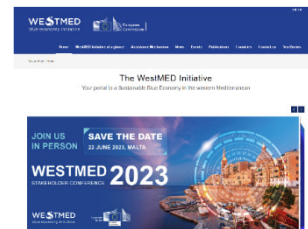


**22. Maritime Security: EU updates Strategy to safeguard maritime domain against new threats (10 March 2023, Brussels)**

On 10 March 2023, the EC and the High Representative adopted a [Joint Communication on an enhanced EU Maritime Security Strategy](#) to ensure a peaceful use of the seas and safeguard the maritime domain against new threats. They have also adopted an [updated Action Plan](#) through which the Strategy will be implemented. Maritime security is vital to the European Union and its Member States. Together, the EU's Member States form the largest combined exclusive economic zone in the world and the EU economy depends greatly on safe and secure oceans and seas. **[Learn more.](#)**

### 23. The UfM participates in the 18<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee of the WestMED Initiative (15 March 2023, Brussels)

Country representatives and stakeholders gathered on 15 March in Brussels to exchange on the latest advancements within the WestMED Initiative and to jointly discuss next steps ahead, including on the draft text of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WestMED Ministerial scheduled to take place in Malta on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. [Learn more here.](#)



### 24. 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Monaco Ocean Week (20-26 March 2023, Monaco)

Leading marine sector stakeholders convened to share their key marine environment conversation findings and to take action to preserve the oceans. During the 6th edition of the Monaco Ocean Week, local and international experts, the scientific community, voluntary sector, and public authorities united in the Principality of Monaco. Over the past editions, many key commitments have been sealed, such as the Monaco Manifesto for the Ocean published and signed by HSH the Sovereign Prince with the French and Italian ministers in charge of the marine environment. [Learn more.](#)



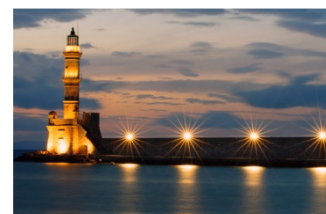
### 25. EU Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters': 20 new projects to restore our blue Planet by 2030

20 multinational projects will receive over €117 million to contribute to the objectives of the Mission 'Restore our Ocean and waters', namely: protect and restore biodiversity, cut pollution, and support a sustainable blue economy. The projects gather 297 partners from 39 countries, including most of the EU Member States. A full [overview of the projects](#) can be found on the EC website. [Learn more.](#)

## Resources and Opportunities

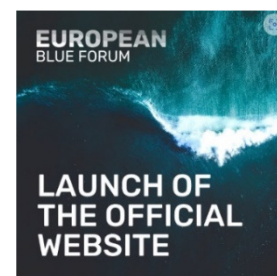
### 1. Roadmap for the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy – A landmark document for SBE in the Mediterranean

Following up on the adoption by the 43 member countries of the UfM in February 2021 of the [2nd UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy](#), UfM countries, Co-Presidency, and Secretariat agreed to elaborate a [Roadmap for the implementation of the 2021 Ministerial](#) with a view to producing an in-depth overview and analysis of the joint needs, gaps and opportunities for future support, funding, and implementation for each of the 10 priorities set by the Declaration. This landmark document includes a sketching out of ongoing initiatives, programmes, and projects, while linking to and formulating promising pathways, processes, and actions to be launched and scaled-up from the short to the longer term. The Roadmap also foresees an easy to implement Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation system, essential to assess progress towards the implementation of the Ministerial at regional level. [Learn more.](#)



### 2. Launch of the European Blue Forum website

The European Blue Forum is intended to be a **pan-European Stakeholder group, able to come together to discuss shared challenges and priorities over the medium term with the aim of finding consensus, synergies and solutions towards a common vision.** As part of the Forum, stakeholders will have the opportunity to influence the structure and direction of the European Blue Forum in a balanced and inclusive way, and through this, the future of Europe's Sustainable Blue Economy. Members will be invited to participate in dedicated meetings and workshops, as well as be given the opportunity to create dedicated Action Groups. These groups, with the support of the European Blue Forum Secretariat, will collaboratively work towards finding solutions to the biggest challenges facing our Sustainable Blue Economy Community and deliver collective. **The launch event of the Blue Forum, organized by the EC and the MSP Assistance Mechanism, will take place in Brest (France) on 26 May, 2023.** [Learn more.](#)



### 3. Release of Infographic on Maritime Spatial Planning in the EU

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) is a fundamental tool for the development of a Sustainable Blue Economy. It allows us to manage the use of our seas and oceans in a long term, inclusive and innovative way, to reduce conflicts between sectors, create synergies between human activities and ensure they take place in an efficient and safe way, within the capacity of the receiving ecosystems. There are also other benefits to MSP, as it puts the seas and oceans on the political agenda and helps to raise stakeholder awareness of important maritime issues. In addition, there are indirect benefits such as flowing from systematic data and information collection and stakeholder processes, among others. [Learn more.](#)



