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2015: The Mediterranean faced challenges on an unprecedented scale. Those challenges have *underlined* the need for a reinforced regional framework.

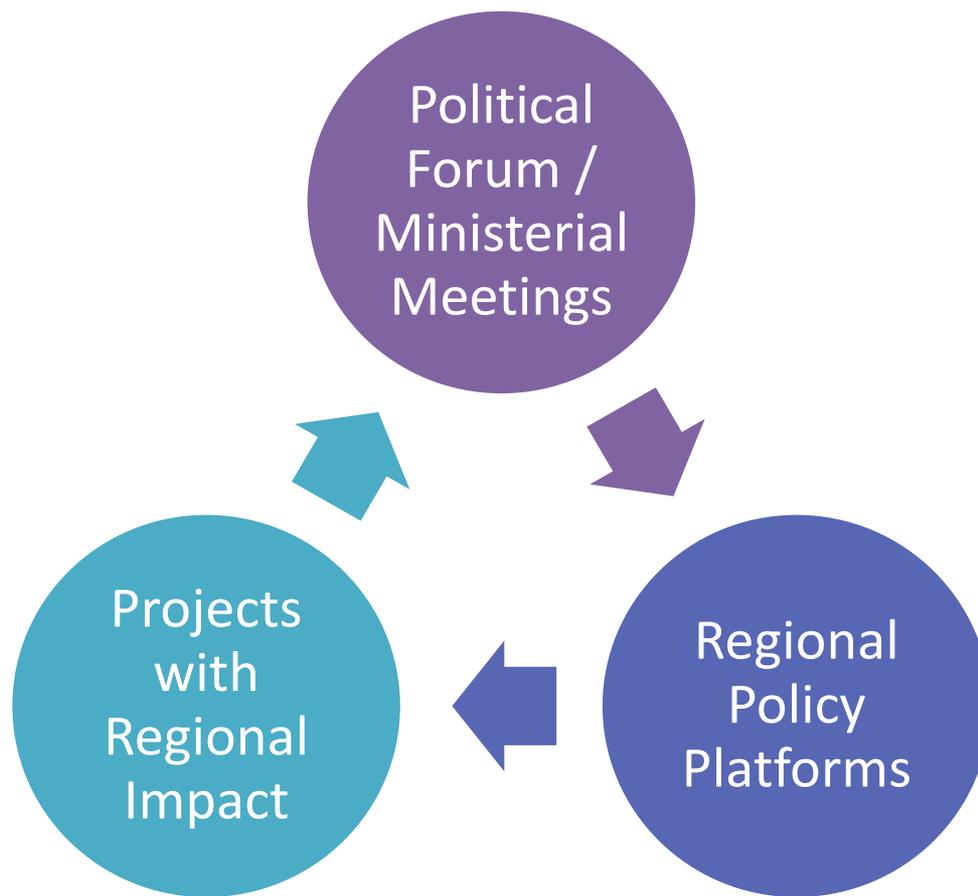
Revised ENP (18 November & EU Council 14 December Conclusions)

UN Observer Status (14 December)

Informal Meeting of UfM MFAs - 20 years after the Barcelona Process. (26 November)

Roadmap on the way forward: “More UfM”







The UfM · Challenges & Opportunities in the Region

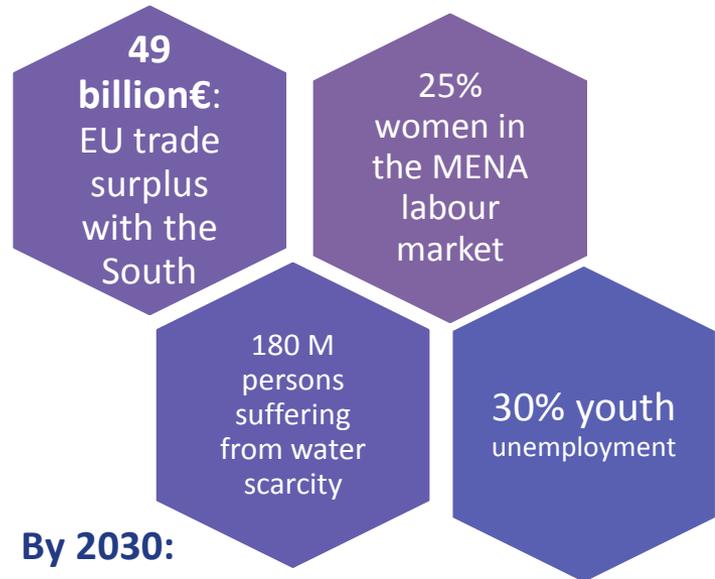
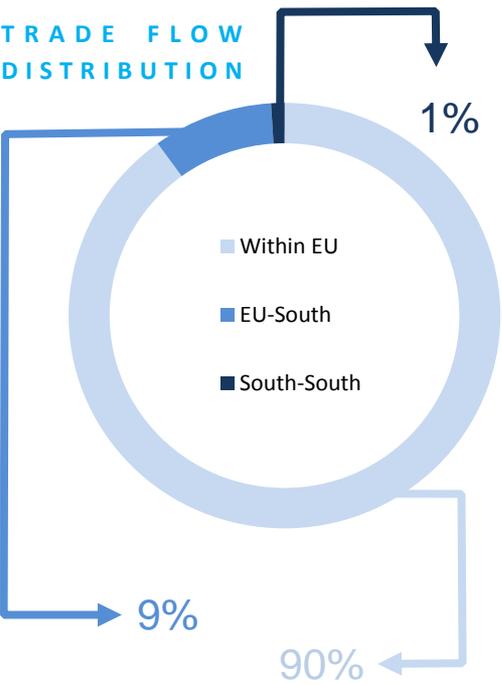
Challenges

