



A new set of shortlisted proposed actions to be prioritised for the Roadmap's implementation

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

13th Blue Economy Working Group meeting

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| Potential follow-up/prioritisation of activities in 2023/24 | Description |
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| <i>Short/mid-term priority areas (stronger support)</i> | |
| 1. Achieve a better governance for a sustainable coastal and maritime tourism in cooperation with Interreg EURO MED projects, WTO, CPRM, etc | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New projects related to Interreg EUROMED Mission 4 - Enhancing sustainable tourism, STC and GOV4MED, will aim at amplifying and increasing impact of the projects' results, transferring them into the practices and mainstreaming them into public policies related to this mission (thematic groups; observatories; mentoring and twinning; policy labs; etc) + |
| 2. Scale-up good practices on sustainable food value-chains in cooperation with FAO/GFCM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the work done under the topic of Sustainable Food Systems with a focus on food from the sea (particularly through the SFS-MED Platform, moving around the FAO/CIHEAM/UFM/PRIMA/One Planet partnership), supporting/complementing regional webinars and/or supporting the finalization of national pathways and start their implementation Address other good regional practices (e.g. WestMED AquaWest Technical Group, EU Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism, SwitchMED) in involving both southern and northern experts and practitioners in the sector |
| 3. Webinar to promote a proper planning of marine renewables zones/licensing, within the multi-use (MU) approaches to ecosystem-based MSP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate discussions on Marine Renewable Energies planning in the context of the MSP Community of Practice through webinar/s. |
| <p><i>Complementary support to the implementation of the UfM Ministerial on ENV and Climate Change; Research and Innovation; Transport, with a focus on the Plan on Transport, with a focus on Maritime Transport, where appropriate</i></p> <p><i>EX. support among the key priorities of the Declaration and Action Plan (i.e. Training and certification of seafarers; training of all stakeholders in ports and ships involved in dangerous goods, in accordance with existing national and international provisions; improvements in port efficiency; the work towards sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution maritime ports; the provision and use of services and tools in the field of maritime safety and security; cooperation at IMO, full decarbonisation by 2050 and the entry into force by 2025 of a Mediterranean Emission Control Area...)</i></p> | |
| <i>Follow-up / capitalisation of ongoing actions (softer support)</i> | |
| 5. Acceleration of transformative innovation/diversification for smaller-scale Mediterranean ports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue supporting stakeholders in the development of project ideas under existing funding opportunities |
| 6. Follow up, accompany and support the newly established Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) multi-stakeholder and informal Community of Practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the identification, instruction and engagement of additional experts from the wider Med, facilitate discussions, report on advancements |
| 7. Support to innovation ecosystems for blue economy value-chains , including Mediterranean cluster alliance(s), incubators, accelerators, etc | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on the creation and/or consolidation of new/existing maritime-related clusters as key actors to stimulate cooperation, innovative approaches and access to funding and financing schemes |

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Short-term/immediate priorities for implementing the Roadmap (2021/22)

Grouping of initiatives as approved by the UfM BEWG

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