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Towards the 2020 UfM Ministerial on Environment and Climate Action



Building bridges for the future

SEIS - September 2020



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Paving the way



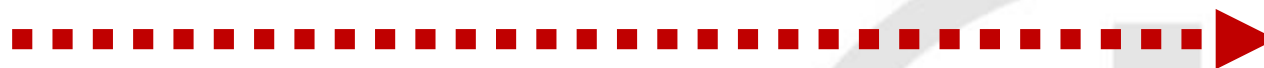
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Towards the 2nd UfM Ministerial Meeting on ENV and CA

- the 2030 Greener Med Agenda -



- From the 1st UfM Ministerial on Environment and Climate Change (Athens, May 2014) to the 2nd UfM Ministerial on Environment and Climate Action (Egypt, December 2020)



- From the 'H2020 Initiative for a Cleaner Med' to the '2030 Agenda for a Greener Med'

Paving the way to the UfM Ministerial/s on ENV and CA



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2014 – Med as Pioneer

Forward-looking approach, innovate tools





1st UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change

Athens, 13th of May 2014

MAIN AXES

- De-pollution
- Pollution Prevention - Sustainable Consumption and Production as main approach to green, low-carbon economy
- Climate Change

And OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Ecosystems protection, Integrated Maritime Policy/Blue economy, Integrated coastal zone management, Ecocities

ANNEX

- Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development



green economy
package of actions



PLATFORM OF DIALOGUE

Working Group on ENV and CC/ENV Task Force; countries and stakeholders

UfM Platform of dialogue



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-Working Group (WG) on Environment and Climate Change-

H2020 Focal Points and ENV Task Force Focal Points

- **UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Change**, including 2 delegates/country; one Environment FP, one Climate Action FP; and stakeholders
- **UfM ENV Focal Points include H2020 Focal Points** to maximize efforts and avoid duplication
- **Setting up of the UfM Environment Task Force in 2018** (upon WG decision) to help the transition to the Agenda 2030



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Priorities and Processes

- From 2014 to 2020 -



From 2014 to 2020

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Depollution and Pollution Prevention

Green/Low Carbon Economy

DE-POLLUTION

- **14 years of cooperation** on environmental matters (2006-2020)
- Launch of the 2nd Phase (2015-2020) of the “**H2020 Initiative for the Depollution of the Mediterranean Sea**” within the UfM Environment and Climate Change Agenda, with a wider technical and geographical scope and changed name “**H2020 for a Cleaner Mediterranean**”
- Expanding the initial **de-pollution** focus on wastewater, municipal waste industrial pollution; marine litter and hazardous waste; **to move towards a pollution prevention approach/green, low carbon economy**
- **Direct links to Climate Change – MEDEEC Report**