- Political (MEPP, Syria, Libya)
- Lack of regional integration
- Socio-economic root causes for extremism and illegal migration

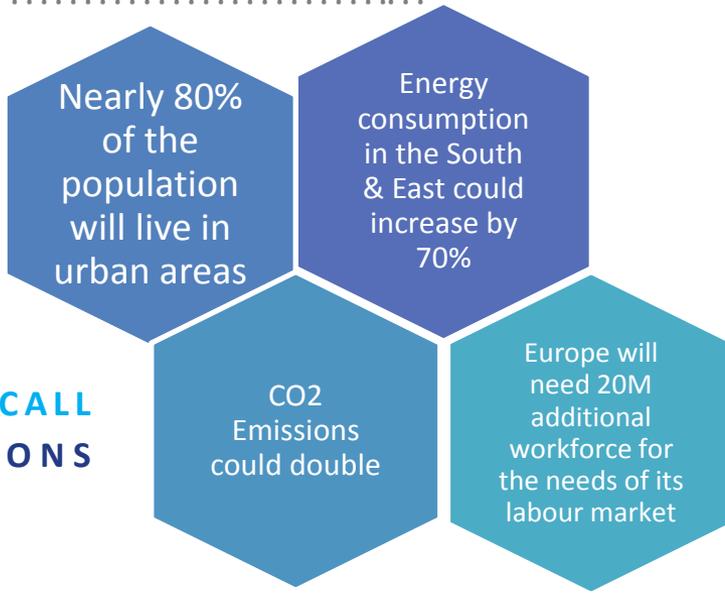
Opportunities

- Harness the huge potential of our youth.
- Global competitiveness.
- Enlarged markets
- Better use of skilled mobility.

TRADE FLOW DISTRIBUTION



By 2030:



REGIONAL CHALLENGES CALL FOR REGIONAL SOLUTIONS



The activities of the UfM

A platform for regional & policy dialogue

A catalyser for regional projects with strong socio-economic impact

Since 2012:

19 Ministerial and High-level conferences

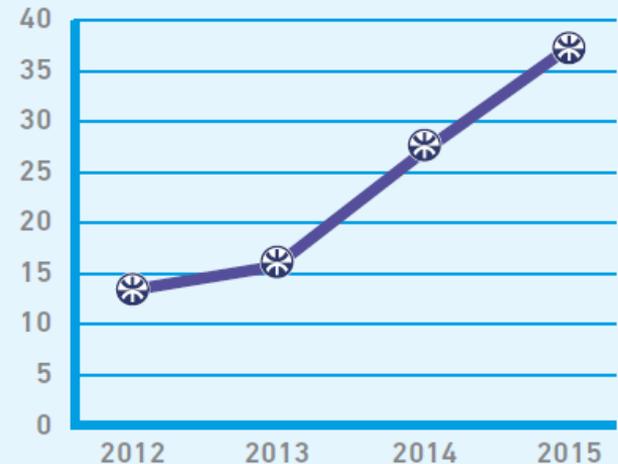
Climate Change, Development, Employment, Economic Cooperation, Food Security, Private Sector, Transport, Women's Empowerment, Interreligious Dialogue

20 Senior Official meetings with representatives from the 43 members

>130 Expert forums & roundtables gathering

>10,000 stakeholders

UfM labelled projects



Variable Geometry

Promoting exchange of views, ideas and best practices on regional challenges between relevant partners and stakeholders

