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***Annual reporting by Ministerial priority:
Progress on the Roadmap for the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial
Declaration on SBE – FRANCE***

Country reporting template: aim and objectives

- This “country reporting template” has been created with the aim to collect data and information at national level to feed the **2021 UfM Ministerial on SBE Roadmap’s Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation system**.
- As reflected in the “[Stand-alone document on the Monitoring system of the Roadmap / 2021 UfM Ministerial on SBE](#)” and its related Annex on “[Sector-specific indicators](#)”, the process kick-starts every year with the **delivery of presentations by the countries** (UfM Focal Points on SBE) in the context of the **Regional Platform on SBE meetings**.
- By filling in this template, countries’ crucial inputs will feed current and future updates of the Roadmap and contribute to analyze progress over time in the implementation of the SBE Ministerial Declaration.
- Instructions to fill in this template are provided in the next slide.

How to fill in this template

- This template contains **one slide for projects and one for initiatives, including different sections for each of the SBE Ministerial Declaration Priorities** and related progress. Three open questions have also been included at the end of the document.
- For each of the sections, a simple **table** should be completed by the countries.
- Please fill in these tables to the best of your knowledge and feel free to enrich with **hyper-links** to key documents, publications, videos, etc. as needed.
- In case of questions, please don't hesitate to send an email to: alessandra.sensi@ufmsecretariat.org and adriana.salazar@ufmsecretariat.org
- These presentations will be delivered orally by each Focal Point on the UfM Regional Platform Meeting, and should be submitted to the UfM Secretariat team **no later than 07 October, end of day.**

Major updates on progress at national level on the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE

Update 2024-2025

- **Global policy** : adoption in June 2024 of the National Strategy for the Sea and Coastline 2024-2030 (Stratégie Nationale pour la Mer et le Littoral - SNML) : <https://www.mer.gouv.fr/en/national-strategy-sea-and-coastline> with definition of a set of indicators for the implementation of the SNML and set up of a monitoring tool : GéoLittoral portal : <https://www.geolittoral.developpement-durable.gouv.fr>. One of the four main priorities is focused on developing a sustainable, innovative and competitive blue economy (as it was in the SNML 2017-2022), work in progress on setting up a national blue economy observatory and sea satellite account
- **MSP**: Revised regional maritime spatial planning document for the Mediterranean implementing the SNML at regional level is in the process of being finalized and adopted in Autumn 2025 after extensive consultation, including in particular areas of study for marine protected areas under high protection (target 5% by 2027, 59% of the French MED EEZ is classified under marine protected areas) and priority maritime and land areas envisaged for the development of offshore renewable energy production facilities using wind power (targets between 3 and 4,5 GW by 2035 and between 4 and 7,5 GW by 2050): <https://www.dirm.mediterranee.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/mise-a-jour-de-la-strategie-de-facade-maritime-r515.html>
- **Fisheries and aquaculture**: launch in February 2024 of the new Strategic Contract for the Fishing Industry : <https://www.comite-peches.fr/contrat-strategique-de-filiere-2025/> and launch in September 2025 of the national economic observatory for fisheries and aquaculture: <https://www.franceagrimer.fr/chiffre-et-analyses-economiques/observatoires/observatoire-economique-de-la-peche-et-de-0>
- **Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports** : launch in November 2024 of the revised national roadmap on decarbonising the maritime sector : <https://www.mer.gouv.fr/la-decarbonation-de-la-filiere-maritime> with the support for implementation of the national maritime energy and environmental transition institute (MEET 2050) : <https://meet2050.org/> ; launch in February 2025 of the roadmap for the industrial development and decarbonisation of Marseille port 2025-2030 (2nd port in the Mediterranean): <https://ampmetropole.fr/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/FDR-FOS-BERRE-BD.pdf> ; launch in June 2025 of the renewed Charter for sustainable cruise in the Mediterranean launched by France, supported by Monaco and signed by major international and national cruise companies : <https://www.dirm.mediterranee.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/signature-de-la-charte-croisiere-durable-edition-a3236.html>
- **Coastal and maritime tourism**: launch in September 2025 of the new national roadmap for water sports and recreational boating 2025-2030 : <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/presse/lancement-feuille-route-du-nautisme-plaisance-2025-2030>; launch in June 2025 of the renewed Charter for sustainable cruise in the Mediterranean
- **Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy** : launch in April 2024 of the “CIRCE MED” Mediterranean circular economy network launched by France and gathering several MED countries and actors (Algeria, Egypt, Monaco, Lebanon, Tunisia): <https://www.circemed.org/>
- **Marine research and innovation**: launch by France in June 2025 at the UNOC3 of the “Artificial Intelligence and Ocean” theme for the protection and sustainable use of the Ocean, within the international coalition for sustainable AI launched by France in February 2025 : <https://www.mer.gouv.fr/unoc-3-lancement-de-la-thematique-ia-ocean-au-sein-de-la-coalition-pour-une-ia-durable>



