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Welcome to the 21st issue of the biannual newsletter on Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean region!

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Latest News

1.19th UfM Regional Platform on SBE and back-to-back Working Session on the Blue Economy Sea-basin strategy in the Eastern Mediterranean (21 - 22 April, Barcelona - Spain)

On 21-22 April 2026, UfM countries, Observers and experts gathered together at the UfM Secretariat premises in Barcelona for the 19th meeting of [the UfM Regional Platform on Sustainable Blue Economy](#). UfM countries and



Mediterranean SBE stakeholders gathered together to continue to set the path towards the implementation of the

[2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE](#) and its related Roadmap. The Regional Platform included standing points on policy-related updates including the EU Ocean and Med Pacts, and synergies with the WestMED Initiative. It was also the occasion to share with the countries the [updated UfM SBE Roadmap \(March 2026\)](#) and the 2nd Annual Progress Report on progress towards the Ministerial/Roadmap. Countries and stakeholders also exchanged on joint initiatives and funding opportunities, with the Regional Platform also featuring a thematic focus on sustainable food from the Sea (fisheries and aquaculture) and on Sustainable Tourism.

Chaired by DG MARE/the UfM Co-Presidency on SBE on 22 April and organized at UfMS premises back-to-back with the Regional Platform on SBE, the first workshop on the Blue Economy Sea-basin Strategy in the Eastern Mediterranean reflected the overall consensus on the potential benefits of focusing on a technical dialogue/exchange around priorities of common interest, taking lessons learned from WestMED Initiative and recalling the 2015 and 2021 UfM Ministerial Declarations on SBE as common basis and models/frameworks of successful Med-wide cooperation on SBE. [Learn more.](#)

2. 5th Steering Committee Meeting of the Blue Mediterranean Partnership (BMP) (20 April 2026)

UfM countries – including Jordan, Morocco, and Egypt, as first beneficiary countries – and IFIs gathered in Barcelona on 20 April for the 5th Steering Committee of the Blue Mediterranean Partnership (BMP). As multilateral Fund and cooperation framework supporting SBE projects in Mediterranean countries, the BMP is up and running with first investment projects moving forward and focusing on key priorities including marine ecosystem regeneration and Marine Renewable Energies.

Co-Chaired by Jordan and Spain, updates on the approved projects and the pipeline were shared, with the initial beneficiary countries also sharing updates on national SBE priorities. Lebanon joined the BMP in April 2026 as new beneficiary country and Tunisia is conducting internal assessments to evaluate potentially joining. The Steering Committee emphasized the need to leverage funds to more specifically target investments with an embedded sustainability approach, to consider the development of regional/transnational projects, and to integrate private sector contributions moving towards the overall integration of additional Mediterranean beneficiaries. [Learn more.](#)



3. EMD workshop on Sea Basin Strategies as tool for reinforced maritime regional cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean (21 May - Limassol, Cyprus)

The workshop, organized within EMD 2026, aimed at fostering discussions among existing sea basin strategies on the challenges and opportunities associated to the potential set-up of a Sea basin Strategy in the Eastern Mediterranean, connected to the overall UfM framework/Ministerials and based on the examples and experience in the Atlantic, Western Mediterranean, and the Black Sea.

Counting with the participation of the DSG responsible for the UfM Sustainable Development Division and the Head of Sector in charge of Environment, green, and SBE, the discussions enabled advanced exchanges among existing sea basin strategies, including WestMED, the Atlantic Strategy, the Black Sea Synergy, with the objective of supporting, should participating countries wish, the gradual development of an Eastern Mediterranean approach through project-based and technically oriented cooperation. The exchanges highlighted that significant experience, methodologies, and cooperation practices already exist across the different sea basin initiatives, offering a common and established foundation and on-the-ground experience. [Learn more.](#)



4. European Maritime Day 2026 (21-22 May, Limassol - Cyprus)

The European Maritime Day (EMD) 2026, organized by the European Commission in Limassol- Cyprus, the Shipping Deputy Ministry of the Republic of Cyprus, and the Limassol Municipality, was the yearly occasion to put all maritime sectors and activities in the spotlight and stimulate a reflection on the crucial role the seas play in our everyday life.

