

# Interreg EuroMed Governance Projects

Representation North-South

Equal footing;  
multi-stakeholders; multi-level governance

Consensus among the 43 UfM member countries;  
variable geometry

Labelled by the UfM



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*Integration into the UfM/43 EuroMed countries agenda; Platform of dialogue with countries and stakeholders; convergence of efforts - policy, technical, possibly targeted financial support;etc.*



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





# 2021 UFM MINISTERIAL DECLARATIONS



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- ✓ 2nd UfM Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Climate Action - October 2021
- ✓ 2nd UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy, February 2021
- ✓ Other UfM Ministerial Declarations and related Agendas/Roadmaps



**2030GreenerMed**  
UfM AGENDA FOR A GREENER  
MEDITERRANEAN



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)

## 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

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Other UfM Agendas, including Research and Innovation, Transport, Urban, etc

# A NEW POLITICAL AND POLICY CONTEXT

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## Ocean Pact

Built around **Six Strategic Objectives:**

- ✓ Protecting and restoring ocean health
- ✓ Boosting the competitiveness of the EU sustainable blue economy
- ✓ Supporting coastal and island communities, and outermost regions
- ✓ Advancing ocean research, knowledge, skills and innovation
- ✓ Enhancing maritime security and defence
- ✓ 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.....*



  
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