Promoting strategic regional projects as a response to the regional priorities identified

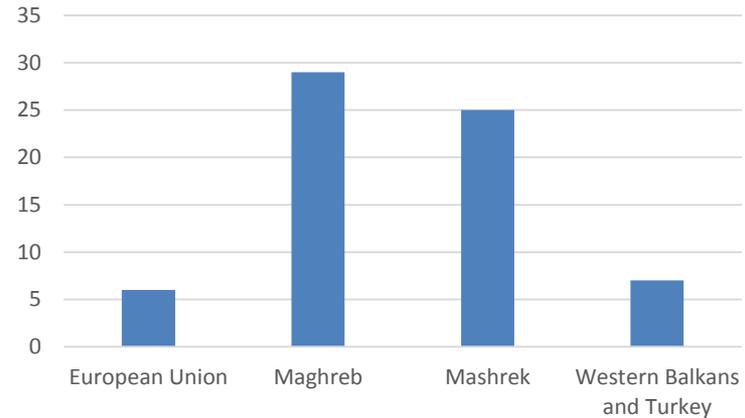


The UfM Projects · 2016

41 labelled projects across the region with a value of 5 billion euros

Labelled projects per sectorial Divisions

Labelled projects per region



50% of labelled projects under implementation

Labelled projects

Per promoter



State of Play· By Priority Area



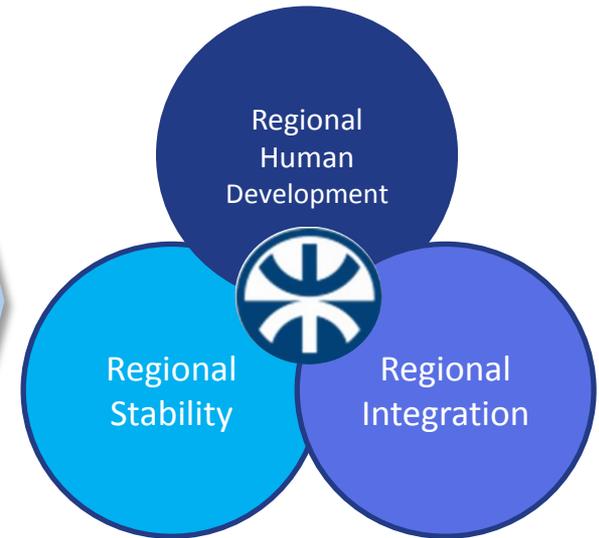
Youth Employability & Inclusive Growth



Women's Empowerment



Sustainable Development & Infrastructures





A Catalyser for Regional Projects with Socio-Economic Impact

Activities focused on 3 main areas to provide better opportunities for our YOUTH



Youth Employability & Inclusive Growth

- ✓ 115,000 Beneficiaries
- ✓ 15 labelled Projects

Women's Empowerment

- ✓ 8 labelled Projects*
- ✓ 58,000 Beneficiaries

Sustainable Development & Infrastructures

- ✓ 18 labelled Projects
- ✓ Renewable Energy, Urban Development, Water, Climate Change, Transport, Blue Economy



A Key Issue for Regional Stability

28% Youth unemployment in the MENA region
one of the highest rates in the world

2.8M of young people entering the labour market each
year

SMEs create **80%** of jobs, twice more jobs per euro
invested than big companies

SMEs represent around **35%** of the Mediterranean
region's GDP



UfM POLICY FRAMEWORK

- UfM Ministerial Conferences (*Industrial Cooperation* - 2014 | *Digital Economy* - 2014 | *Employment and Labour* - 2010)
- Dialogue 5+5 of ministers of Western Mediterranean countries (*Vocational and Educational Training* - 2014 | *Higher Education and Scientific Research and Innovation* - 2015)

Tentative UfM Ministerials:

- *UfM Ministerial on Employment and Labour* – 2016
- *UfM Ministerial of Industrial Cooperation* – 2017



Youth Employability & Inclusive Growth

UfM STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Foster **job creation** and support the **development of SMEs**.
- Develop a **Euro-Mediterranean strategy** for private sector development.
- Improve the quality of **vocational training** and **higher education** in the region in view of increasing the **student employability**.
- Provide a **platform** for Mediterranean higher education and **youth mobility**.



A PLATFORM FOR DIALOGUE

- Frequent high-level meetings & conferences
- **30** thematic workshops
- **5000+** participants



REGIONAL PROJECTS

15 projects labelled

11 projects launched

Target: 115.000 beneficiaries

Zoom on the initiative:

[Med4Jobs](#)

Sara el Khal – Beneficiary HOMERe project, Morocco

«The programme made my life much easier as a student and as a young graduate facing the labour market. It has been very easy for me to integrate into the company and finally get recruited.»

