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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***

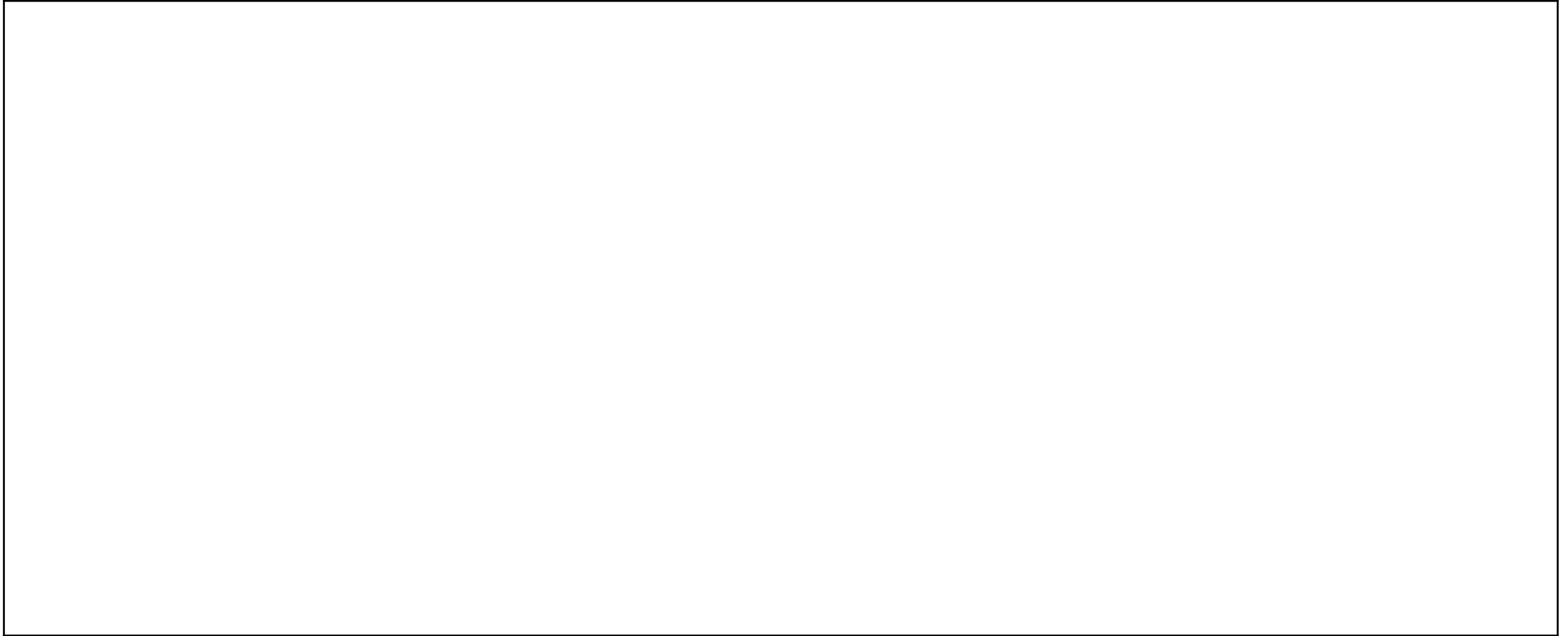
Country reporting template: aim and objectives

- This “country reporting template” has been created with the aim to 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 October 07, end of day.**

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



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	Law on Marine Fisheries - adopted in 2025., regulating the management and protection of marine biological resources, the methods and conditions for conducting fishing activities, the collection and processing of fisheries data, the traceability of fishery products, the management of the fishing fleet, and other matters of importance for marine fisheries. Law on Aquaculture - adopted in 2025., regulating the methods and conditions for carrying out aquaculture activities, the conditions for placing aquaculture products on the market, and other matters of importance for aquaculture Law on Structural Measures and the Award of State Aid in Fisheries and Aquaculture-adopted in 2025 National Strategic Plan for Aquaculture Development is currently under preparation and is planned to be adopted by the end of 2026.
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	Law on Climate Change was adopted in 2025., regulating protection against the adverse impacts of climate change, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the protection of the ozone layer, and other matters related to climate change. Rulebook on the Methodology for Monitoring Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Other Relevant Data from Ships, Data Management and Control, and the Content and Preparation of Monitoring Plans, Emission Reports and Documents of Compliance; Rulebook on the Assessment of Monitoring Plans and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reports from Ships. Law on Prevention of Sea Pollution from the Ships-adopted in December 2025. Law on ports –adopted in December 2025. National Alternative Fuels Plan-ongoing process –deadline end of 2026. Law on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure – The law is currently being drafted-deadline end of 2026.
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	
Marine Renewable Energies	
Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy	Strategy for the Protection of the Marine Environment of Montenegro til 2036 - adopted in may 2026
Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities	Law on Maritime Navigation Safety –adopted in December 2025. Rulebook on Safety of Navigation, Reporting and Management of Maritime Traffic –adopted in May 2025 Study on Maritime Safety in the Bay of Kotor - completed in April 2026
Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment	
Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2031 (NBSAP) ,-adopted in 2026

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	1. INNOVABLU project (Interreg IPA ADRION 2021–2027)-Innovation Found of Montenegro –on going. Objective: Creating innovation networks and technological solutions for a sustainable blue economy in the Adriatic-Ionian region. Regarding aquaculture, the project develops the concept of "Living Labs" to test environmentally sustainable and innovative practices in fish and shellfish farming.
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	1. SUPERALFUEL Project-Interreg IPA Adriatic Ionian ADRION 2. WATERBRIDGING project -Interreg IPA Adriatic Ionian ADRION 3. SA-Connectivity Project- Interreg IPA 4. TREASURE project –Interreg EURO-MED 5. RENEWPORT project -Interreg EURO-MED 6. Sustainable Mobility Upgrade (SUMO 2.0 Project) 7. ADRIatic ports for Renewable Energy Communities (ADVICE)
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	
Marine Renewable Energies	
Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy	
Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities	1. Under the project “Technical Assistance for Capacity Building and Improved Legal Harmonization, Performance and Efficiency within the Transport Sector in Montenegro”, the Study on Maritime Safety in the Bay of Kotor was completed in April 2026 . The Study assesses the current maritime safety conditions, wave climate and forecasting, and uses nautical simulations to develop navigational scenarios and identify measures to further improve safety while supporting the sustainable development and environmental protection of the Bay.
Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment	
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?**

1. **Strategy for Development of Maritime Economy for the period 2020-2030.** Strategy for Development of Maritime Economy summarizes the potentials of Blue Economy
2. to contribute to the Montenegrin public and private sector. It contains four key parts that cover all aspects that stand in correlation with economic, social, infrastructural and regulatory framework in Montenegro.



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.**



Open questions

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