From 2014 to 2019

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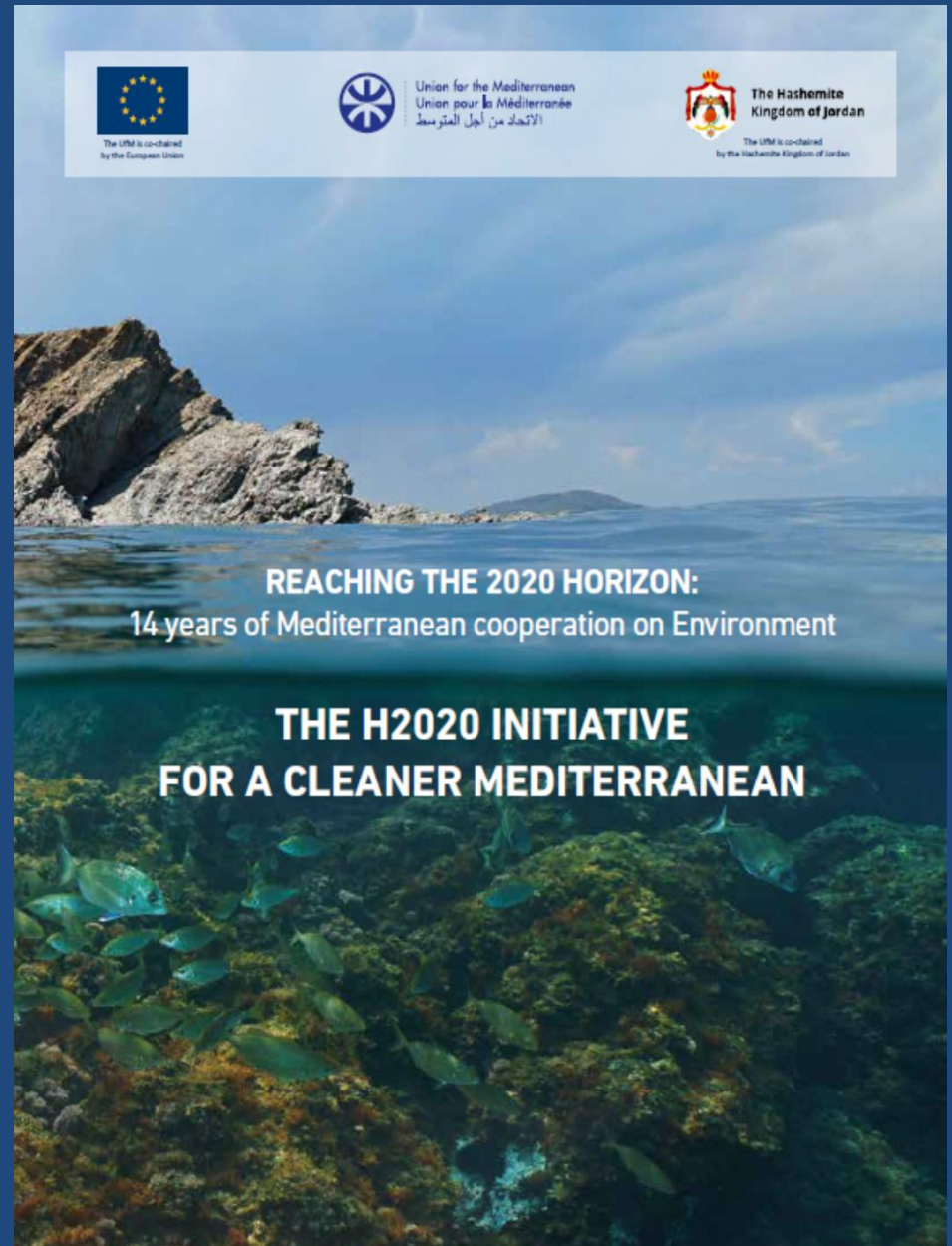
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Green/Low Carbon Economy

DE-POLLUTION – H2020 INITIATIVE FOR A CLEANER MEDITERRANEAN

- More than **300 training activities**, **5500 people trained** in H2020 priority areas with significant impact on national reforms; Development & adoption of Med Strategy on ESD (2014) & its Action Plan 2016
- **2 assessment reviews (2014, 2020) of pollution pressures** affecting the Mediterranean environmental status; Platform ready for common repository and data exchange; H2020 data collection launched in 2018 with renewed core set of 6 indicators
- By the end of Phase I, most **pollution Hot Spots** (defined in 2003) were considered '**cleaned**' thanks to the investment projects; by the end of Phase II (May 2020), a total of EUR 4.5M of Technical Assistance funds mobilized (MED5P, CAMENA, GEF, SSF Egypt). Projects with a **total investment cost exceeding EUR 1.4 billion** have been prepared and approved for co-financing by the EIB while the total potential investment volume of the supported projects is EUR 2.8 billion.

THE FINAL H2020 REPORT



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REACHING THE 2020 HORIZON:
14 years of Mediterranean cooperation on Environment

**THE H2020 INITIATIVE
FOR A CLEANER MEDITERRANEAN**



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POLLUTION PREVENTION

- **Sustainable Consumption and Production and Resource Efficiency** as main approaches to Green, Low Carbon Economy; Run mainly through SwitchMed (EU funded, prioritized by the 2014 UfM Ministerial Declaration on ENV and CC); MedReSCP (UfM labelled, funded by Austria); InterregMed Green Growth (EU funded, UfM labelled);
- Many associated **UfM technical assistances** to support/complement with mobilisation of experts, events, reports in order to ensure widest geographical coverage, deepen some technical aspects, support
- UfM **link with Education for Sustainable Development and Green Jobs**
- **Direct links to Climate Change**

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Other environment issues

- **Ecosystem/s protection**

Focus on **Marine litter/MPAs** (Plastic Busters Project; 2 EU funding - Interreg Med and CBC); **forestry/landscape restoration** (FAO promoted and UfM labelled Project, funded by the German Ministry of Environment); **drought and desertification** (UfM Technical Assistance/s within the UNCCD Drought Initiative, SIDA funded)

- **Education for Sustainable Development**

Implementation of the Action Plan of the **Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development**, covering **all levels of education** as well as **sustainable consumption, behaviours, lifestyles**; Technical Assistance/s, reports (SIDA funded)

- **Integrated maritime policy/blue economy, Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Ecocities**

Spin off into the **UfM Ministerial on Blue Economy** and related dossier (November 2015; 2^o Ministerial under preparation; due to covid, rescheduled in February 2021)



