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Promoting regional dialogue and cooperation

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What is the Union for the Mediterranean?

The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) is the intergovernmental Euro-Mediterranean organisation that brings together all 28 countries of the European Union and 15 countries from the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean. The UfM provides a forum to enhance **regional cooperation, dialogue and the implementation of concrete projects and initiatives with tangible impact on our citizens**, with an emphasis on young people, in order to address the three strategic objectives of the region: **stability, human development and integration**.

43 Members

Albania • Algeria • Austria • Belgium • Bosnia and Herzegovina • Bulgaria • Croatia • Cyprus • Czech Republic • Denmark • Egypt • Estonia • Finland • France • Germany • Greece • Hungary • Ireland • Israel • Italy • Jordan • Latvia • Lebanon • Lithuania • Luxemburg • Malta • Mauritania • Monaco • Montenegro • Morocco • Netherlands • Palestine • Poland • Portugal • Romania • Slovakia • Slovenia • Spain • Sweden • Syria* • Tunisia • Turkey • United Kingdom

The members of the Union for the Mediterranean meet on a regular basis at the level of Senior Officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the 43 UfM countries, EU institutions and the League of Arab States. The Senior Officials Meetings (SOM) provide the framework to discuss the current political context and coordinate the work of the UfM Secretariat.

*Syria suspended its membership in December 2011
Libya has an observer status

2 Co-Presidents

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

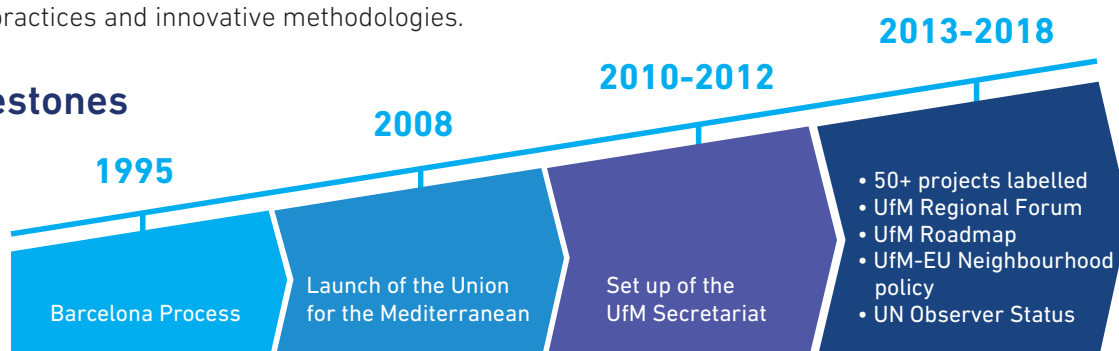
1 Secretariat

The Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean is the platform to operationalise decisions taken by the Member States, implementing strategic regional projects through a specific methodology based on dynamic multi-partner networks and the exchange of best practices and innovative methodologies.



The UfM Co-Presidents Ms. Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission and Mr. Ayman Safadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan with the UfM Secretary General, Mr. Fathallah Sijilmassi, at the Second UfM Regional Forum "Mediterranean in Action: Youth for Stability and Development"- January, 2017