### 4. Four years of practical support to a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Western Mediterranean

In the past 4 years (2018-2022), the WestMED Assistance Mechanism helped to secure 50 million Euros in funding alone for all kinds of different projects that contribute to the WestMED Initiative's main objective to develop and strengthen a sustainable blue economy in the region. WestMED has also helped drive discussions between stakeholders from both the Northern and the Southern shores, on key maritime topics such as green shipping, sustainable aquaculture, project funding, maritime clusters and blue skills. For an overview of the work done, the Assistance mechanism has produced both a 3-page Executive Summary and an infographic. [Learn more.](#)



### 5. The European Commission released a new interactive website for EU MISSIONS

The EC has released a new interactive website to explore the five EU Missions including the Mission Restore our Oceans & Waters. The new website includes different tools like videos and notices about the projects related to the five Missions. The site is managed by the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation. [You can explore the website here.](#)



### 6. Blue UP Barcelona

Blue-up Barcelona is a support program for innovative startups in the framework of sustainable blue economy. The program aims to help startups validate their business model and provide the necessary resources through training, networking, mentoring, tailor-made mentoring, and the services of Barcelona Activa (funding search, talent acquisition, among others). [Learn more.](#)



### 7. Launch of the portal EMODnet

On January 25, the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet), supported by the European Commission, launched its fully unified marine data service, integrating all the data into [one single portal](#). Rapid access to reliable and accurate data and information is vital in addressing threats to the marine environment, in the development of policies and legislation to protect vulnerable areas of our coasts and oceans, in understanding trends and in forecasting future changes. [Learn more.](#)



### 8. Launch of the first Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Call for Proposals

The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership is a Horizon Europe co-funded partnership. It constitutes a network of 60 Partner institutions from 25 countries and the European Commission, enabling an unprecedented effort to pool research and innovation investments and align national programmes at pan-European scale, taking into consideration the sea-basin (Mediterranean, Black Sea, Baltic and North

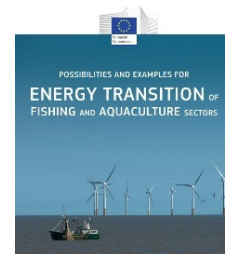




Sea) and Atlantic Ocean dimension. With its ambition to make a major step in transforming the blue economy, **the Partnership will actively seek engagement by launching, implementing and monitoring six co-funded calls for research and innovation proposals** over a seven-year timeframe. [Learn more.](#)

### 9. Possibilities and examples for the energy transition of fishing and aquaculture sectors

As with other economic activities in the EU, there is a growing need for fishing and aquaculture to transition and move away as soon as possible from fossil fuels. This is not only as a contribution to the objectives of the European Green Deal, including reducing GHG emissions, but also for the sector's profitability, sustainability and resilience. This need is further exacerbated by the Russian military aggression against Ukraine, notably because, for example, the resultant increase in diesel fuel prices has impacted severely the socio-economic performance of the EU's fishing fleet. This document presents an overview of known initiatives for the energy transition of fishing and aquaculture vessels, up to January 2023. [Learn more.](#)



## Upcoming events

1. [Towards a more Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean – 3 Interreg Programmes join Forces](#), 4 May 2023, Florence – Italy
2. [European Maritime Day 2023](#), 24-25 May 2023, Brest – France
3. [4th UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Action](#), 24 May 2023 – Barcelona, Spain
4. [Launch of the European Blue Forum](#), 26 May 2023, Brest – France
5. [Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030: The Mediterranean Lighthouse in Action](#), 30-31 May 2023, Palermo – Italy
6. [Sea Future 2023](#), 5-8 June 2023, La Spezia Naval Base - Italy
7. [OCEANS 2023: Blue Ocean Planet Earth](#), 5-8 June 2023, Limerick – Ireland
8. [19<sup>th</sup> WestMED Steering Committee](#), 21 June 2023 - Malta
9. [European Blue Economy Conference 2023](#), 21 June 2023, Brussels - Belgium
10. [2023 WestMED Stakeholder Conference](#), 22 June 2023 – Malta
11. [WestMED Ministerial Meeting](#), 23 June 2023 – Malta
12. [Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030: Ocean Race Mission](#), 26 June 2023, Genoa – Italy
13. [Blue Mediterranean Partnership Pledging Conference](#), 03 July 2023 – Barcelona (tentative)
14. [8th European Phycological Congress 'Scientific Opportunities for a Global Algal Revolution'](#), 20-26 August 2023, Brest - France
15. [Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030: EurOCEAN 2023 conference - One Ocean, One Voice](#), 10-11 October 2023, Vigo - Spain
16. [14<sup>th</sup> UfM Working Group on Blue Economy](#), 11 October 2023, Barcelona - Spain

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