Initiatives at national (and sub-national) level within the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE

Ministerial Declaration Priorities	Initiatives at national/sub-national level
Food from sea: fisheries and aquaculture	Goal 11 of the SNML : <i>“Support and promote a sustainable fishing model and efficient aquaculture that respects the environment, to improve our food sovereignty”</i> - Aquaculture Plan for the Future 2021-2027 : https://www.mer.gouv.fr/plan-aquacultures-davenir-une-nouvelle-etape-pour-la-filiere-aquacole-francaise - Strategic Contract for the Fishing Industry (2024): https://www.comite-peches.fr/contrat-strategique-de-filiere-2025/ - National strategy on fighting IUU fishing (2022) with surveillance and control system in place (fisheries monitoring centre, patrol vessels, aircrafts, highly qualified inspectors, satellite surveillance and drones), France party to FAO PSMA, ILO C188, IMO Cape Town Agreement, ICCAT and GFCM, European Fisheries Control Agency in support to national surveillance and control activities
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	Goal 12 of the SNML: <i>“Accelerate the contribution of ports to decarbonizing the economy and transportation, promote their environmental performance and guarantee their resilience to climate change and their activities serving the territories”</i> Goal 14 of the SNML: <i>“Accompany maritime sectors in the transition towards carbon neutrality by 2050 and secure the supply of nonenergy mineral resources in a sustainable development framework”</i> - National roadmap for decarbonising the maritime sector (2021, revised in 2024) : https://www.mer.gouv.fr/la-decarbonation-de-la-filiere-maritime - National Port Strategy (2020) : https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/publications/210122_strategie-nationale-portuaire%20EN_0.pdf - France is compliant with SECAMED obligations now into force and supports work towards the creation of the NECAMED - Charter for sustainable cruise in the Mediterranean launched by France supported By Monaco and signed by major cruise companies: https://www.dirm.mediterranee.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/signature-de-la-charte-croisiere-durable-edition-a3236.html
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	Goal 3 of the SNML: <i>“Promote coastal and maritime heritage”</i> Goal 6 of the SNML: <i>“Living well on the coast and recomposing the model of coastal attractiveness”</i> - National strategy to manage tourist flows (2023): https://www.economie.gouv.fr/actualites/tourisme-une-strategie-nationale-pour-gerer-les-flux-touristiques - Plan Destination France 2021-2031 : https://www.atout-france.fr/fr/plan-destination-france - National roadmap for water sports and recreational boating 2025-2030 : https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/presse/lancement-feuille-route-du-nautisme-plaisance-2025-2030 - Renewed Charter for sustainable cruise in the Mediterranean launched by France in 2025, supported by Monaco and signed by major international and national cruise companies: https://www.dirm.mediterranee.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/signature-de-la-charte-croisiere-durable-edition-a3236.html
Marine Renewable Energies	Goal 13 of the SNML: <i>“Develop marine renewable energy to help reach carbon neutrality by 2050 with a target of 18 GW put into operation by 2035 for offshore wind power”, fixed and floating wind farms including for the Mediterranean basin: between 3 and 4,5 GW by 2035 and between 4 and 7,5 GW by 2050</i> - New multi-year energy programme 2030 (including marine renewable energy) in the process of being adopted
Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy	Goal 2 of the SNML: <i>“Achieve good environmental status and restore marine and coastal biodiversity with suitable tools”</i> Goal 4 of the SNML: <i>“Protect coastal areas through coordinated action between catchment basins and maritime coastlines, to ensure water quality and reduce pressures from land to sea”</i> - Anti-waste law for a circular economy (2020) (ending the marketing of single-use plastic packaging by 2040, broken down in reduction, reuse, and recycling (3R) objectives)

Projects at national (and sub-national) level within the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE

