

BLUE MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIP (BMP)

A new multi-donor and multi-partner financial instrument to support Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean region.



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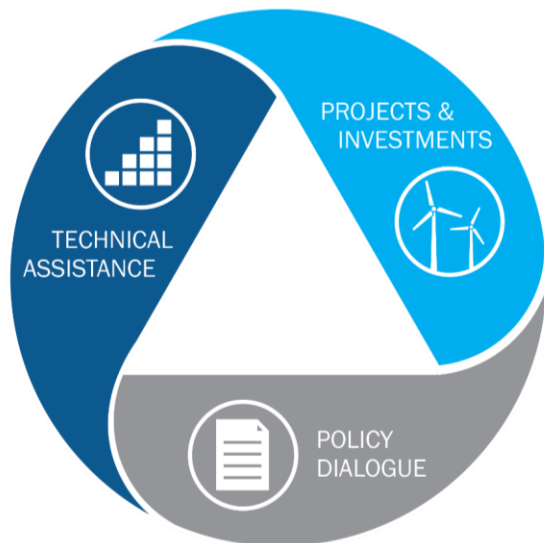
Primary BMP Objectives

- i. Support sustainable blue economy **investments** that crowd-in public and private sector finance.
- ii. Enhance **capacity** on sustainable and innovative blue economy practices and in the design and delivery of projects.
- iii. Create and reinforce **enabling environments** for sustainable blue economy investments through the support and development of strategies, policies and regulatory frameworks.



The Blue Mediterranean Partnership

- Creation announced at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh in November 2022; the Partnership has received wide political support, including from the European Commission
 - Aligned with commitments made by EU to fully integrate the Blue Economy into the Green Deal, EU's new Agenda for the Mediterranean, the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy and the SBE Roadmap. Due to its nature, it addresses as well the 2021 UfM Ministerial on ENV and CC
 - This new Partnership will help close an estimated €6 billion investment gap in the next 8 years.
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- A new multi-donor and multi-IFI financing instrument led by the EU and donor countries for Sustainable Blue Economy investments in the Mediterranean basin
- Donor funds to be used as leverage for IFI lending to bring climate change and environmental benefits for the shared Mediterranean Sea and its population
- Projects to be located in the non-EU countries in the Mediterranean Sea region
- Initial 3 beneficiary countries: Morocco, Jordan and Egypt
- Partnership will be open to other countries

Geographic Scope



- i. All EBRD countries of operation in the **Mediterranean region** that have signed a statement of intent (a “Statement of Intent”).
- ii. Beneficiary Countries are currently: **Morocco, Egypt** and **Jordan** (with possibility to expand to other countries)
- iii. Projects and interventions can be **sub-national, national** or **regional**

THEMATIC SCOPE

- **Sustainable food systems (aquaculture and fisheries)**
- **Coastal resilience investments**, including coastal tourism and nature-based-solutions
- **Sustainable marine mobility (shipping and ports)**
- **Marine renewable energy**, with a specific focus on wind
- **Plastic waste reduction**, including through circular economy solutions
- **Wastewater treatment** (including sludge)
- **Solid waste management and circular economy practices** (in particular separate collection and recycling of plastics and other recyclable materials), and any other related municipal environmental services
- **Other** types of identified investments that fit the purpose of the BMP, in line with the objective of promoting sustainable Blue Economic recovery and development (Projects addressing the climate/sea nexus or increasing marine biodiversity and addressing legacy marine ecosystem degradation impacts and vulnerabilities, ultimately yielding tangible biodiversity benefits to coastal or marine areas; etc)

