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2<sup>nd</sup> UfM Stakeholder Conference on SBE (Athens, 19–21 Feb. 2024)

14<sup>th</sup> UfM Working Group on Blue Economy  
Barcelona, 11 October 2023

- Athens, Greece
- Dates: 19-21 February 2024
  
- Background & rationale
  
- Key guiding principles
  - ✓ Multi-stakeholder & inclusive approach (*country representatives including local authorities, academia/research, civil society organizations, youth, private sector and investment/finance communities...*)
  - ✓ Gender balance
  - ✓ Geographical balance
  
- Sponsored country Delegations (UfM FP on BE + 1) -> Effort to expand to 4-5



- Draft structure (1.5 days + Field visit)
  - Opening session (plenary)
  - 12 parallel multi-stakeholder workshops (1.5h, 2 max. 3 in parallel) structured as follows:
    - ✓ In line with the 10 priorities of the 2021 UfM Ministerial on SBE
    - ✓ Interactive / thematic presentations
    - ✓ Each led by a dedicated moderator and rapporteur
  - Closing session (plenary)
  - Field visit





### *\* Governance and the future of sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean region: future scenarios, opportunities, and tools*

- ✓ *Marine research, innovation, and digitalization for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean*
- ✓ *Blue skills, career pathways, and employment for a Sustainable Blue Economy*
- ✓ *Sustainable food from the Sea – Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture*
- ✓ *Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution maritime transport and ports*
- ✓ *Tackling marine litter for a Sustainable Blue Economy*
- ✓ *Sustainable maritime and coastal tourism*
- ✓ *Ecosystem-based Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) as cross-sector enablers*
- ✓ *Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities*
- ✓ *Marine Renewable Energies – Effective planning and future landscape*
- ✓ *The blue finance process in the Mediterranean – Boosting sustainable investments in the Med Blue Economy*
- ✓ *Building resilient island economies in a changing climate*
- ✓ *Spotlight on projects - Key to implementing sustainable and transformative pathways*



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