Ministerial Declaration Priorities	Projects at national/sub-national level
Food from sea: fisheries and aquaculture	- Financial support to projects through the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (national programme) - Launch in September 2025 of the national economic observatory for fisheries and aquaculture: https://www.franceagrimer.fr/chiffre-et-analyses-economiques/observatoires/observatoire-economique-de-la-peche-et-de-0 - Participation in the AquaWest Technical Group (WestMED) : https://westmed-initiative.ec.europa.eu/aquawest/?lang=fr
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	- Participation in the Green Shipping Technical Group (WestMED) : https://westmed-initiative.ec.europa.eu/green-shipping/ - Roadmap for the industrial development and decarbonisation of Marseille port 2025-2030 (2nd port in the Mediterranean) https://ampmetropole.fr/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/FDR-FOS-BERRE-BD.pdf - Participation in the EU Zero-emission waterborne transport Partnership : https://www.waterborne.eu/partnership/partnership
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	- Sustainable Tourism Fund to support projects on emerging forms of tourism https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/ab7d62ca924717307c57c7dcd975f8dd.pdf https://www.entreprises.gouv.fr/files/files/presse/2024/1828-dp-formes-emergentes-de-tourisme-du-fonds-tourisme-durable-.pdf - Programme “France TourismeTech”: https://www.entreprises.gouv.fr/priorites-et-actions/proximite-et-territoires/renforcer-le-secteur-du-tourisme/france-tourisme-tech - Programme : “France - Sea View – coastal paths” : https://www.cerema.fr/fr/actualites/france-vue-mer-sentiers-du-littoral-vaste-projet - “Blue Tourism Initiative” launched by France covering the Mediterranean as one of the pilot site (Morocco, Lebanon and Tunisia) and gathering Eco-Union (Spain), IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation : https://bluetourisminitiative.org/news/launching-sustainable-blue-tourism-in-the-mediterranean/ - Participation in the EU projects REBOOTMED (Corsica region) : https://www.reboot-med.eu/en/home/ and Dialogue4Tourism (Interreg Euro-MED) (South region) : https://sustainable-tourism.interreg-euro-med.eu/ - Participation in the Sustainable Tourism Technical Group (WestMED) : https://westmed-initiative.ec.europa.eu/sustainable-tourism/?lang=fr - Participation in the new flagship Initiative on sustainable tourism under the new Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2026-2035
Marine Renewable Energies	- Offshore floating wind pilot farms: 3 deployed for 85 MW (Occitanie region) - Offshore floating wind farms: 2 to be deployed by 2031 for 2x250 MW (with future extension to 500 MW) (Occitanie and Sud regions) https://www.eoliennesenmer.fr/parcs-et-projets-eoliens-en-france?f%5B0%5D=a%3A4 - Project SUN’SETE (2023) (Occitanie region) : first offshore photovoltaic farm in France and the Mediterranean with a demonstrator of 2 floating units for a total power of 20 kWp : https://solarinblue.com/projects/sunsete/ - Project MEGA SETE (planned to be operational by end 2025): building upon the project SUN’STE, MEGA SETE will be a pre-commercial demonstrator to develop and deploy 1 MWp offshore solar park, to supply the port of Sète-Frontignan with carbon-free electricity : https://solarinblue.com/projects/mega-sete/ - SEM-REV, first Europe's grid-connected multi-technology offshore trial site (floating wind, tidal, wave, offshore hydrogen, and floating photovoltaics technologies) : https://sem-rev.ec-nantes.fr/english-version/sem-rev - Centrale Nantes (engineering academia) and the French Institute for the Exploitation of the Sea – Ifremer with ocean engineering basins
Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy	- Blue Mission Med (Lighthouse of the EU Mission Ocean focused on fighting plastic pollution) with French NH (Ifremer+Pôle Mer Méditerranée) with national event to promote solutions/best practices : https://bluemissionmed.eu - Zero Wild Waste participatory science platform (shared tool for stakeholders involved in the collection and characterization of litter)

Open questions

1 – Related to the priority on Governance and the future of sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean region: Is there any overarching blue economy strategy in your country? Or any process initiated leading to the elaboration of such a strategy?

Yes, since 2017 (1st national strategy for the sea and the coastline 2017-2022 (SNML). The 2nd national strategy for the sea and the coastline 2024-2030 was endorsed on June 10th 2024. One of the four main priorities is focused on developing a sustainable, innovative and competitive blue economy.

2 – Related to the priority on Sustainable investments in the blue economy: is there any national funding/financing scheme related to the blue economy (or any of its sectors) promoted by your country? If yes, please specify.

European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (national programme-567 Mio€), others European programmes and funds (Horizon Europe, LIFE, Interreg, Connecting Europe Facility...), Programme France 2030, Invest Programme for the Future, Green Fund, Sustainable Tourism Fund

3 - What are the main challenges, issues or bottlenecks for the implementation of the SBE Ministerial Declaration in your country?

Linkage with national strategy/operationalisation at national and regional level. Internationalisation of the national strategy with a strong link/contribution with sea-basin strategies and initiatives such WestMED and UfM (goal 15 of the SNML is dedicated to enhancing maritime regional cooperation).