Milestones



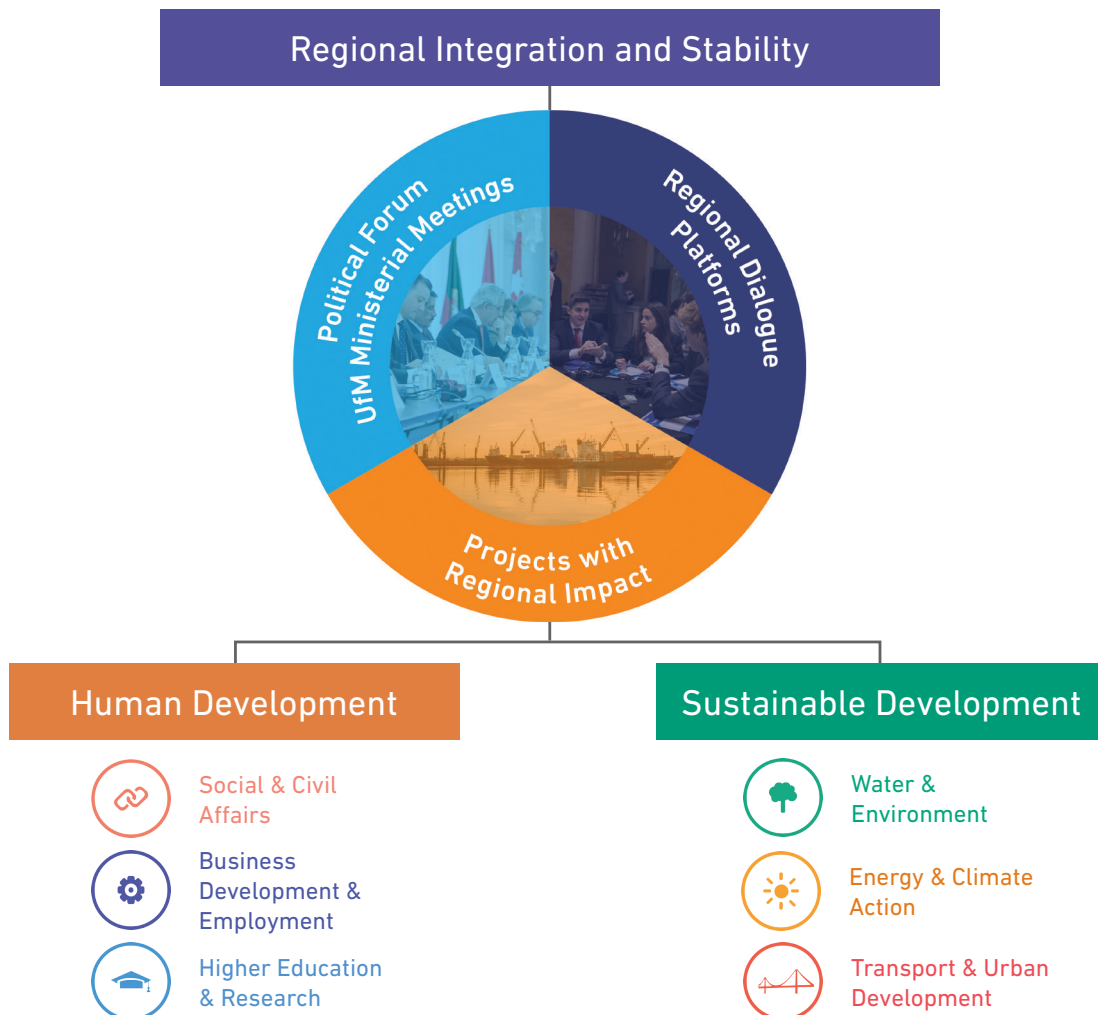


Enhancing regional cooperation to address the challenges in the Mediterranean

UfM activities tackle the main strategic objectives of the region - regional integration and stability – by concentrating the efforts on two main pillars of action: fostering human development and promoting regional sustainable development.

The scope and scale of the challenges faced by the Euro-Mediterranean region relating to security, radicalisation and terrorism, irregular migration, unemployment or climate change, have reached unprecedented levels and **require more than ever before to be addressed through a comprehensive, balanced and concerted approach**. In this regard, the importance of regional frameworks such as the **UfM** is becoming increasingly pivotal to foster effective cooperation, especially in one of the least integrated regions in the world.

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of UfM Member countries and their representatives **adopted**, at the occasion of the 2nd UfM Regional Forum in Barcelona in January 2017, **a new Roadmap for action to strengthen regional cooperation in the Mediterranean and implement a positive agenda for the region**, capitalizing on its immense untapped potential, and particularly its youth. This way forward, through the enhancement of political dialogue amongst its Member States, the contribution of its activities to **regional stability and human development**, the **strengthening of regional integration** and the consolidation of its capacity for action is essential to address effectively the challenges in the region.



