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Integration into the UfM/43 EuroMed countries agenda; Platform of dialogue with countries and stakeholders (policy paper, 100MPAs Alliance progress and outcomes; convergence of efforts - policy, technical, possibly targeted financial support;etc.)

UfM Governance - Key Principles

Representation North-South

Equal footing;
multi-stakeholders; multi-level governance

Consensus among the 43 UfM member countries;
variable geometry



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2021 UFM MINISTERIAL DECLARATIONS

- ✓ 2nd UfM UfM Ministerial Declaration on Environment (Green Economy) and Climate Action - October 2021
- ✓ 2nd UfM UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy, February 2021




Support the transition towards a Green, Circular and Socially Inclusive Economy, based on sustainable consumption and production practices and nature-based solutions.
(Axis 1)


Prevent and reduce pollution on land, air, and sea.
(Axis 2)

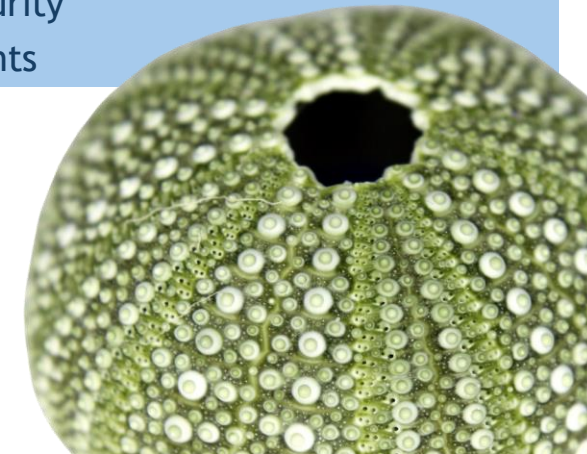
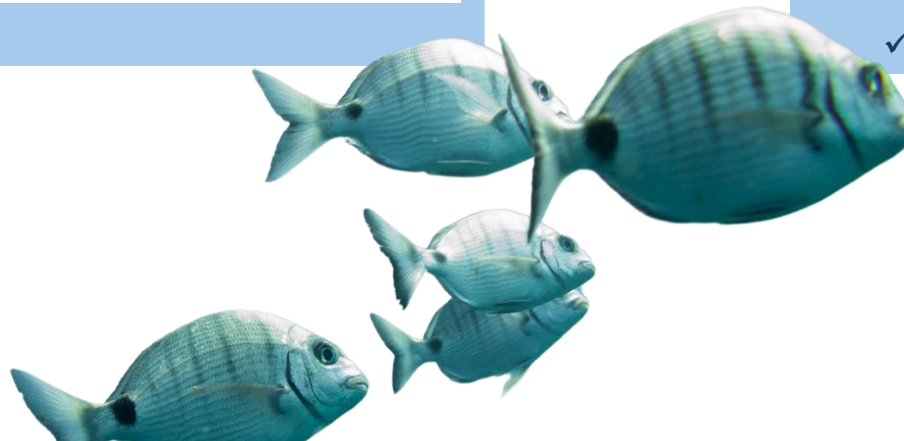

Protect, preserve, manage, and restore natural resources in the Mediterranean region within an integrated ecosystem approach, including terrestrial, marine, and coastal dimensions.
(Axis 3)

 MORE INFO



UfM SBE Roadmap

- ✓ Governance & the future of sea basin strategies
- ✓ Marine research, innovation, skills, careers & employment
- ✓ Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries & aquaculture
- ✓ Sustainable, climate-neutral & zero-pollution maritime transport & ports
- ✓ Interactions between ML & the blue economy
- ✓ Coastal & maritime tourism
- ✓ MSP&ICZM
- ✓ Marine Renewable Energy
- ✓ Maritime Safety & Security
- ✓ Sustainable Investments





It is built around six priorities:

- ✓ **Protecting and restoring ocean health**
- ✓ Boosting the competitiveness of the sustainable blue economy
- ✓ Supporting coastal, island communities and outermost regions
- ✓ Advancing ocean research, knowledge, skills and innovation
- ✓ Enhancing maritime security and defence as a prerequisite
- ✓ Strengthening EU ocean diplomacy and international rules-based governance