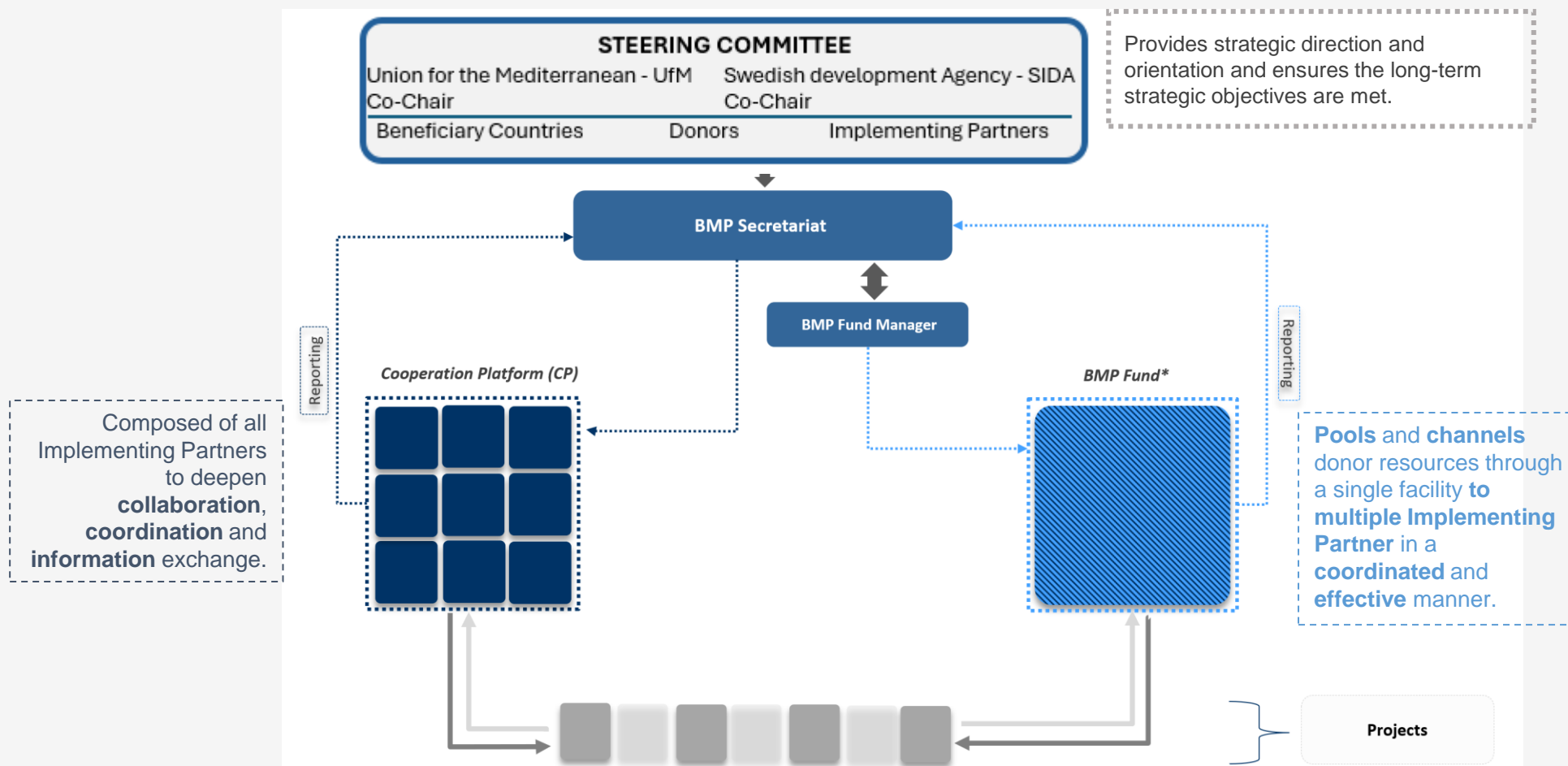
- The new multi-donor fund (the “BMP Fund”) administered by the EBRD, seeks to secure additional funding from sovereign donors for project preparation and blended finance, so far equal to 22 millions (including EU/DG MARE, SIDA, AFD, Germany, Spain).
- Implementing financial institutions: the EIB, AFD, KfW, CDP, and EBRD, will cooperate to co-finance blue economy projects, which will be able to benefit from the grants provided by the BMP Fund” mobilising also existing financial resources provided by the European Commission through the Neighbourhood Investment Platform (NIP) and the EFSD+.
- Beneficiary countries, Jordan, Morocco, and Egypt, will lead the identification of strategic blue economy projects in their territories while the Union for the Mediterranean will act as facilitator of the political and regulatory dialogue. The BMP is open to other countries of the Region.