Around 1000 participants attended throughout the two conference days, paying tribute to "maritime Europe" and bringing together Europe's maritime community to network, discuss and outline joint action on maritime affairs and sustainable blue economy. EMD provided an engaging and interactive experience to catch up on the current state of play

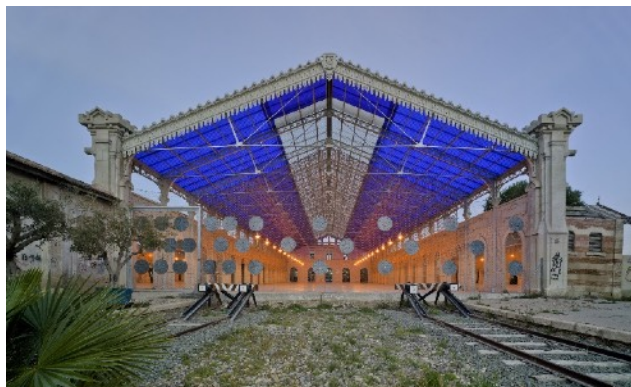
on a broad range of issues concerning the blue economy and the marine environment and to discuss ways of moving forward. It featured inspirational speakers, thematic sessions, stakeholder workshops, exhibitions, and networking opportunities, and brought together professionals from businesses, governments, public institutions, NGOs and academia as well as EU citizens interested in the sea. [Learn more.](#)



5. Steering Committee of the WestMED Initiative (10 June, Alicante - Spain)

The in-person Steering Committee (SC) of the WestMED Initiative¹, co-steered by EC/DG MARE and by the Tunisian and Spanish WestMED Co-Chairs, took place on 10 June in Alicante, Spain. It was the 2nd WestMED SC organized under the Spanish Co-Presidency of WestMED. UfMS took part in the SC in the framework of the close and steady strategic coordination on SBE with the WestMED Initiative. Key points on the agenda included updates on progress and activities under WestMED at national level, on the EU Ocean and Med Pacts, and from the WestMED Technical Assistance on the WestMED Technical Groups and key upcoming events/milestones.

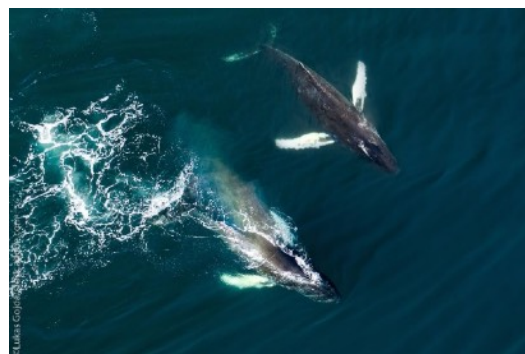
The next in-person meeting of the WestMED SC will take place in Gran Canaria (Spain) within the WestMED and Atlantic Stakeholder Conference taking place on 15-16 September. UfMS provided opening remarks together with the Co-Chairs and DG MARE, as well as an overall update on the 19th UfM Regional Platform on SBE, back-to-back Working Session on the Blue Economy Sea-Basin Strategy in the Eastern Med, and 5th Steering Committee of the BMP, all held in Barcelona at UfMS premises on 20-22 April.