The European Ocean Pact

Sustaining the ocean that sustains us

“The new Pact for the Mediterranean, that will pave the way towards a common space of peace, prosperity and stability in the Mediterranean region, building on the foundations of the 2021 Agenda for the Mediterranean. The Commission, in collaboration with the Union for the Mediterranean, will support the development of a blue economy sea-basin strategy on the Eastern Mediterranean, which currently lacks a dedicated structure for cooperation, based on the format of the WestMed Initiative and in cooperation with existing regional bodies”

The Pact for the Mediterranean

Co-creating a space of peace, prosperity and stability through a genuine partnership



- The Pact is the result of an extensive consultation process with the 10 southern Mediterranean partners, EU Member States, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, non-EU neighbouring countries, UN agencies and other international organisations. Given its unique composition as an inter-governmental organisation where all EU and southern Mediterranean partners are members, the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) has been closely involved. The Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) has also played an important role in the consultations
- The Union for the Mediterranean has experience in building regional networks and leading flagship projects. With its convening power, the UfM will support the joint group meetings, and it will also be a partner in the roll-out of the Pact, including through its ministerial meetings.
- The UfM has developed expertise in specific areas such as Education, Employment and Economic Development, Water, Environment and Blue Economy; Crisis management and civil protection

UfM SBE Roadmap based on the 2021 SBE Ministerial

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Ocean Pact

Built around **Six Strategic Objectives:**

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- ✓ Boosting the competitiveness of the EU sustainable blue economy
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- ✓ Advancing ocean research, knowledge, skills and innovation
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- ✓ Strengthening EU ocean diplomacy and international ocean governance

Med Pact

- ✓ Connecting people
- ✓ Connecting countries
- ✓ Connecting economies

- *tangible and intangible cultural and natural heritage.....*
- *Climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss heavily affect the Mediterranean region and its resilience. The clean transition also represents an opportunity to boost sustainable competitiveness in the region. The Pact will allow to harness the benefits arising from such transition, while addressing growing climate change impacts and environmental degradation, including in the framework of a possible Global Treaty against plastic pollution.....*



2030 GreenerMed
UfM AGENDA FOR A GREENER MEDITERRANEAN

TOWARDS 2030: AGENDA FOR A GREENER MED
Contributing to Achieving the Environmental SDGs in the Mediterranean
(2030 GreenerMed)

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Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Union for the Mediterranean will gather in Barcelona to address the region's most pressing challenges — notably the alarming situation in the Middle East — and to reflect on the future of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. Marking the 30th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process, the meeting will serve as an opportunity to endorse the UfM's new strategic vision.

The Meeting will be chaired by Kaja Kallas, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission, alongside Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan,

in the presence of Nasser Kamel, the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean. The Ministerial Meeting will be hosted by José Manuel Albares, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain.

