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

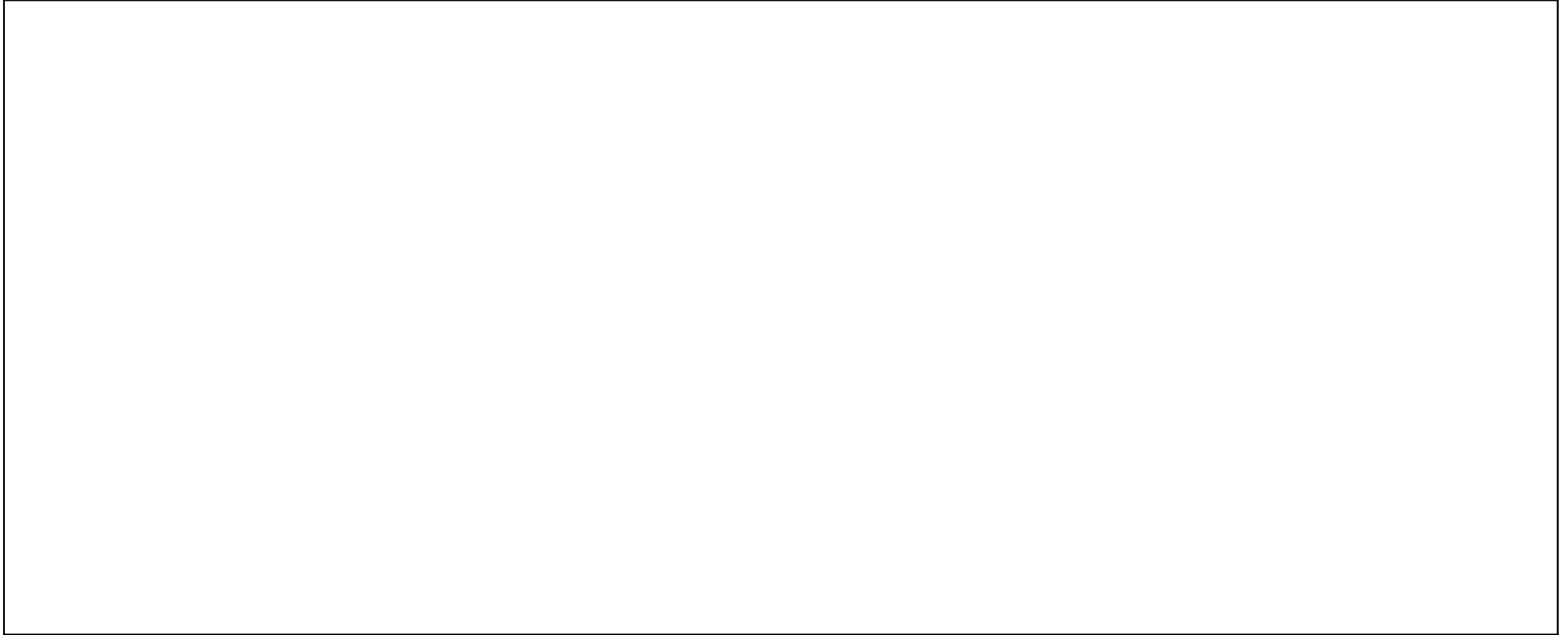
Country reporting template: aim and objectives

- 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



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	
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	▪ Key developments include the drafting of new legislative framework ➤ Law on prevention of sea pollution from the ships-EMSA ➤ Law on Safety of Navigation at Sea – full harmonisation with Regulation (EU) 2019/1239 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 establishing a European Maritime Single Window environment - TA ➤ Law on Ports - TAIEX ▪ Ratification of the MARPOL Annex VI – 2012 ▪ Ratification of the NAIROBI Convention – 2022
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	Tourism Development Strategy of Montenegro 2022-2025. with the Action Plan was adopted in 2022. Program for the Development of Nautical Tourism in Montenegro 2023-2025 – ongoing process
Marine Renewable Energies	
Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy	
Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities	➤ New Draft Law on Safety of Navigation at Sea was prepared . Deadline for adoption is IV/Q 2025 in accordance with the Program of accession of Montenegro to EU ➤ Study on Maritime Safety in the Bay of Boka Kotorska has began in September 2025, assessing navigation conditions, wave climate, and proposing safety measures. ➤ Successful completion of two IPA projects in 2024, through which the implementation of NMSW and the second phase of VTMS was achieved. NMSW began operating in August 2024, while the second phase of VTMS became operational at the end



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	
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	IPA project called “<i>Procurement of equipment for sea protection against pollution</i>” was implemented at the end of 2023. ON-GOING PROJECTS Project name: CLIMEDPORTS -Interreg program. This project aims to enhance the resilience of Mediterranean ports to climate change. Project name: ADRIatic ports for Renewable Energy Communities -EU Program: Interreg IPA Adriatic Ionian ADRION Project name: Sustainability of Alternative fuels in the ADRION area - EU Program: Interreg IPA Adriatic Ionian ADRION Project name: Sustainable and Seamless Waterways Bridging Adriatic-Ionian region - EU Program: Interreg IPA Adriatic Ionian ADRION Project name: RENEWPORT -aims to address issues related to the impact of maritime traffic on climate change. Project name: TREASURE -The overall goal of the TREASURE project is to improve the quality of the environment in and around the area of Mediterranean ports, by mitigating and reducing sediment and water pollution. FINISHED PROJECT Studies on Port Reception Facilities and Waste Reception and Handling Plans in Port of Bar and Port of Kotor -2022- supported by EMSA
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	Alter Eco + project /Interreg MED program/ - partners from Montenegro, Spain, Greece, Croatia and Italy. - Implementation period June 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. - Purpose - to improve the level of tourism sustainability of involved destinations through the modification of their public policies and sustainable tourism plans. - Use of “Carrying Capacity Limit” (CCL) calculation tool - applying this method of tourist carrying capacity does not exclude

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?**

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.**

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

