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- Union for the Mediterranean – Processes, Mechanisms, Actions

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To enhance regional cooperation, dialogue and the implementation of concrete projects and initiatives with tangible impact on our citizens, mainly our youth, in order to address three strategic objectives for the region: human development, stability and integration.
A response to the challenges of the region

1995 Barcelona Declaration
15 EU members and 12 Mediterranean partners
Ministers of Foreign Affairs

2004

2008 Paris Summit
27 EU members and 16 Mediterranean partners
Heads of State and Government

2010 - 2012 UfM Secretariat
Set-up of the UfM Secretariat

2012 - 2016 The way forward
Regional challenges call for regional solutions

Barcelona Process
An innovative alliance for peace, stability and prosperity

Creation of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)

The Union for the Mediterranean
An inter-governmental organisation with six sectorial priorities

The UfM Secretariat
A facilitator of the regional cooperation and socio-economic development in the region.

47 regional cooperation projects
10+ Ministerial Meetings & 200+ regional dialogue fora
UfM Roadmap
Consolidation UfM Regional Forum (UfM MFAs)
UfM – EU Neighbourhood Policy
UfM – UN Observer status
A new **ROADMAP** for an action-driven organization with a common ambition

At the 2nd UfM Regional Forum in Barcelona on 23 January 2017, Ministers for Foreign Affairs and their representatives expressed their common commitment to work together on a Roadmap towards a deepened and operational regional cooperation within the framework of the UfM.

Through this roadmap, Member States express their political will to:

- **Enhance political dialogue among Member States**
- **Ensure the contribution of UfM activities to regional stability and human development**
- **Strengthen regional integration**
- **Consolidate UfM capacity for action**
UfM Co-presidency

Co-ownership: The Co-presidency ensures coherence of activities and equal footing and representation of North and South

UfM Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM)

Governing Body: Meetings of the Ambassadors of the 43 countries

UfM Secretariat

1 Secretary General from the South
6 Deputy Secretary Generals
(3 North and 3 South)
60 diplomats, financial experts and project managers from 20 countries and institutions

Jordan and the EU have been Co-presidents since 2012

The Senior Officials meet every 2-3 months

The UfM Secretariat is the operational institution that empowers the regional dialogue between the UfM Member States and stakeholders and promotes regional cooperation projects and initiatives
A governance based on the principle of co-ownership North/South
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**Political Process**
Ministerial meetings

**Co-presidency**
North + South

**Senior Officials**

**Operational Secretariat**

A **North + South co-presidency**
Ensured since 2012 by:

- EU
- Jordan
A governance based on the principle of **co-ownership North/South**

- **Senior Officials**
- **Co-presidency**
  - North + South
- **Political Process**
  - Ministerial meetings

Meetings of the ambassadors of the 43 **countries** every 2-3 months

UfM | The Euro-Mediterranean intergovernmental institution
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  - Ministerial meetings
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6 Deputy Secretary Generals
3 from North and 3 from South

>60 diplomats, financial experts and project managers seconded from
20 countries and institutions
The Euro-Mediterranean institution at the service of regional cooperation:

**Strong political commitment** with 43 countries representing an overall population of 800 million citizens.

**Co-ownership** between the European Union and the Mediterranean countries.

**Variable geometry** allowing member countries to participate in projects of interest for them.

**Regional and sub-regional integration** through large projects to develop transport, energy and water infrastructures – variable geometry.

**Dynamic and flexible partnerships** with promoters from administrations, civil society and private sector.

**Concrete projects** to meet the needs of Mediterranean citizens.

**Adaptation to the current regional context** with a focus on job creation for young people.
UfM | The UfM Methodology – The 3 P’s: Policies in Action

Political Forum / UfM Ministerial Meetings

Strategic Objectives

- Human development
- Stability
- Integration

Projects with Regional Impact

Regional Policy Dialogue Platforms
The Ministers of Foreign Affairs meet once a year at the UfM Regional Forum to define strategic areas and priorities.

Political Forum through UfM Sectorial Ministerial Meetings

- Give political impetus
- Set regional priorities
- Provide guidance

2016 Meetings include:

- Energy (November 2016)
- Employment and Labour (September 2016)
- Regional Cooperation and Planning (June 2016)

2017 planned Meetings:

- Research & Innovation (30-31 March, Malta)
- Water (27 April, Malta)
- Sustainable Urban Development (15-16 May 2017, Egypt)
- Strengthening the role of Women in Society (Oct 2017, tbc)

Our belief:

- Regional challenges call for regional solutions
- There is no security without development
- We need to address the root causes of irregular migration, terrorism and radicalisation through:
  - Development/euro-mediterranean regional integration
  - Job creation and inclusive growth
  - Promotion of dialogue and mutual understanding
Regional policy dialogue involving a large variety of stakeholders:
- Governments
- International Financial Institutions
- International experts and financial partners
- Private sector
- Regional organisations
- Civil society

Platforms for regional policy dialogue provide an opportunity to:
- Make recommendations and define priorities in line with Ministerial mandates
- Exchange on regional challenges and share best practices
- Promote a Mediterranean Agenda
- Identify concrete actions

Regional dialogue activities are ongoing in the following sectors:
- Climate Change
- Energy
- Transport
- Urban Development
- Employment
- Environment
- Water
- Blue Economy
- Women empowerment
- Industrial Cooperation

Based on the orientations provided by Ministerial Conferences

20,000 stakeholders + 200 Experts Fora
Within the 2 pillars of Human Development and Sustainable Development:

- 47 UfM labelled projects
- 26 labelled projects in the field of Human Development
- 21 labelled projects in the field of Sustainable Development
- 25 launched projects
**Regional projects · An operational response**

**WHAT IS THE ADDED VALUE OF THE UfM LABEL?**

- Political endorsement to projects that address common regional challenges.
- Regional recognition and visibility at the highest level.
- Solutions for complex regional projects and builds on their added-value.
- Access to finance through a network of financing partners.