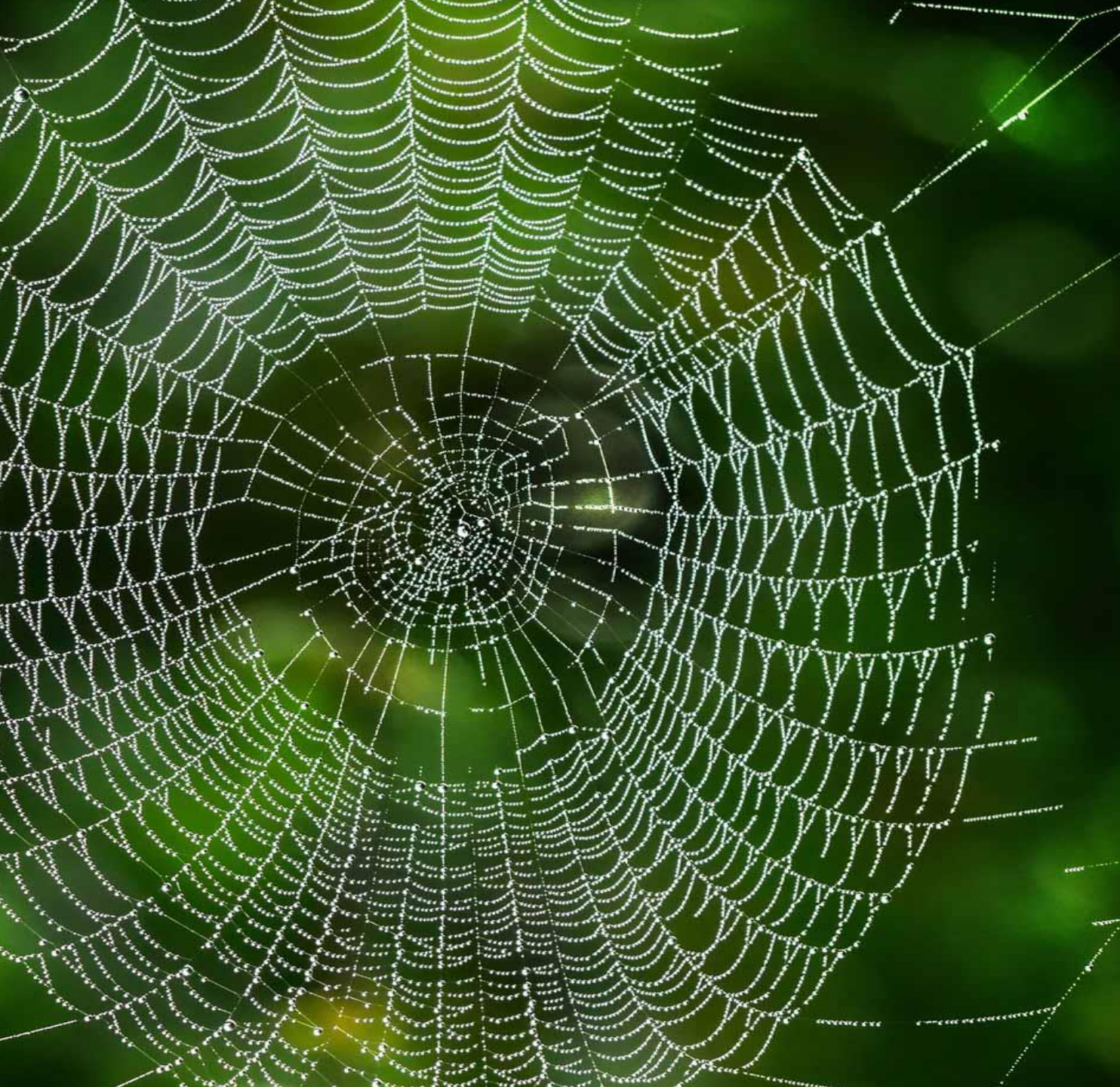
Organisers: UfM Co-Presidency (EU and Jordan), UfM Secretariat and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation of Spain

On the sidelines of the UfM Regional Forum, a high-level launch event for the new EU Pact for the Mediterranean will be held, bringing together EU Member States and the EU Southern Neighbourhood.

UfM Strategic Vision 2025

- ✓ UfM comparative advantage and added value
- ✓ Thematic focus areas
 - Infrastructure, digital transition and trade and new technologies.
 - Climate action, environmental sustainability, green transition and sustainable blue economy, circular transition and energy transition.
 - Disaster management, civil protection and resilience.
 - Education, research and decent job creation.
 - Human development, inclusion and empowerment of women and youth.
 - Mobility and root causes of migration.
- ✓ These priorities also reflect growing demands for trust building, regional cohesion, strengthening multilateralism. These priorities will be framed strategically around three interrelated pillars:
 - ❖ Connecting people
 - ❖ Connecting countries
 - ❖ Connecting economies