Policies in action

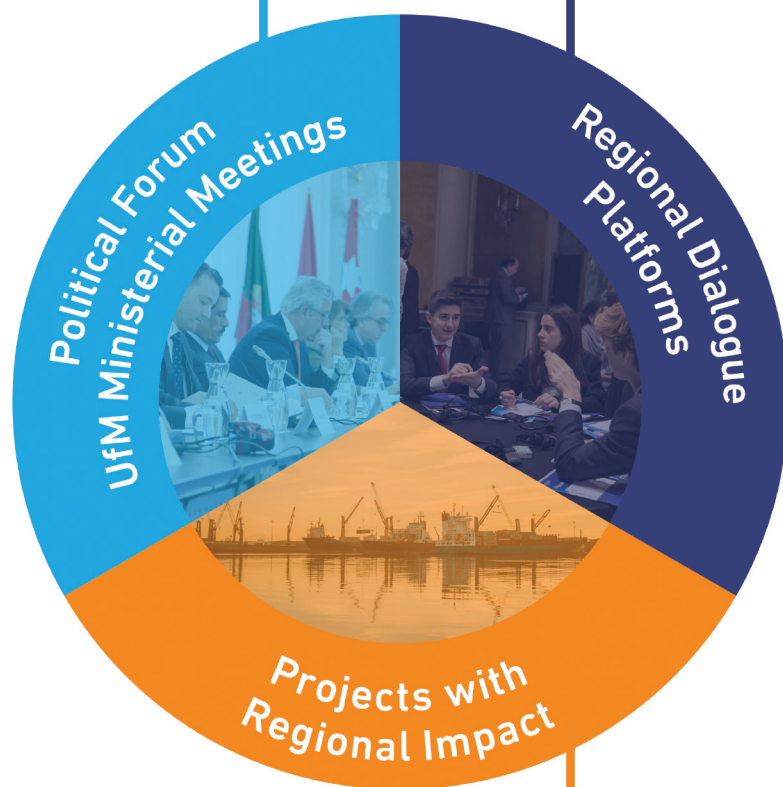


Building thematic common agendas

Declarations adopted by consensus by the 43 Ministers define the scope and objectives of a common regional agenda by sectors.

15+ Ministerial meetings have taken place since 2012 on key areas:

UfM Regional Forum / Ministers of Foreign Affairs • Strengthening the role of Women in society • Transport • Energy Industrial Cooperation • Environment and Climate Change • Digital Economy Blue Economy • Regional Cooperation Employment • Water • Sustainable Urban Development



“Mediterranean in action describes perfectly well the attitude driving our work inside the Union for the Mediterranean, which is concrete actions, deliverables for our people, and I believe the UfM is the right forum to concentrate on this positive agenda.”



Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

“The areas for us to cooperate are numerous. The Mediterranean is not a body of water that separates us, it is a bridge that has historically brought us together and it will continue to bring us together to serve our common interest of peace, justice, prosperity and stability”



Ayman Safadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Fostering regional dialogue

Ministerial Declarations allow the UfM Secretariat to structure accordingly platforms for regional dialogue and cooperation.

These regional platforms have involved a network of over

25,000 stakeholders

through more than **300** Expert fora since 2012



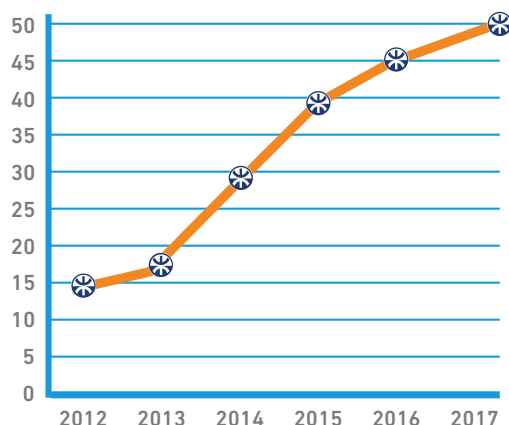
UfM Stakeholders

- Governments
- International and regional organisations
- Local authorities
- International Financial Institutions and donors
- Experts
- Universities and Think Tanks
- Civil society
- Private sector