**LABELLING**

Political recognition and support from 43 UfM countries

**PROMOTION & MONITORING**
The UfM Criteria

To be considered for UfM labelling, a project must:

• uphold the principle of sustainable development;

• strive to contribute to stability and peace in the whole Euro-Mediterranean region;

• not jeopardise the legitimate interest of any member of the UfM;

• respect the principles and rules of international law;

• take account of the principle of variable geometry; and

• respect the decision of member countries involved in an ongoing project when it is subject to further development.
3 main pillars

Youth Employability & Inclusive Growth

Women’s Empowerment

Sustainable Development & Infrastructures

addressed through 6 sectorial areas mandated by the UfM members

- Business Development
- Social & Civil Affairs
- Higher Education & Research
- Water & Environment
- Transport & Urban Development
- Energy & Climate Action
Activities contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in particular to SDGs 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Political Forum through UfM Ministerial Meetings

- Energy – 2016
- Blue Economy – 2015
- **Environment and Climate Change – 2014**
- Transport – 2013
- Sustainable Urban Development – 2011, foreseen in 2017
- Water – foreseen in 2017

UfM Strategic Objectives

- Address the growing need of resilient infrastructure
- Promote renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Contribute to de-pollution efforts & promote access to water
- Promote regional connectivity in transport and energy
- Contribute to addressing the challenge of climate change
- Advance the Euro-Mediterranean Sustainable Urban Development Strategy

Projects with Regional Impact

- 21 Projects labelled by the UfM

Regional Policy Dialogue Platforms

- Frequent high-level meetings & conferences
  - 60+ thematic workshops and expert groups (climate change, water, environment, blue economy, urban development, energy, etc.)
  - 7,000 participants
UfM Ministerial Meeting

1st UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change

adopted in Athens, 13th of May
UfM Ministerial Declaration on ENV and CC

Strong focus on **green/circular/low-emission economy**

Three main axis:

- the De-pollution and Pollution Prevention
- Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Climate Change – adaptation and mitigation

and

biodiversity, integrated maritime policy/blue economy, integrated coastal zone management, education for sustainable development
UfM Ministerial Declaration on ENV and CC

“Ministers note with great concern the impacts of climate change on economic growth and development, which will inevitably worsen if climate change is not adequately and urgently tackled with the necessary determination and action. Water availability and quality have been significantly impacted, thereby negatively affecting related economic sectors in the Mediterranean region, particularly in the most vulnerable Southern countries. Rising sea levels and their coastal impacts, as well as desertification are also a matter of concern. They recognise the growing need for the region and its future prosperity to enhance its resilience to climate change, notably in key sectors of the economy, such as agriculture, water, also with respect to food security. While recognising the challenges arising from the transition towards sustainable low-emission development economies, Ministers also point at the benefits and opportunities, including for growth and job creation, arising from such a transformation and express their readiness to enhance their cooperation in that regard”

“Ministers further note the potential to build on relevant initiatives, tools and mechanisms, addressing among others sustainable consumption and production, green economy/green growth, energy efficiency and renewable energy, integrated coastal zone management, sustainable urban development, sustainable land management, disaster risk reduction and management, but also mainstreaming of climate change considerations into other key policies (e.g., water, agriculture, energy, transport, tourism, waste management and construction); and emphasise the need to further exploit synergies of these sectors with other related fields and projects;”
Current linkages between the UfMS and Silva Mediterranea

- Silva Mediterranea observer at UfM Working Group on ENV and CC
- UfMS is part of Silva Mediterranea light coordination mechanism
- Silva Mediterranea observer of the UfM Climate Change Expert Group
UfM Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Climate Change

UfM Working Group on ENV and CC
14th – 15th March 2017, Barcelona
Objective of the meeting

• Assess the progress made in the implementation of the Declaration under the different topics prioritized by the 2014 Ministerial Declaration on ENV and CC

• Start defining the post 2020 agenda and the possibility of a future UfM Ministerial Meeting

Final outcome

• Agreed Conclusions on the Way Forward – to be circulated to UfM Senior Officials
Within the emerging dossiers, the WG took note of the potential for

Integration/association of the overall Mediterranean Forestry/Silva Mediterranean frameworks of work and activities into the wider implementation measures related to environment and climate change of the 2014 Ministerial Declaration to address desertification, sustainable land management, water, biodiversity, climate mitigation/adaptation as well as contribute to promoting sustainable consumption and production business models, job creation and green investments.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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