Outcomes COP30





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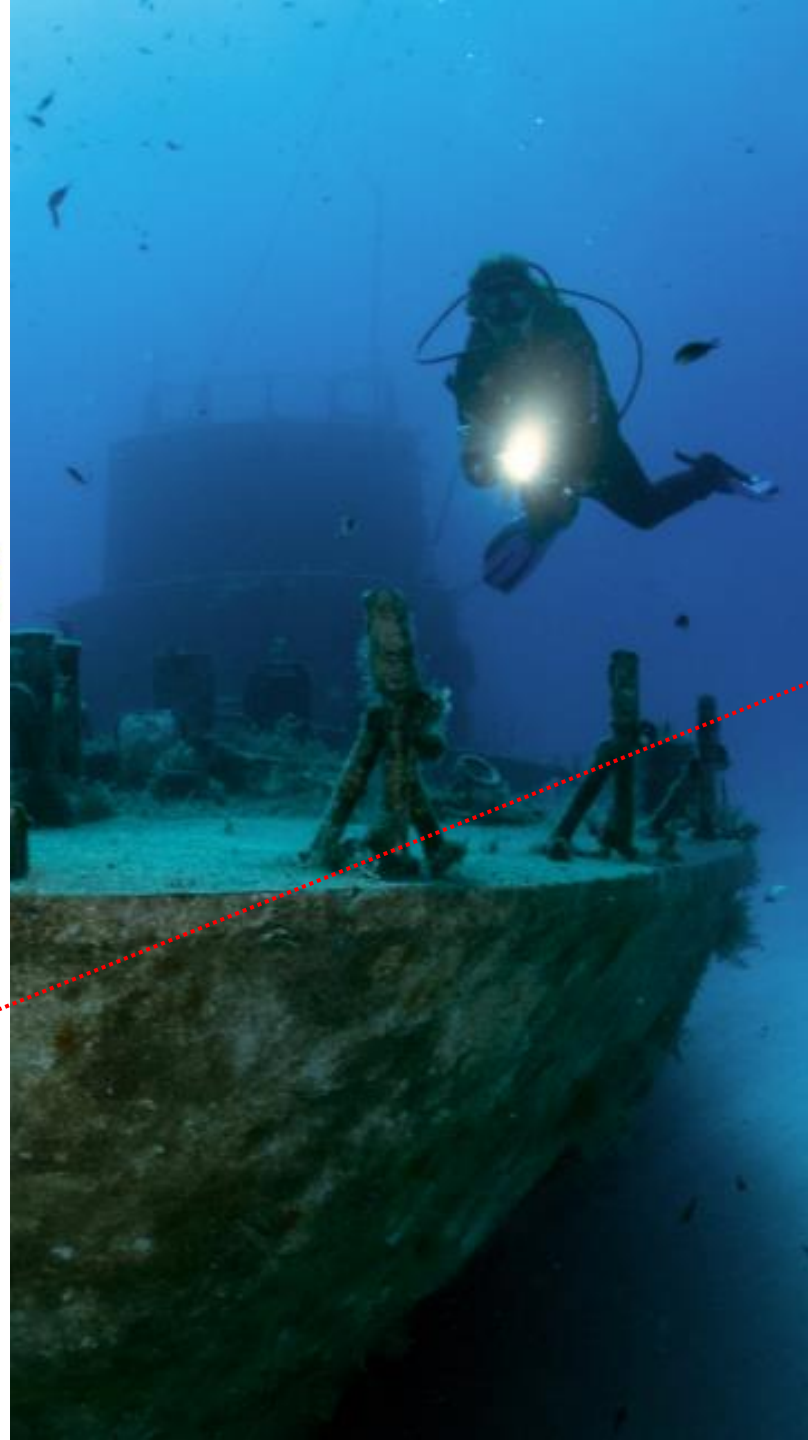


2030 Greener Med
AGENDA FOR A GREENER
MEDITERRANEAN



IDENTIFIED KEY ACTIONS UNDER 2030 GREENER MED THEMATIC AXIS 1

- KA1.1.** Support Sustainable Consumption and Production
- KA1.2.** Increase Resource Efficiency
- KA1.3.** Adopt innovative solutions along the entire value chain (across sectors and industries, urban and rural)
- KA1.4.** Promote changes in business practices, trade, public policy
- KA1.5.** Promote changes in education, behaviour and lifestyles
- KA1.6.** Engage all stakeholders (private, public and society/consumer level) and raise awareness