Blue Med Partnership -value added



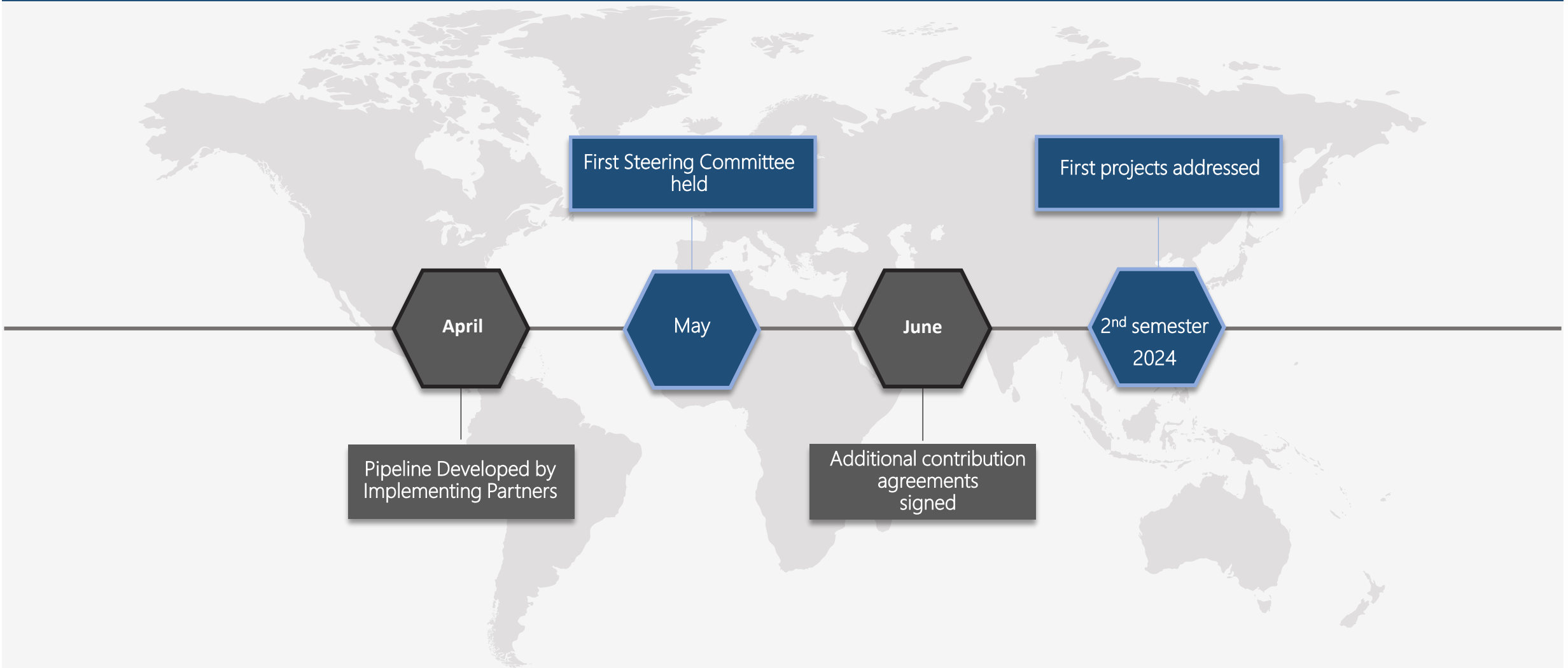
- Rolling out the Blue agenda in the region requires targeted & coordinated TA (upstream and for implementation)
- EU funding will leverage additional donor funds from both EU and non-EU countries
- Beneficiary country(ies) own contribution will deepen commitments for investments and reforms
- Combined expertise of a number of MDBs working together with complementing mandates
- Focus on tangible investments supporting the New Agenda and the EIP
- Projects prepared and delivered to high IFI and EU standards
- Transparency and safety of donor funds
- Replicability through country by country approach

Summary of BMP Governance & Management



*Donor resources may be repayable or non-repayable to the Donor.