6. One year of the European Ocean Pact: leading global ocean protection and boosting the blue economy (June 2026)

One year after the adoption of the European Ocean Pact, the European Commission has highlighted the first achievements of its flagship framework for ocean governance, sustainable blue economy development and marine protection. Over the past year, progress has included the entry into force of the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), the establishment of a high-level Ocean Board, the testing of an Ocean Pact Dashboard to monitor implementation, and the launch of flagship initiatives such as OceanEye to strengthen European ocean observation. The Commission also pointed to advances in developing the forthcoming European Ocean Act, expected in 2027,

alongside new strategies for islands and coastal communities and strengthened international ocean diplomacy. Looking ahead, the Ocean Pact will continue to guide EU action across its six strategic priorities, reinforcing the link between healthy marine ecosystems, resilient coastal communities and a competitive, sustainable blue economy. [Learn more.](#)



7. Commission presents first-ever EU strategies for islands and coastal communities (10 June, Brussels)

On 10 June, the European Commission adopted its first-ever EU Strategy for Islands and EU Strategy for Coastal Communities, marking an important step towards a more integrated approach to supporting Europe's coastal and island territories. Together, the two strategies establish a common framework to address the economic, environmental, demographic and connectivity challenges facing more than 17 million island residents and 95 million people living in coastal areas across the European Union.

For coastal communities, the strategy promotes a competitive and sustainable blue economy by supporting innovation, blue bioeconomy value chains, offshore renewable energy, sustainable tourism and new business models, while strengthening climate resilience and improving quality of life. It also foresees measures to empower coastal communities through maritime spatial planning, develop a certification system for blue carbon credits, and enhance investment in coastal adaptation and ecosystem restoration. The islands strategy complements these efforts by focusing on connectivity, energy transition, biodiversity protection, public services and territorial cohesion. Together, the two initiatives provide a strong policy framework for advancing sustainable blue economy objectives and reinforcing the resilience and prosperity of Europe's coastal and island regions. [Learn more.](#)



8. A new Pact for a Sustainable Mediterranean Future & ISE Mission (19-21 May, Athens - Greece)

On 19–21 May, Athens hosted "A New Pact for a Sustainable Mediterranean Future", a three-day event organised by the Innovative Sustainable Economy (ISE) Mission of the Interreg Euro-MED Programme within the framework of the 9th Circle the Med Forum. Bringing together more than 200 policymakers, researchers, innovators, public authorities, businesses and civil society representatives from across the Mediterranean, the event served as a platform for dialogue, knowledge exchange and partnership-building to accelerate the region's green and blue transition.



The programme combined high-level policy discussions with the MED Innovation Summit 2026 and the 5th in-person gathering of the ISE Community of Practice, showcasing collaborative solutions that strengthen innovation, promote circular economy approaches and support climate resilience. Participants explored topics including the sustainable use of natural resources, regenerative economic models, climate-smart resilience, green living areas, and community-led governance, while exchanging practical experiences on scaling-up successful initiatives across the Mediterranean. The event reaffirmed the importance of cross-border cooperation, innovation and multi-stakeholder partnerships in advancing a shared vision for a more sustainable, resilient and inclusive Mediterranean. [Learn more.](#)

9. 11th EuroGOOS International Conference (18-20 May 2026, Larnaca - Cyprus)

From 18–20 May, the 11th EuroGOOS International Conference brought together the European ocean observing and operational oceanography community in Larnaca, Cyprus, under the theme "Stronger Together." Held under the auspices



of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026 and endorsed as a United Nations Ocean Decade activity, the conference convened scientists, policymakers, marine service providers, industry representatives and international organizations to explore how strengthened ocean knowledge can support Europe's sustainable blue economy. Over three days, participants exchanged expertise on innovation in ocean observations, modelling and forecasting, digital transformation and artificial intelligence, data interoperability, governance, and stakeholder engagement. Discussions also highlighted the growing role of operational oceanography in addressing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, while improving marine spatial planning, maritime safety, coastal resilience and sustainable management of marine resources. The conference concluded with the adoption of the 11th EuroGOOS International Conference Statement, which calls for stronger investment in ocean observing systems, enhanced cross-border cooperation and greater integration of ocean science into policymaking to underpin a resilient, sustainable and knowledge-based blue economy across Europe and the Mediterranean. [Learn more.](#)

10. SBEP Workshop - How the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework can support a truly blue transition (22 May 2026, Limassol – Cyprus)