IDENTIFIED KEY ACTIONS UNDER 2030 GREENER MED THEMATIC AXIS 2

- KA2.1.** Strengthen mechanisms for pollution prevention and reduction from different sources through application of a source-to-sea/ridge-to-reef approach
- KA2.2.** Put a particular focus on plastic pollution and marine litter as well as other inorganic and organic pollution sources
- KA2.3.** Facilitate investments in infrastructure.
- KA2.4.** Reduce chemical pollution
- KA2.5.** Improve soil quality
- KA2.6.** Reduce and control air pollution
- KA2.7.** Reduce landfilled waste

IDENTIFIED KEY ACTIONS UNDER 2030 GREENER MED THEMATIC AXIS 3

- KA3.1.** Support actions that preserve, protect and/or restore terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems, natural capital and biodiversity
- KA3.2.** Promote the sustainable management of landscapes, seascapes and coastal areas in the Mediterranean
- KA3.3.** Promote an integrated ecosystem-based approach to managing terrestrial, coastal and marine natural resources
- KA3.4.** Focus on safeguarding/improving key ecosystem functions and services (in protected and productive areas)
- KA3.5.** Promote transboundary cooperation
- KA3.6.** Mainstream biodiversity in key sectors
- KA3.7.** Protect on-farm biodiversity in agro-ecosystems
- KA3.8.** Promote Disaster Risk Reduction with a special focus on extreme events including droughts and floods, and forest fires
- KA3.9.** Promote nature-based solutions

✓ **Key actions by Axis**

Systematic implementation

Environment, Green Economy and Sustainable Blue Economy



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Building Blocks

- UfM Ministerial Declaration
- UfM Agenda or Roadmap or Action Plan for implementation
- Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation Mechanism (*3rd Greenermed Result-based Monitoring upcoming*)



Clear priorities for implementation

- *centered around the three axes of the 2030GreenerMed, namely green, circular, inclusive economy; pollution with a focus on prevention aspects; biodiversity/ecosystems management and restoration*
- *And the 10 Sustainable Blue economy priorities*

Pooling of resources

- *and fostering collaboration via regional projects and a multi-stakeholders approach, combining dialogue/actions, process/projects*

Easier association/support

- *in the implementation of international and regional conventions, such as the GBF*

Political, Technical and financial convergence

- *around the 2030GreenerMed priorities*
- *Aournd the SBE priorities*

New opportunities of partnerships

- *in the Mediterranean and beyond*



Kunming-Montreal
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK



Green and Blue

Political, Technical, Financial convergence



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BLUE MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIP (BMP)

A new multi-donor and multi-partner financial instrument to support Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean region



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The BMP takes a systemic and collaborative approach, combining **public and private investment financing with technical assistance** as well as **policy and regulatory support**.

Priority areas of investment include:

Pollution prevention and
circular economy

Resilient coasts and climate
adaptation

Sustainable marine resources
and food systems

Sustainable tourism and
coastal economies

Sustainable blue infrastructure
and clean energy

Marine knowledge, innovation
and governance

The Partnership operates in **Mediterranean countries that have signed a Statement of Intent** with the EBRD.

UfM, the Barcelona Convention and other partners

Union for the Mediterranean
Inter-governmental Organization

*Upcoming UfM Regional
Forum/Ministerial Declarations*



Barcelona Convention –
Regional legally binding
environmental agreement

Upcoming COP24



within a wider multi-
stakeholder,
multi-partnership context

MARINE LITTER PLASTIC BUSTERS INITIATIVE



**PLASTIC
BUSTERS**

SDSN-MED
Flagship project

2013



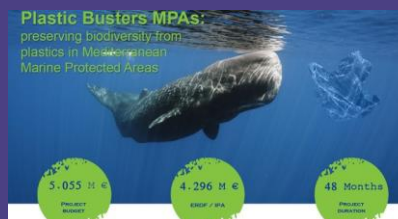
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2016