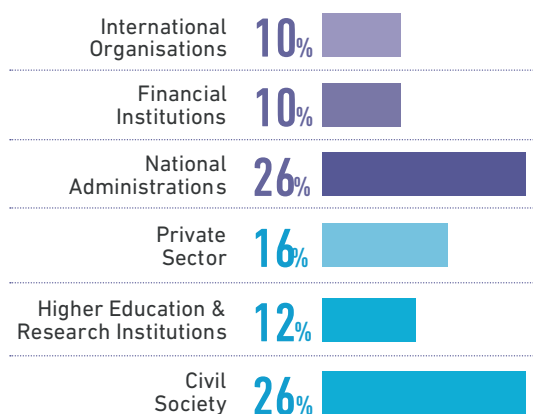
Translating the policy dimension into concrete projects

The added value of the UfM lies in the interrelation created between the policy dimension and its operational translation into concrete projects on the ground. The UfM Secretariat is currently promoting the implementation of more than **50** regional cooperation projects valued at over **€5 billion**.

Labelled projects



Project Promoters



Voices from the Mediterranean



“ The Union for the Mediterranean is a privileged forum of dialogue and we will try to develop this dialogue in the next years, focusing on the concrete projects, to develop the Union for the Mediterranean as a forum of dialogue, a platform for cooperation and a promoter of concrete projects to help our countries to address the common challenges.”



Alfonso Maria Dastis Quecedo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain

“ The construction of a desalination plant responds to dire humanitarian need in Gaza, especially in the water sector, with reports indicating that, if we remain passive, this area will become unlivable by 2020. I thank the UfM for its contribution to dialogue and cooperation.”



Mazen Ghunaim, Minister of Water of Palestine

“ The WOMED programme gave me the very good idea to launch training sessions for young journalists, especially women, including those who have never studied journalism. I hope this will give them the confidence to report on relevant and complex issues.”



Faten Hayed, beneficiary of the “WOMED Next Generation of Leaders” project and winner of the CNN MultiChoice African Journalist Award 2016, Algeria

“ Thanks to this two-year experience I have learnt a lot, become more open-minded and started seeing the world from a more critical point of view. Much of what I am now I owe it to my education at EMIS. Now, I am studying Economics and Business at Erasmus University Rotterdam. The course is tough, but, thanks to the skills that I acquired at EMIS, I am now able to handle it well.”



Emma Scandolo, former student at “Eastern Mediterranean International School (EMIS)”, Italy

“ The Lake Bizerte project is not only a model of industrial decontamination but a model of sustainable development which will have social impact on the local populations by improving their living and working conditions, and also on young people by creating new jobs.”



Najwa Bourawi, President of the Association for the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development of Bizerte (APEDDUB)

“ The establishment of this University has been carried out thanks to the support of the UfM. I highly doubt that we would have received significant contributions from the EC, the EIB and other donors without the technical assistance of the UfM. They have also helped us to build partnerships with renowned higher education and research institutions from across the region, which has been key to reinforce the regional dimension of the University while creating mobility opportunities for our students and staff.”



Prof. Mostapha Bousmina, President of the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes

“ This project gave us the opportunity to think as professional business developers, not as university students, and to put our first step on the right track. Also, it taught us how to work as a team and how to have a team work spirit.”



Luma Sukarieh, beneficiary of the “Young Women as Job Creators” project, Jordan

“ Upon completion of this internship in France and my return to Morocco, I will have the chance to continue working in the same company, but this time as an employee.”



Youssef Barghane - Beneficiary of the HOMERe: High Opportunity for Mediterranean Executive Recruitment project



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