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# The UfM Process – next steps



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# Paving the way towards the next UfM Ministerial Meeting on ENV and CC Late 2019 – Early 2020

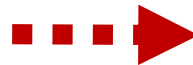
## Where are we moving to?

UfM Min on ENV and  
CC 2014

WG on ENV and CC, 03/2017

UfM ENV TF, 01/2018

UfM CC EG, 04/2018



**2<sup>nd</sup> UfM Min on  
ENV and CC  
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- **Priorities**
- **Operational Modalities**
- **Work Programme**



## WG on ENV and Climate Change Agreed Conclusions – March 2017

The “Agreed Conclusions” of the 2017 UfM Working Group on Environment meeting’s conclusions (see the attached background documents) include:

- *Establish priorities for action on environment and climate change in the Mediterranean region after 2020, to be the basis for a possible future Ministerial Meeting;*
- *Launch an external evaluation of the implementation of the Declaration to contribute towards defining priorities, operational modalities and the work programme post-2020; and*
- *Set up a Task Force on Environment (TF on ENV) to facilitate the transition towards the post 2020 agenda on environmental action in the Mediterranean region and identify the regional priorities ahead.*

# Final Agreed Conclusions – 1<sup>st</sup> UfM Task Force on Environment

The “Agreed Conclusions” of the meeting of the UfM Task Force on Environment include:

- Support for proposal of holding a UfM Ministerial Meeting Environment and Climate Change on late 2019 or early 2020 with the adoption of a Declaration;
- Proposed meeting in November 2018 of the Working Group on Environment and Climate Change to update on the proposed timeline;
- Voluntary contributions from countries with updates on their national progress on actions undertaken including challenges, gaps and priorities under the 2014 Ministerial Declaration can still be submitted by the end of February 2018 to the UfM Secretariat;
- Potential Ministerial Declaration could address the following points:
  - ✓ Further enhance actions to support the transition towards a Circular Economy, including on plastics, with special attention to marine litter, as priority issues;
  - ✓ Ensuring continuity and enhancement of pollution reduction and prevention and SCP actions under a potential H2030 initiative, building on achievements of the H2020, in line with the SDGs, and in close cooperation with the Barcelona Convention;
  - ✓ Continuation and enhancement of the Capacity Building activities building on the achievements of SWIM-H2020 SM;

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- ✓ Further efforts for the implementation of the MDG Education for Sustainable Development;
- ✓ Continuing supporting the switch towards sustainable production;
- ✓ Access to finance for ENV, including SCP, and CC as a means to promote SCP solutions;
- ✓ **Actions to consolidate monitoring and assessment capacities;**
- ✓ Landscape restoration/sustainable land management with links to desertification/droughts;
- ✓ Stronger links and coordination with CC, through strengthened coordination between ENV and CC FPs;
- ✓ Formalize within the Ministerial Declaration the creation of a regular UfM Environment Expert Group;

*...need for solid knowledge base, regular review and monitoring, assessment capacities...*

# UfM ENV and CC – joint steps in 2018/2019

## **ENV + CC**

**ENV Task Force**  
*January 2018*

**CC Expert Group**  
*April 2018*

**Joint UfM External Evaluation**  
*July to December 2018*

**Joint WG on ENV and CC**  
*November 2018*

**Joint Concept Note ENV + CC to UfM SOM-  
1 semester 2019**

**Contribution of H2020 indicators and future EEA/UNeMAP joint H2020  
report to informed decision/making**

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**Which steps are foreseen in-between?**

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**UfM ENV TF, 01/2018**

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# 2019 – Tentative Calendar

2019			
7	<i>UfM SOM</i>	February/March 2019	Present a proposal to the UfM Senior Officials (MoFAs) for the organization of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Meeting in late 2019/early 2020 and related provisional timing
8	<i>UfM Env TF</i>	First semester 2019	Continue to elaborate the ENV post-2020 priorities operational modalities and the work program to be reflected in the UfM Ministerial Declaration, as agreed at the SOM based on the concept note Preparation of the skeleton of the H2030 Initiative and Road Map
9	<i>UfM Climate Change Expert Group</i>	First semester 2019	Continue to elaborate the CC post-2020 priorities, on the basis of the 2017-2022 work program, operational modalities and the renewed work program to be reflected in the UfM Ministerial Declaration
10	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Ad Hoc SOM/UfM WG on ENV and CC (and associated stakeholder's consultation)</i>	October/December 2019	Preliminary official Consultation on the draft UfM Ministerial Declaration on ENV and CC at the level of MoE/MoFA (and/or other ministries in charge of CC)  Technical validation of the skeleton of the H2030 Initiative and Road Map
11	<i>UfM SOM</i>	End of 2019/Early 2020	<del>Presentation of the status of advancement of the negotiations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> UfM Ministerial Declaration on ENV and CC</del>
12	<i>(2<sup>nd</sup> Ad Hoc SOM/UfM WG on ENV and CC) If needed</i>	If need be	2 <sup>nd</sup> official Consultation on the UfM Ministerial Declaration, if needed

In 2020

**2<sup>nd</sup> UfM Ministerial Conference on ENV and CC**





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