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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 gather 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 Blue Economy) 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 analyse 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 7th October 2026, end of day.**

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

Global policy

- Establishment by the French government of **dedicated funding** within the Green Fund for **projects supporting the "ecological transition of maritime planning and activities."** €11.5 million and 88 projects supported in 2025, including **31 projects along the Mediterranean coast, receiving over €3.1 million in grants.** This funding has been renewed for 2026 (<https://www.mer.gouv.fr/le-fonds-vert-confirme-son-engagement-pour-la-transition-ecologique-maritime>)
- Launch of a working group **to establish a national blue economy observatory**, in close coordination with the regions
- Launch in June 2026 of an interministerial action plan to **combat plastic waste at sea 2026-2036** (<https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/politiques-publiques/plan-daction-interministeriel-lutte-contre-dechets-plastiques-mer-2026-2030>)

Sustainable, climate neutral and zero-pollution maritime transport and ports

- Launch by the French government, in April 2026, **of a call for projects** dedicated to the "**decarbonization of maritime transport and services**" with a budget of €62.2 million (divided into three components : direct decarbonization of ships, industrial investments, port infrastructure) <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/presse/lancement-lappel-projets-decarbonation-du-secteur-maritime>

Marine renewable energies

- Adoption of the french third Multiannual Energy Programme (PPE3), which sets out **France's energy roadmap for the period 2026-2035**, on February 2026 and a target of 15 GW of offshore wind capacity commissioned by 2035 (<https://www.economie.gouv.fr/ppe-3-programmation-pluriannuelle-de-lenergie>)
- Launch of **offshore wind tender No. 10 in June 2026** for a total capacity of approximately 10 GW distributed across all maritime zones, **including 3.2 GW in the Mediterranean** (award scheduled for February 2027) <https://presse.economie.gouv.fr/le-gouvernement-annonce-la-publication-du-cahier-des-charges-de-lappel-doffres-n10-dit-ao10-pour-leolien-en-mer/>
- Five ports including two on the Mediterranean coast, **Port-la-Nouvelle and Marseille-Fos**, were selected in July 2026 under the call for projects (€260 million) for adapting their infrastructure to **floating offshore wind projects** (<https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/presse/france-2030-gouvernement-annonce-resultats-lappel-projets-dedies-financement-infrastructures>)



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

Ministerial Declaration Priorities	Initiatives at national/sub-national level
Food from sea: fisheries and aquaculture	
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	
Marine Renewable Energies	Adoption of the french third Multiannual Energy Programme (PPE3), which sets out France's energy roadmap for the period 2026-2035, on February 2026 and a target of 15 GW of offshore wind capacity commissioned by 2035
Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy	Launch in June 2026 of an interministerial action plan to combat plastic waste at sea 2026-2036
Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities	
Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment	
Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management	



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

Ministerial Declaration Priorities	Projects at national/sub-national level
Food from sea: fisheries and aquaculture	
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	Launch by the French government, in April 2026, of a call for projects dedicated to the "decarbonization of maritime transport and services" with a budget of €62.2 million (divided into three components : direct decarbonization of ships, industrial investments, port infrastructure)
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	
Marine Renewable Energies	Launch of offshore wind tender No. 10 in June 2026 for a total capacity of approximately 10 GW distributed across all maritime zones, including 3.2 GW in the Mediterranean (award scheduled for February 2027) Five ports including two on the Mediterranean coast, Port-la-Nouvelle and Marseille-Fos, were selected in July 2026 under the call for projects (€260 million) for adapting their infrastructure to floating offshore wind projects
Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy	
Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities	
Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment	Launch of a working group to establish a national blue economy observatory, in close coordination with the regions
Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management	



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?

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>

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).

Launch of a working group to establish a national blue economy observatory, in close coordination with the regions.



Open questions

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.

The French government has established dedicated funding within the Green Fund for projects supporting the "ecological transition of maritime planning and activities" (including the blue economy).

€11.5 million and 88 projects supported in 2025, including 31 projects along the Mediterranean coast, receiving over €3.1 million in grants. This funding has been renewed for 2026.

Other financing tools are being deployed for specific sectors, such as the decarbonization of maritime transport or the adaptation of port infrastructure to the development of floating offshore wind power.



Open questions

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

- financial resources
- coordination of stakeholders
- project timelines relative to decision-making timelines

