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UfM Climate Action

Enhancing climate action through regional cooperation
in the Mediterranean

12

projects and initiatives
which account for more than
€2.6 bn

A UfM Ministerial Mandate

The Declaration of the UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change held in Athens on 13 May 2014 included climate change as a priority area of cooperation for the UfM. In line with this declaration and with the UfM's general mandate, the UfM Climate Action relies on 2 pillars: Regional Dialogue and Project Promotion.

Regional Dialogue

The UfM Climate Change Expert Group (UfM CCEG) is the main regional platform to reinforce regional dialogue and identify new axes of work. More precisely, the UfM CCEG undertakes technical discussions on climate mitigation and adaptation.

The UfM CCEG has met four times since October 2014. It gathered representatives of the UfM Member States, as well as scientists, civil society representatives, international organisations, international financial institutions and private sector representatives active on climate action in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The UfM CCEG is working in synergy with other UfM regional dialogue platforms, such as the UfM Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency platform.



Project promotion – 3 main objectives

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Fostering projects on low-carbon development

2

Working towards enhanced efficient climate finance

3

Supporting the emergence of regional actions

Tackling environmental challenges regionally

The work of the UfM Secretariat in the field of climate action addresses the major regional environmental challenges, as identified by the UfM Member States. It therefore contributes to the international agenda, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The UfM Secretariat will become an observer of the UNFCCC in November 2016. The UfM Secretariat supports the Sustainable Development Goals.



1 Project and initiatives currently supported by the UfM

Improving resilience

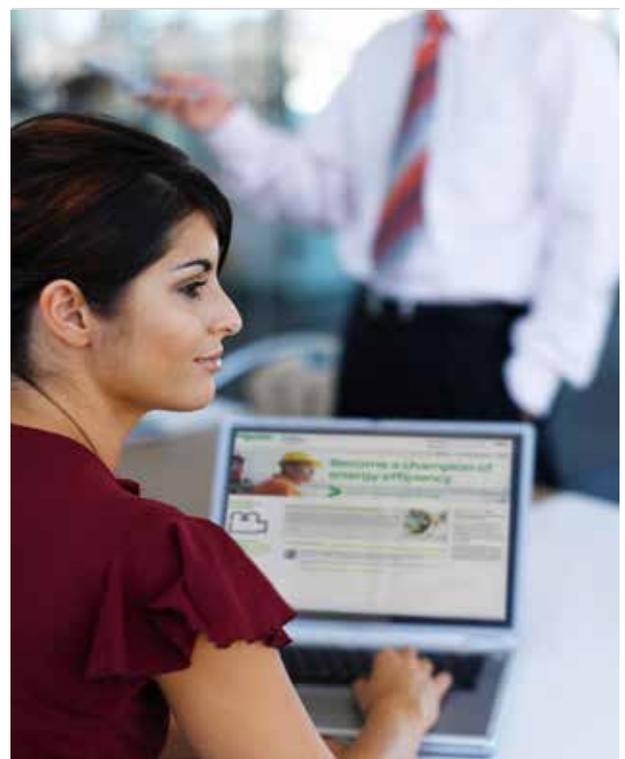
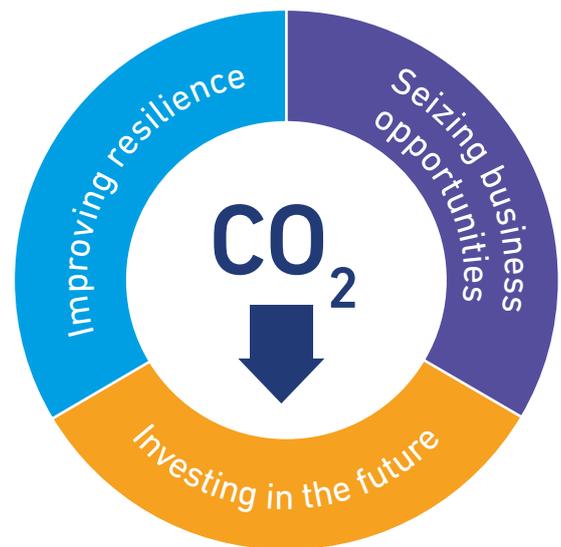
- UPFI Bouregreg Valley – an integrated approach to territorial cohesion in Morocco
- UPFI Sfax Taparura – decontamination and coastal development in Tunisia
- UPFI Imbaba – sustainable and innovative urbanisation in Egypt
- Integrated Programme for Protection of the Lake Bizerte against Pollution (developed under the H2020 Initiative) – Sustainable depollution in Tunisia
- Desalination Facility for the Gaza Strip
- UPFI Izmir – innovative waste management facility