State of Play· By Priority Area



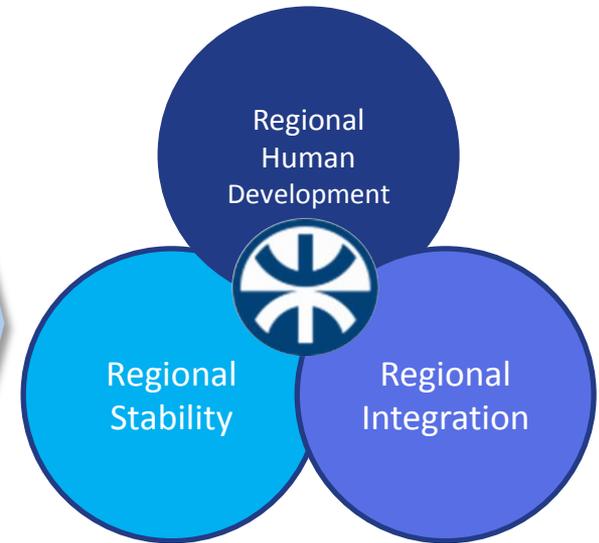
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Women's Empowerment



Sustainable Development & Infrastructures





The Mediterranean region has one of the highest women unemployment rates in the world

Only **25%** of women in the MENA region are in the labour market, compared with more than **50%** in the other regions

In the Mediterranean region women earn on average between **10%** and **40%** less than men



UfM POLICY FRAMEWORK

- UfM Ministerial Conference on Strengthening the Role of Women in Society (Paris, 2013 - Marrakech, 2009 - Istanbul, 2006)

Tentative UfM Ministerial:

- *UfM Ministerial on Strengthening the Role of Women in Society - 2017*



Women's Empowerment

UfM STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Advance the **regional agenda on gender equality through a multi-stakeholder dialogue** and strategic partners
- Develop Euro-Mediterranean **women's empowerment** initiatives and projects in the fields of: skills development, women's access to the **labour market and entrepreneurship, access to health and fight against violence**
 - Mainstream a **gender approach** in UfM projects and initiatives.



A PLATFORM FOR DIALOGUE

- Frequent high-level meetings & conferences
- **15** thematic workshops & seminars
- **2000+** participants



REGIONAL PROJECTS

8 projects labelled

5 projects launched

Target: 58,000 beneficiaries



Soukeina El Bouj – Beneficiary of the project Young Women as Job Creators

«I'm currently working as a young entrepreneur in my country. I've just set up my own company, with the aim of building a private school in a rural area in Morocco. Thanks to the project, I learned how to put into practice the concepts learned in the university.»

State of Play· By Priority Area



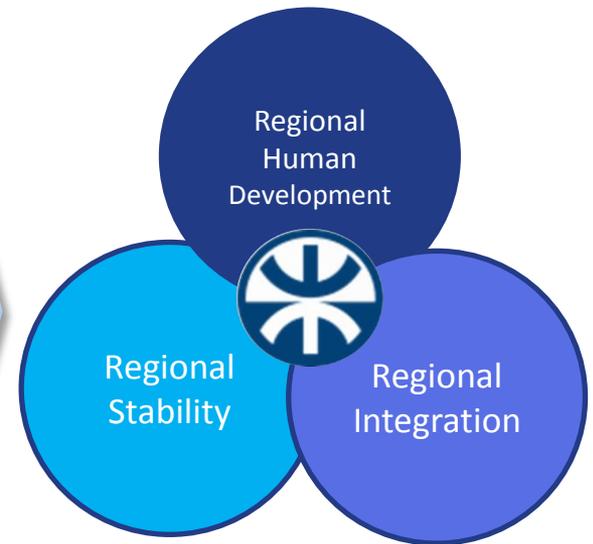
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An Accelerator for Regional Integration

650 M tons of sewage are discharged annually in the Mediterranean while its waters are renewed only every **80-90** years

By 2030, nearly **80%** of the population will be concentrated on **10%** of the land

The emissions of energy related to CO2 are expected to be multiplied by **2**



UfM POLICY FRAMEWORK

- UfM Ministerial Conferences (*Blue Economy - 2015 | Environment and Climate Change - 2014 | Energy - 2013 | Transport - 2013 | Sustainable Urban Development Strategy - 2011 | Water - 2010 | Sustainable Development - 2009*)

Tentative UfM Ministerials:

- UfM Ministerial on Sustainable Urban Development - 2017 /Energy



Sustainable Development & Infrastructures

UfM STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Contribute to addressing the **challenge of climate change** in the region: COP21 + COP22. MEDCCOP.
 - Advance the **Euro-Mediterranean Sustainable Urban Development Strategy**.
 - Contribute to **de-pollution efforts** in the region and promote **access to water management**.
 - Promote projects and mobilise financial resources in the field of **renewable energy** and **energy efficiency**.