2024 Timeline



Annual Work Plan (AWP)

Illustrates and consolidates the Implementing Partners' priorities and potential engagement opportunities for a given year

Key 2024 Priorities

- Develop an **impactful pipeline**
- **Secure approval** of the first catalytic and mature projects
- **Increase funding** amount and consider also other types of financial instruments such as concessional loans and credit lines, guarantees and risk sharing, as well as equity investments
- **Facilitate exchanges and synergies** among the BMP partners, other institutions and funds.
- Establish **operational modalities and capabilities**, in particular the Secretariat's capacity, communication and visibility plans

Principles for Efficient and Effective Funding Allocation

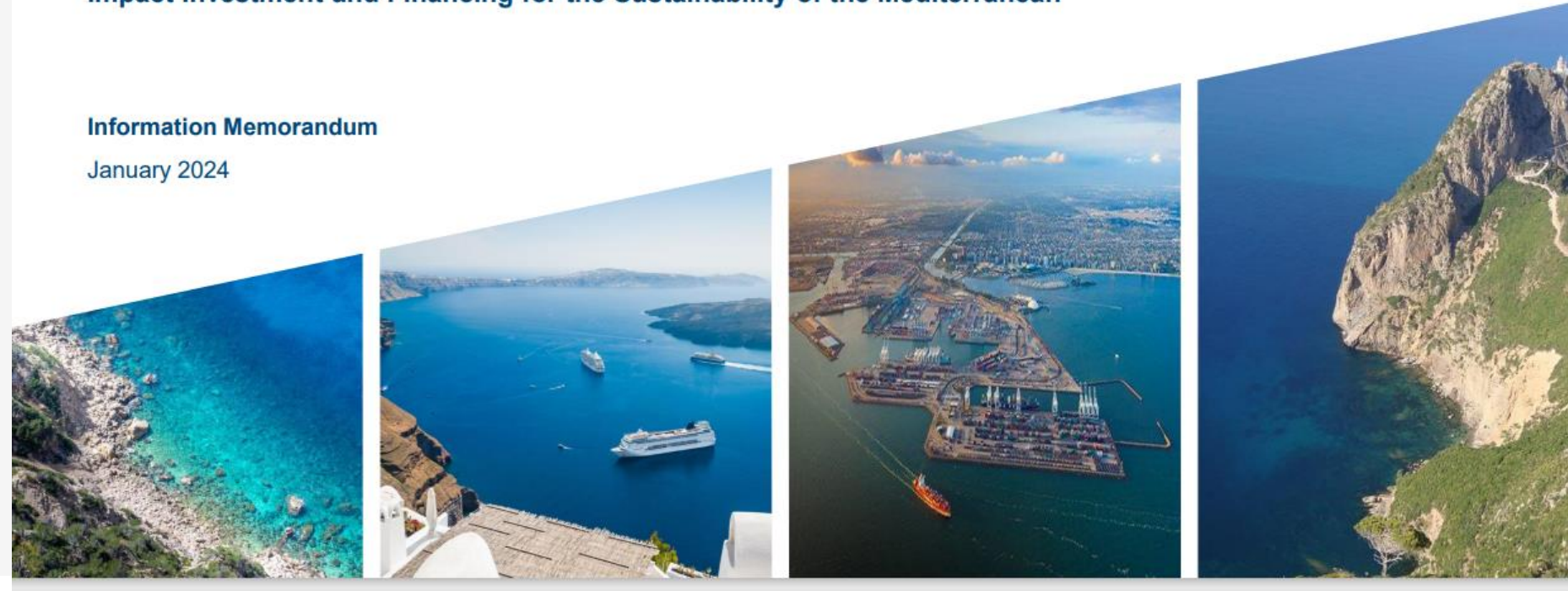
- **Expected results:** Projects must deliver against the BMP thematic scope and indicators
- **Co-benefits:** Preference for projects with co-benefits
- **Scalability & Replication:** Preference for demonstration projects that can be scaled & replicated
- **Additionality:** Support is provided to projects which would otherwise not materialize
- **Maximum concessionality:** Projects should benefited from a 25% max concessionality
- **Maturity:** Readiness as key criterion for accessing BMP funding [proposals that have been approved by BMP Contributors but have not received internal approvals within six months from approval may be cancelled and funds are returned to the BMP Fund]
- **Balance of allocations:** Balanced approach across beneficiary countries, sectors, private and public clients, type of assistance (investment grants/technical assistance) and implementing partners
- **BMP support:** EUR 100k \leq BMP Funding \geq EUR 3 million



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