Seizing business opportunities

- Mediterranean RESCP Post Rio+20 – supporting the adoption of Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean Region
- Tafila Wind Farm – first and major wind farm in Jordan
- “Motorway of Sea” services between Turkey, Tunisia and Italy – Intermodal connectivity of the Mediterranean region

Investing in the future

- SEMed Private Renewable Energy Framework (SPREF) – capacity building and investment
- UfM Energy University by Schneider Electric 200 free online course for professionals
- Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes
A regional center of excellence forging a new generation of highly-skilled young people with a unique Euro-Mediterranean profile



2 Working towards enhanced climate finance

The Urban Projects Finance Initiative

UPFI is the financial component of the Euro-Mediterranean Sustainable Urban Development Strategy, which aims to create a shared and common framework for sustainable urban and territorial development strategies and projects. The purpose of this financial initiative is to select sustainable urban development projects likely to be endorsed by the Union for the Mediterranean and financed and implemented in the short term. UPFI is financed by the European Commission and managed by the Agence Française de Développement and the European Investment Bank under the umbrella of the UfM.

The European Bank for reconstruction and development (EBRD), KfW, Caisse des Depots and the Finnish Cooperation are also associated with UPFI.

€ 836
million

expected private investments mobilised through SPREF

March
2016

the UfM Secretariat launched the **RFCCCA** in the Mediterranean Region



The Regional Finance Cooperation Committee for Climate Action

RFCCA in the Mediterranean Region is a regional initiative launched by UfM Secretariat in March 2016.

The Committee aims to enhance cooperation through sharing information among International Financial Institutions and donors active in climate finance in the Mediterranean region.

The SEMed Private Renewable Energy Framework "SPREF"

SPREF aims to break down barriers preventing the development of private renewable energy markets in Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan. The framework provides efficient financing mechanisms and targeted technical cooperation support for the implementation of renewable energy projects in the region. SPREF will support countries to meet renewable energy targets and avoid CO₂ emissions. The project is promoted by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.



3 Supporting the emergence of regional actions

The UfM acts as a trusted third party to support the development of projects focussing on ensuring adequate political backup of projects, mobilising relevant financial institutions, encouraging knowledge sharing and project showcasing.

Examples of regional initiatives under development

The Mediterranean Covenant of Mayors

For those countries where structures make it relevant and who are willing to, the UfM Secretariat is working, in cooperation with the European Union, on the strengthening of cooperation among local authorities in the Mediterranean region, especially through the establishment of a Mediterranean

Covenant of Mayors. The Mediterranean Covenant of Mayors will support local and regional authorities, voluntarily committing to increase energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy.

UNIDO Initiative

The UfM Secretariat is also working closely with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) to support public-private partnership for implementation of climate action activities.



UfM in short



The UfM Secretariat is co-funded by the EUROPEAN UNION

Mission

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 the three interrelated priorities of the region: regional stability, regional human development and regional integration.



43 Members

28 EU members and 15 Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries. Their Senior Officials meet regularly to oversee and coordinate the activities of the UfM.

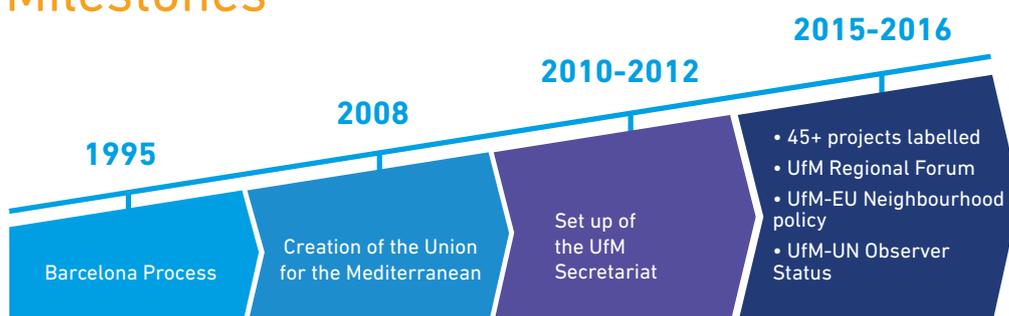
2 Co-Presidents

The EU and Jordan have assumed the Northern and Southern co-presidency since 2012, embodying the UfM principle of co-ownership.

1 Secretariat

Based in Barcelona, the Secretariat is the operational platform of the UfM.

Milestones



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