-Med as One- Example

Bridging North and South programmes and financing to connect, capitalise, upscale to the entire region

Med RE-SCP

Interreg Med
Green Growth
Community



SwitchMed II

SCP/Resource Efficiency Example of convergence and coordination of regional funding – Interreg Med, ENI South, other donors

- Med as One - Example

Bridging North and South programmes and financing to connect, capitalise, upscale to the entire region



Example of Interreg Med and CBC

Plastic Busters/Marine Litter:

- UfM labelled in 2017
- Interreg Med financed as PLASTIC BUSTERS MPAs in 2018 (North Med and Balkans)
- CBC financed as “COMMON” in January 2019
- Identified among the key priority projects of BLUEMED and Western Med Initiative
- Linking with ENI/ENI/SWIM-H2020 SM & Water and Environment Support Project Water and Environment Support Project
- 14 November 2019 – Interreg and CBC joint project meeting

Preparing the UfM Post 2020 Environment Agenda

-Crosscutting aspects-

- Closer link to the SDGs; Rio Conventions, international/regional frameworks; other UfM Ministerial - UfM Observer status at CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity) and UNCCD (UN Convention on Desertification), UNFCCC (UN Climate Change)
- Preparation of the UfM Post 2020 Agenda, the so called “2030 Greener Med Agenda” with a more integrated approach sea/land/air
- Links to socio-economic aspects (jobs, gender, youth, migration, digitalization, etc)
- Matchmaking programmes/funding North South Med (see ex Plastic Busters)



UfM Environment and Climate Action – steps in 2018



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UfM Review of the progress in the implementation of the 2014 Ministerial declaration – UfM regional and national reports

ENV Task Force
January 2018

CC Expert Group
April 2018

UfM External Evaluation on ENV and CC
April to September 2018; completed in March 2019

UfM WG on ENV and CC
November 2018

UfM Environment and

Climate Action – ENV specific steps in 2019



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**Online consultation for the preparation
of the 2030 Agenda for a Greener Med**

(countries and stakeholderes; two rounds of
consultations between January and March 2019)



ENV Task Force

April 2019



CC Expert Group

April 2019

**Submission to the SOM of a Concept Note on
the 2nd UfM Ministerial on ENV and CC – July 2019**



**Closing Conference of the “H2020
Initiative for a Cleaner Mediterranean”**

September 2019

2020 UfM Online Consultation

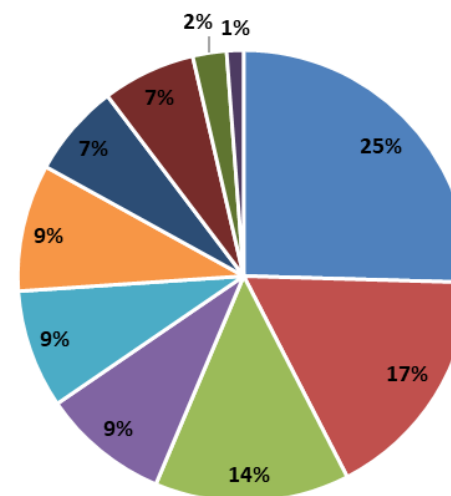
July-August 2020



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“Access to monitoring and reporting systems is rather restricted and complicated for those who are not working with such systems and reports on a daily basis. A point was made that the results and recommendations of such reports need to be made available and accessible as well as reflected in concrete policies and actions.”

Respondent per Stakeholder group



- NGO representative
- Ministry representative
- Government Agency
- Donor agency
- Academia or research institute
- International organisation or programme
- Private sector
- Individual
- Other (please specify)
- Local authority