A PLATFORM FOR DIALOGUE

- Frequent high-level meetings & conferences
- **30** thematic workshops
- **3500+** participants



REGIONAL PROJECTS

18 projects labelled

6 projects launched

➔ **7** Capacity Building/Soft Projects with **2300** experts trained (water, transport and energy); **120** NGOs and **60** companies will benefit from activities

➔ **8** Investment Projects representing **total investments of 4,23 bn Euros**



ZOOM ON A PROJECT

PROGRAMME FOR PROTECTION OF LAKE BIZERTE AGAINST POLLUTION

Objectives

- Rehabilitate the environment and water quality of Lake Bizerte through depollution and pollution prevention efforts.
- Improve aquatic life as well as living conditions for the surrounding populations.

Beneficiaries

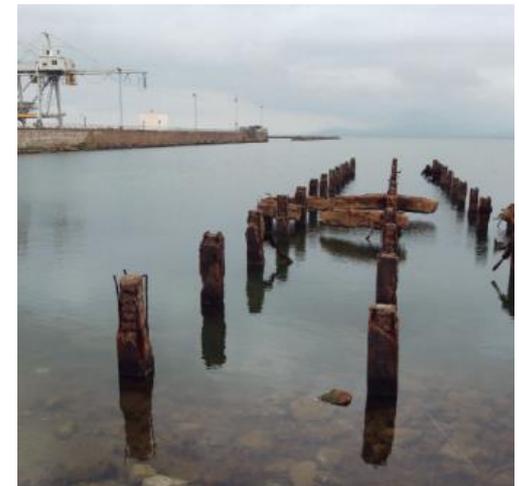
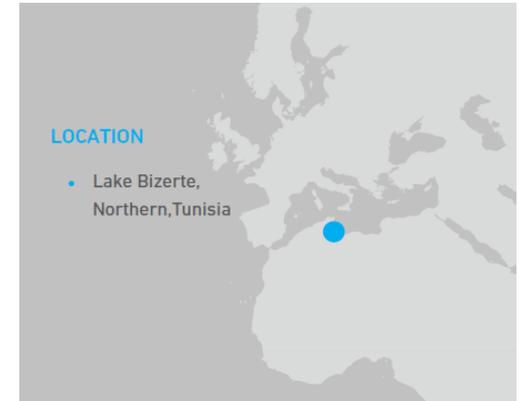
- Inhabitants living in the surrounding area
- Public and private companies

Results

- Improved sanitary and environmental conditions for an estimated **400,000** inhabitants
- Improved conditions for sustainable industrial production for three large state-owned and more than **20** public and private companies.
- Access to sanitation for **10,000** people in urban areas and **26,000** in rural areas.

Promoter

Tunisian Ministry of Equipment and Environment



Yassine Annab – President of the Association de Développement Régional de Bizerte

«We are all aware of the environmental challenges. We would love to leave healthy water for our children, but the two shores of the Mediterranean need to work together, and that is what we have come to do.»



The UfM · A Network of Partners

In order to achieve its objectives, the UfM relies on a **network of active partners** across the region:

Coordinating and creating synergies between national and regional priorities

- International Organizations
- Governments and Public Agencies

Promoting regional projects for prioritization and implementation

- Financial Institutions

Addressing socio-economic challenges through an inclusive approach

- Private Sector representatives

Working alongside for a bottom-up approach & close consultation for feedback & expertise on the ground

- Civil Society

Staying connected with innovation, analysis and driving research

- Universities
- Research Centers



The UfM Stakeholders • 40 Project Promoters





The Way Forward · 2016 and beyond

Foster regional human development, stability and integration

Raise awareness and enhance visibility of UfM activities

Increase capacities: Political level, Financial means & Strengthen coordination

Deeper engagement in facing the challenges of our region linked to radicalism and uncontrolled migration.

Develop the regional dimension of the ENP through the UfM framework

Accelerate & amplify the activities of the UfM Secretariat

Closer cooperation with Parliamentarians on UfM activities



UfM Annual Regional Forum (November 2016)

Adoption by Member States of the UfM Roadmap for the future



Propose

Engage

Assess

Cooperate

Enhance



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