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MedPROACT

PLASTIC BUSTERS

Connection with key regional frameworks on marine litter as well as with related processes and projects

UNION FOR MEDITERRANEAN

UfM Ministerial(s) on Sustainable Blue Economy, February 2021, and related UfM Working Group >

MED Blue Economy Platform >

UfM Ministerial on Environment and Climate Action >

'GreenerMed Agenda', October 2021, and related UfM Working Group >

BARCELONA CONVENTION

Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean >

Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea (IMAP) >

Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean >

Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring Marine Litter

EUROPEAN UNION

Marine Strategy Framework Directive >

Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy >

Green deal >

Directive (EU) 2019/904 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (SUP Directive) >

Marine Strategy Framework Directive Technical Group on Marine Litter >

PLASTIC BUSTERS INITIATIVE

ACTION 1 ASSESSMENT VIA HARMONISED MONITORING APPROACHES

Addressing data gaps and needs with regards to marine litter, to complement existing assessments carried out in the region as well as the further development and practical implementation of harmonized monitoring approaches in line with the related advances made at Barcelona Convention and EU levels.

ACTION 2 DEMO ACTIONS FOR TESTING PREVENTION & MITIGATION MEASURES

Developing and coordinating the implementation of demonstration projects showcasing actions to prevent, reduce and mitigate marine litter in the Mediterranean Sea, based on the measures provided by the Barcelona Convention Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, the EU MSFD Programmes of Measures, the EU SUPs Directive, etc.

The **Plastic Busters Initiative** kick-started in 2013 to address some of the scientific and policy gaps existing at the time in the Mediterranean region. Since then, improvements have been implemented on the science-policy interface, with Plastic Busters contributing to the regional policy context as well as being informed by it. Born under the umbrella of **SDSN Mediterranean** (United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network), the Initiative provides a **concrete opportunity** to like-minded projects dealing with marine litter issues to **get together** and **fully explore** the potential for synergies towards ensuring aligned and synchronized marine litter activities across the Mediterranean. The Plastic Busters Initiative strives to push forward a shared common objective: to **effectively tackle the issue of marine litter in the Mediterranean** by addressing its entire management cycle, from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation, thus contributing to evidence- and science-based support to governance.

Led by the **University of Siena** (scientific Coordinator Prof. Maria Cristina Fossi), and implemented by a consortium of 15 Partners from around the Mediterranean, the Plastic Busters Initiative works in four key areas of intervention:

ACTION 3 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

Strengthening the science-policy interface by providing fit-for-purpose marine litter data; recommendations for a comprehensive and harmonized marine litter monitoring strategy; concrete showcases and guidelines for operationalizing best practice marine litter measures; capacity building of institutional actors on marine litter related issues, etc.

ACTION 4 CAPACITY BUILDING & AWARENESS RAISING

Designing and coordinating the implementation of awareness raising campaigns and education for sustainable development programmes, tailor-made to the needs of different stakeholders, including the educational community.

PLASTIC BUSTERS INITIATIVE >

UfM labelling of Plastic Busters

PROJECTS WHICH ARE PART OF THE PLASTIC BUSTERS INITIATIVE

Interreg Med — Plastic Busters MPAs >

ENI CBC MED — COMMON >

ENI CBC MED —
Plastic Busters CAP >

PROJECTS WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED/LINKED TO THE PLASTIC BUSTERS INITIATIVE

EU Water and Environment
Support (WES) >

Interreg Med Green
Growth Community >

Interreg Med Blue
Growth Community >

SwitchMed >

OTHER RELEVANT PROCESSES ASSOCIATED LINKED TO PLASTIC BUSTERS

EU Mission for Oceans, seas and waters >

BLUAMED >

WESTMED >

EUSAIR >

Interreg Euro-Med
Strategic Framework >

ENI CBC MED
Strategic Framework >



United Nations Environment Programme
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Actions for a healthy Mediterranean
2025 Edition Update



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REPORT:

Green Circular Economy at the
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