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17th UfM Regional Platform on Sustainable Blue Economy

Barcelona, UfM Secretariat

19-20 February, 2025

External Evaluation of the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE

MONITORING, REPORTING AND EVALUATION MECHANISM

Info from Roadmap implementation related reports

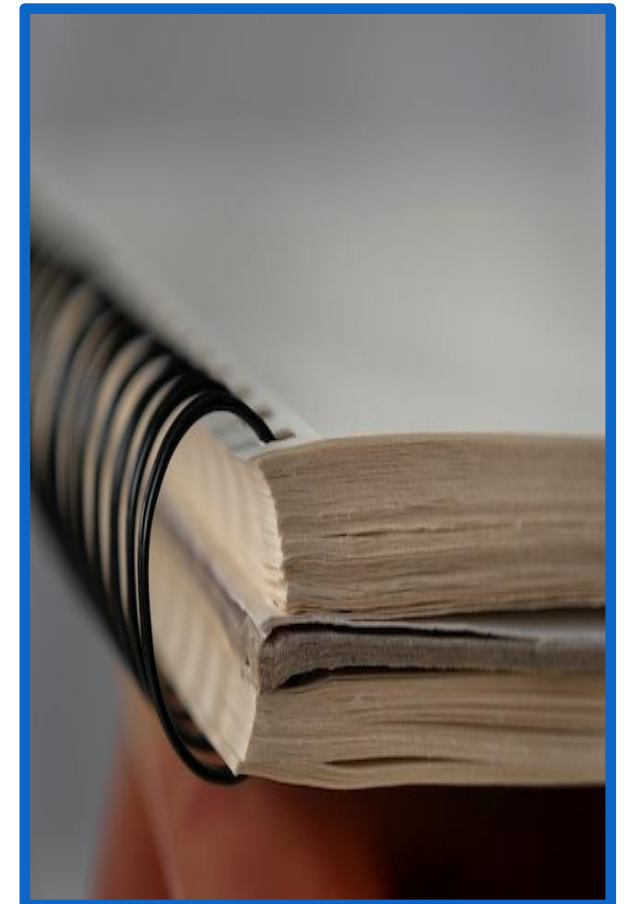
Compilation of information on annual basis and analysis/overview of progress every two years

External evaluation



Implementation of the 2nd UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE:

- **Roadmap for the implementation of the Ministerial (EN, FR, AR)**
- **Results-Based Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation mechanism in place**
 - ✓ *Regular mapping and reporting at each UfM Regional Platform SBE, including indicators*
 - ✓ *Regular Update of the Roadmap*
 - ✓ *External Evaluation of the implementation of the Ministerial SBE/Roadmap (ongoing)*



EVALUATION BACKGROUND

2020 Online Consultation with countries and Stakeholders on the 2015 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Blue Economy

- ✓ Provided strategic insights into the role of the Ministerial Declaration for creating a joint framework of action in the Mediterranean region
- ✓ Highlighted the need for a more concrete roadmap and monitoring system
- ✓ Insights and learnings were used to develop the 2nd UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy





10 key priorities :

- ✓ Governance and the future of sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean region
- ✓ Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment
- ✓ Sustainable food from the Sea: fisheries and aquaculture
- ✓ Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution maritime transport and ports
- ✓ Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy
- ✓ Coastal and maritime tourism
- ✓ Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- ✓ Marine renewable energies
- ✓ Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities
- ✓ Sustainable investments in the blue economy

EVALUATION PURPOSE

Assessing the past and looking at the future

- ✓ *Carry out an external evaluation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy, focusing on the implementation of the 10 priorities*
- ✓ *Assessing implementation period 2021-2024, looking at main achievements, challenges and gaps*
- ✓ *Developing recommendations regarding any fine-tuning of thematic priorities and related key actions, as well as on the monitoring framework and reporting system and operational coordination mechanism*
- ✓ *Useful inputs for future political deliberations*

EVALUATION KEY PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS

- ✓ Comprehensive
- ✓ Independent and Objective
- ✓ Transparent
- ✓ Evidence-based



EVALUATION PROCESS - STEPS



- ✓ Time frame: January-July 2025
- ✓ Carried out by a team of independent consultants contracted by UfM through a public procurement
- ✓ Data collection through mixed methods incl. document review, interviews with selected country focal points and regional stakeholders, and direct observation through participation in relevant events, such as UfM Regional Platform on Sustainable Blue Economy



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Thank you! Merci ! شكراً

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Engagement in key international ocean-related processes



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2025 UN OCEAN CONFERENCE
June 2025, France

#MediterraneanDay

UfM Session on Sustainable Blue Economy
(Med Day, 10 June)

2025 UN Ocean Conference

Nice, France | 9 June - 13 June 2025

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UNOC – Mediterranean Day, June 10, 2025
Centre Universitaire Méditerranéen (CUM) – to be confirmed
65 Prom. des Anglais, 06000 Nice

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High Level Opening of the Med Day, UNOC 3

Segment 1: Asserting the role of local authorities in preserving the ocean (Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur panels)

**FOCUS ON
DELIVERABLES**

Segment 2: Finance and Innovation as accelerator for Sustainable Blue Economy (UfM)

14pm to 15:45pm

Segment 3: Envisioning the Mediterranean of the Future (Varda Consulting and Dona Bertarelli Philanthropy Panel)

Segment 4: Ministerial Panel on the Barcelona Convention 50th Anniversary (UNEP/MAP Panels)