As part of European Maritime Day 2026 in Limassol, the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) convened a high-level workshop on 22 May to explore how the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) can better support a truly sustainable blue transition. Bringing together representatives from the European Parliament, the European Commission, national ministries, regional organisations, research institutions and civil society, the session examined how future EU funding can translate the ambitions of the EU Ocean Pact into concrete action. Discussions focused on embedding ocean priorities into National and Regional Partnership Plans, strengthening support for ocean research and innovation under the next EU Framework Programme, and mobilising stronger public and private investment for sustainable blue economy initiatives. Participants also highlighted the need for long-term, predictable financing, greater policy coherence across funding instruments, and stronger involvement of regional authorities in shaping investment priorities. The workshop underscored that achieving a resilient, regenerative and competitive blue economy will depend on aligning governance, research, innovation and finance under the next EU budget cycle. [Learn more.](#)



11. European MSP Week (1-5 June, Brussels – Belgium)

From 1–5 June, Brussels hosted the 2nd European Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Week, bringing together more than 290 policymakers, researchers, maritime experts and stakeholders to advance cooperation on the sustainable management of Europe's seas. Organised by the European Commission, the week featured over 15 expert sessions, technical workshops and stakeholder dialogues addressing the growing demands on maritime space and the need to balance environmental protection with sustainable economic development. Discussions focused on improving cross-border cooperation, strengthening the use of marine data and digital tools, and integrating maritime spatial planning into key sectors such as offshore renewable energy, fisheries, aquaculture, biodiversity conservation and maritime safety. A dedicated Mediterranean MSP Community of Practice Workshop highlighted progress in ecosystem-based planning and reinforced collaboration between Mediterranean countries, while the MEDIGREEN project showcased approaches to aligning maritime spatial plans with the objectives of the European Green Deal. The week also explored the role of artificial intelligence, data interoperability and ocean literacy in supporting evidence-based decision-making. Participants reaffirmed that effective maritime spatial planning is essential for delivering a resilient, sustainable and competitive blue economy, underpinned by stronger regional cooperation and knowledge sharing across Europe's sea basins. [Learn more.](#)



12. III MED Interreg Euro-Med ST Mission Sustainable Tourism Convention (18-19 June, Barcelona - Spain)

On 18–19 June, the III MED Sustainable Tourism



Convention brought together around 250 policymakers, public authorities, researchers, tourism professionals, and international organisations including the UfM, from 18 Mediterranean and European countries in Barcelona to advance the transition towards more sustainable, resilient and inclusive tourism models. Organised within the framework of the Interreg Euro-MED Sustainable Tourism Mission, the Convention served as a key platform for dialogue on the future of tourism in the region under the theme "Tourism Transition in the Mediterranean."

Discussions explored how destinations can respond to climate change, resource scarcity and overtourism by embracing circular and regenerative approaches, digital innovation, and stronger multi-level governance. Participants also showcased the knowledge, tools and solutions developed by projects of the Mediterranean Sustainable Tourism Community, demonstrating how territorial cooperation can accelerate the uptake of sustainable tourism practices. A dedicated side event on Advancing Sustainable Blue Tourism in the Mediterranean presented pilot actions implemented in Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia, contributing to the development of the MED Blue Tourism Flagship Initiative. The Convention reaffirmed that cross-border cooperation, innovation and evidence-based policymaking are essential to strengthening the resilience and competitiveness of Mediterranean tourism while safeguarding the region's natural and cultural heritage. [Learn more.](#)

13. OceanEye: EU ocean observation initiative (3 June, Brussels)

On 3 June, the European Commission launched OceanEye, a flagship initiative under the European Ocean Pact designed to position the European Union at the forefront of global ocean observation and marine knowledge. Recognising that reliable ocean data are essential for protecting marine ecosystems while supporting a sustainable and competitive blue economy, OceanEye sets the ambitious objective of enabling the EU to contribute 35% of the Global Ocean Observing System and secure 35% of the global ocean observation technology market by 2035.