Our Vision



ONE MED,
A POSITIVE AGENDA ON COMMON CHALLENGES

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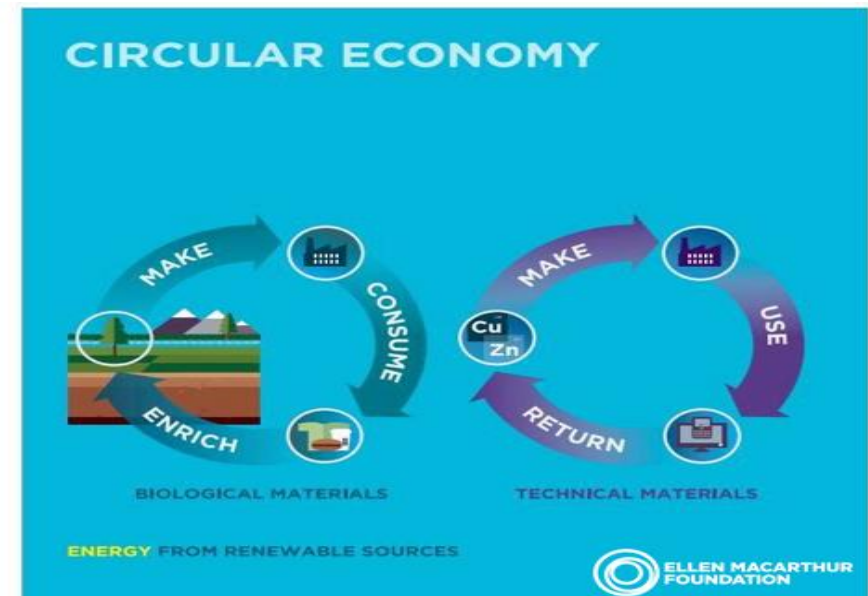


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December 2020, Egypt

Discussion of the text of the declaration by the 43 UfM countries – ongoing

- 1st Ad Hoc SOM, 9th of July
- 2nd Ad Hoc SOM, 30th of September



2030 Agenda for a Greener Med



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(doc circulated to UfM SOs)

MAIN STRUCTURE

- Core objective, main themes and means of implementation;
- Three main thematic priorities for joint action;
- Cooperation principles based on a regional collaborative approach;
- Implementation structure, monitoring and modalities;

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS AND ELEMENTS

- “Living document”;
- Annex for implementation with a first set of key actions by thematic priority identified;
- Further finetuning, implementation and follow up by the UfM WG on ENV and CC/ENV FPs

Identified Thematic Priorities through consultation with countries and stakeholders



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Thematic Area 1:

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

Key Actions

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

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Thematic Area 2:

Prevent and reduce pollution on land, sea and air

Key Actions

- Strengthen mechanisms for pollution prevention and reduction from different sources
- Plastic pollution and marine litter as well as other inorganic and organic pollution sources
- Facilitate investments
- Promote nature-based solutions
- Reduce chemical pollution
- Improve soil quality
- Reduce and control air pollution
- Reduce landfilled waste

Identified Thematic Priorities through consultation with countries and stakeholders



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Thematic Area 3:

Protect, preserve, manage and restore biodiversity and natural resources in the Mediterranean region within an integrated ecosystem approach, including terrestrial, marine and coastal dimension/s

Key Actions

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

2030 Agenda for a Greener Med



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In its own essence, the 2030 Agenda addresses the environmental root causes of the Covid outbreak and propose a post-Covid recovery approach

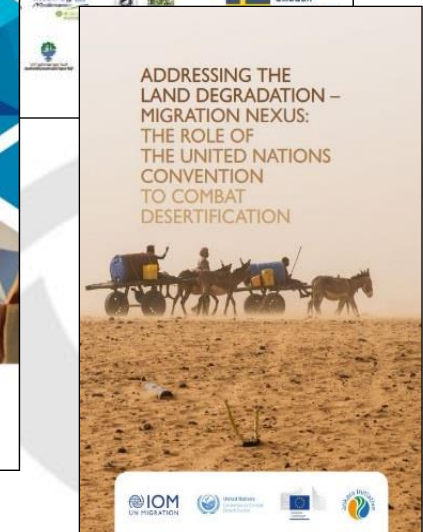
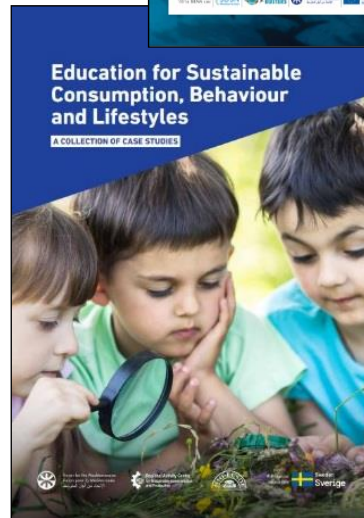
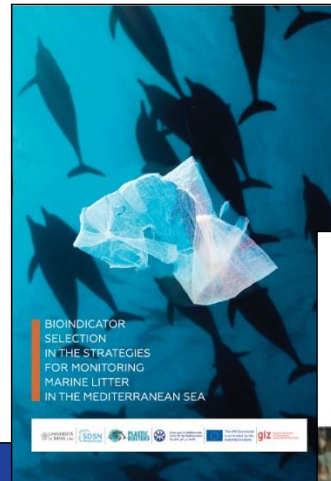
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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Union for the Mediterranean Collaboration on Land Degradation, Drought, Desertification in the Mediterranean Region





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