The initiative will strengthen the governance of European ocean observation, establish a European Digital Ocean System integrating existing marine data services, support the deployment of a fully operational European Digital Twin Ocean by 2030, and reinforce international cooperation through a new alliance supporting the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS). Backed by new Horizon Europe investments in ocean observation and innovative technologies, OceanEye aims to improve ocean forecasting, climate resilience and evidence-based policymaking, while providing the knowledge needed to support sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, offshore renewable energy, maritime transport and marine biodiversity conservation across Europe and the Mediterranean. [Learn more.](#)

14. CallmeBLUE Success Story - Building a Mediterranean Maritime Cluster Alliance

The CallmeBLUE project (Cluster Alliance Med Blue) has been recognised as a WestMED Success Story, highlighting its contribution to strengthening



maritime cluster cooperation and advancing a more integrated and sustainable blue economy across the Mediterranean. Running from 2023 to 2026 and funded under the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF), the initiative brought together maritime clusters, SMEs, research centres, public authorities and innovation actors from Southern Europe and North Africa. The project supported the development of structured cooperation between clusters, combining capacity-building, matchmaking activities and training to reinforce innovation ecosystems, particularly in emerging clusters in North Africa. A key outcome of the initiative is the development of a roadmap for a Mediterranean Maritime Cluster Alliance, designed to sustain cooperation beyond the project's lifetime and align with WestMED and UfM priorities. The project also facilitated North–South and South–South collaboration and promoted shared tools and approaches to support maritime SMEs. Its recognition reflects growing momentum around cluster-based cooperation as a driver of innovation, competitiveness and sustainable blue growth in the region. [Learn more.](#)

15. Project spotlight: MEDIGREEN - maritime spatial planning for the green transition in the Mediterranean

The MEDIGREEN project highlights the role of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) as a key enabler of the European Green Deal in the Mediterranean, addressing the challenge of aligning environmental, economic and governance priorities in a highly complex and shared sea basin. Co-funded by the EU through the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) and coordinated by the Spanish Institute of Oceanography (CSIC), the project brings together partners from EU and non-EU Mediterranean countries to strengthen cooperation on sustainable sea use. MEDIGREEN focuses on four strategic sectors—offshore renewable energy, fisheries, aquaculture and nature protection—and analyses how MSP can better integrate sustainability objectives into national and regional planning frameworks. Through comparative assessments, pilot actions and capacity-building activities, including in North African countries, the project supports the development of practical tools and policy recommendations for a more coherent, ecosystem-based approach to marine governance. By fostering cross-border collaboration and knowledge exchange, MEDIGREEN contributes to advancing a shared Mediterranean vision for a greener, more resilient and better-coordinated maritime space. [Learn more.](#)



16. Tunisia strengthens its commitment to sustainable coastal tourism as part of the WestMED Initiative (May 2026)

Tunisia has reaffirmed its commitment to advancing sustainable coastal tourism through the WestMED Initiative, as national stakeholders gathered to strengthen cooperation on the sustainable development of coastal destinations. The meeting brought together representatives from government institutions, local authorities, tourism stakeholders, academia and international partners to discuss practical solutions for enhancing the resilience and competitiveness of Tunisia's coastal tourism sector while protecting marine and coastal ecosystems. Discussions focused on promoting integrated coastal zone management, diversifying tourism products, improving governance and fostering stronger links between tourism, the blue economy and environmental conservation. The event also showcased progress under the WestMED Sustainable Tourism Community of Practice, highlighting the value of regional cooperation, knowledge exchange and capacity building in supporting the transition towards more sustainable tourism models. By reinforcing dialogue among national and regional actors, the initiative contributes to shared Mediterranean efforts to develop tourism that generates economic opportunities while preserving coastal ecosystems and benefiting local communities. [Learn more.](#)



17. EU and Mediterranean neighbours commit to new declaration to rebuild fish stocks

At the MedFish4Ever Ministerial Conference held in Nicosia on 5 May, the European Union and Mediterranean partner countries committed to preparing a new MedFish4Ever Declaration for adoption in 2027, setting the course for the next decade of cooperation on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the region. Building on the achievements of the 2017 declaration, ministers highlighted encouraging progress, with around half of Mediterranean fish stocks now showing signs of recovery thanks to science-based management measures, fisheries restricted areas and more selective fishing practices. Looking ahead, the new declaration will seek to accelerate action to rebuild fish stocks, strengthen regional fisheries governance, promote sustainable aquaculture, tackle illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and enhance the resilience of coastal communities. The renewed political commitment underscores the importance of continued regional cooperation to safeguard marine biodiversity while supporting sustainable livelihoods and a resilient blue economy across the Mediterranean.

[Learn more.](#)



Resources and Opportunities

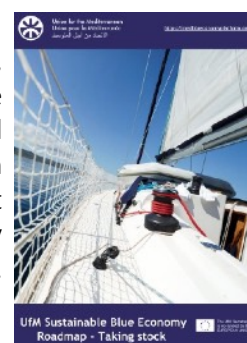
1. Updated UfM Roadmap to set the path towards the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy (March 2026)

The [2nd UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy](#) adopted by the 43 member countries of the UfM on February 2nd 2021 was widely welcomed as an ambitious political and technical Declaration, with an expanded scope in terms of joint areas of cooperation, shared principles, and common actions to ensure the long-term Sustainable Development of the sectors and activities of the Med SBE. Providing the framework for its operationalization, the UfM Ministerial Declaration was further backed by a clear and concrete implementation framework – a Roadmap – agreed by the UfM Co-Presidency, the UfM Secretariat, and countries of the UfM. In line with the 2021 Ministerial Declaration, the Roadmap provides an overview and analysis of the joint needs, gaps, and opportunities for future support, funding and implementation – to be launched and scaled-up from the short to the long term – for each of the 10 ministerial priorities. The updated Roadmap, as of March 2026 is available on [MedBESP, the Mediterranean Blue Economy Stakeholder Platform](#) managed by the UfM Secretariat. [Access the Roadmap here.](#)



2. New leaflet on the UfM SBE regional dialogue and process

Through an integrated, interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral, and multi stakeholder approach, the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) facilitates the convergence of efforts to drive the 'blue and green' transition forward; to circularize our sea-based economies; to protect and restore our marine and coastal ecosystems; and to level the playing field, delivering on fairer, more resilient, and healthier livelihoods across the region. This new UfM leaflet offers an overview of the UfM regional dialogue and process on SBE, including key milestones, and spotlights on the UfM Roadmap on SBE and on key projects and initiatives.



[Learn more.](#)

3. Mediterranean Interreg Multi-programme Mechanism coordinated call

The Interreg Euro-MED Programme has launched its 7th Call for Proposals under the Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism (MMM) on Sustainable Tourism, offering new funding opportunities to advance sustainable tourism across the Mediterranean. This coordinated call brings together ten Interreg programmes and supports projects focused on the capitalisation and transfer of existing results, helping scale up proven solutions across borders. The call aims to strengthen inclusive growth, climate resilience and territorial cohesion, in line with the Programme's priorities for a smarter and greener Mediterranean. Projects must build on outputs developed under other MMM programmes and contribute to the transformation of tourism into a more sustainable and innovative sector, including governance of tourism flows, green transition of the sector, social inclusion and skills development, and digital innovation.

The overall deadline for submission is 30 September 2026 at 13:00 (Brussels time), with applications to be submitted via the JEMS platform. Pre-selected projects are expected to start implementation in spring 2027, following the evaluation and selection process coordinated across participating programmes. [Learn more.](#)



4. EU Strategies for resilient, prosperous, and liveable coastal communities, and for islands (10 June, Brussels)

The two strategies are structured around a common, three-pillar architecture. For islands, the approach is organized around economic diversification and connectivity, decarbonisation and environmental sustainability, and quality of life and social cohesion, including housing, public services and demographic resilience. The coastal communities strategy follows a parallel structure centred on prosperity, promoting a competitive blue economy; resilience, addressing climate, environmental and security challenges; and liveability, supporting inclusive, attractive coastal territories.

Together, the strategies provide a coordinated policy framework linking sustainable blue economy development, climate adaptation and territorial cohesion, while enabling locally tailored implementation across Europe's islands and coastal regions.

Learn more: [EU Strategy for Islands](#) and [EU Strategy for resilient, prosperous, and liveable coastal communities](#)



5. Mediterranean Tourism Facing Climate Change: Towards a Redefinition of the Tourism Model (June 2026)

The recent Plan Bleu publication "Mediterranean Tourism Facing Climate Change: Towards a Redefinition of the Tourism Model" highlights the growing vulnerability of the Mediterranean tourism sector, which attracts nearly 400 million visitors annually and is warming 20% faster than the global average. The study underscores the sector's dual role as both a contributor to and victim of climate change, and calls for a fundamental rethinking of the current tourism model. It outlines three possible long-term trajectories to 2050, ranging from business-as-usual to deep structural transformation, and identifies key levers for change, including eco-mobility, energy efficiency inspired by Mediterranean architecture, and the deployment of nature-based solutions. The publication also stresses the need to strengthen governance, assign economic value to environmental impacts, and enhance cooperation among tourism, conservation



and urban planning actors to support a more resilient and sustainable Mediterranean tourism model. [Lean more.](#)

6. Applications Open for the 2026 MedPAN Training on the Creation or Extension of Marine Protected Areas

The MEDPAN network has opened applications for the 2026 edition of its training programme on the creation and extension of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), aimed at strengthening the skills of managers and practitioners working across the Mediterranean. The training, organised by the Mediterranean network of MPA managers, is designed to support participants in the effective design, governance and management of protected marine areas, with a strong emphasis on ecosystem-based approaches, adaptive management and regional cooperation. It targets professionals involved in the establishment or expansion of MPAs, as well as those working to improve the effectiveness of existing protected areas in line with international biodiversity commitments, including the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Barcelona Convention. The programme combines technical and practical learning to address key challenges such as marine ecosystem restoration, climate resilience, monitoring and stakeholder engagement. Through peer-to-peer exchange and capacity-building activities, the training aims to reinforce a more connected, coherent and effectively managed network of MPAs across the Mediterranean basin, contributing to long-term marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable ocean governance. Interested candidates are invited to complete [the online application form](#) before 31 July 2026. [Learn more.](#)



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Upcoming events

1. [Economist Impact – 2nd Annual Regional Ocean Summit](#) (September 9-10, Aqaba - Jordan)
2. [WestMED & Atlantic Stakeholder Conference 2026](#) (September 15-16, Last Palmas de Gran Canaria – Spain)
3. **20th UfM Regional Platform on SBE** (October 14-15, Brussels – Belgium)
4. [International conference on Ocean energy](#) (October 05-07, The Hague – Netherlands)
5. [International marine science and technology week](#) (October 06-08, Brest – France)
6. [BlueInvest Africa](#) (November 2-3, Cape Town – South Africa)
7. [ECOMONDO](#) (November 3-6, Rimini – Italy)
8. [UNFCCC COP31](#) (November 09-20, Antalya – Türkiye)
9. [7th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity](#), (November 17-20, Bruges - Belgium)
10. [Interreg Annual Institutional Dialogue Meeting and Interreg Euro-Med Mid-term event](#) (November 25-26, Marseille - France)
11. **11th UfM Working Group on Environment** (December 1-2, Barcelona – Spain, in person & hybrid)
12. [AlgaEurope 2026](#), (December 08-11 2026, Valletta – Malta)

13. [2nd Blue Economy Symposium](#) (December 15-16, Aqaba – Jordan)
14. [Ocean Decade Conference 2027](#) (April 07-09 2027, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

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