



UfM VISION STATEMENT

WHY A NEW VISION?

30 years after the Barcelona Process, the Mediterranean stands at a turning point. The region faces increasingly complex and interconnected challenges – from climate change and instability to economic fragmentation and social divides – that no country can address alone. To respond, the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) is launching a renewed vision as the region's unique platform for dialogue, confidence-building and collective action.

At its heart lies connectivity – the idea that the Mediterranean's stability, inclusion and prosperity depend on stronger connections between people, countries and economies. Consistent with the EU Pact for the Mediterranean, this vision seeks to safeguard stability, foster cooperation, and deliver tangible regional benefits.

WHAT IS THE VISION ABOUT?

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**CONNECTING
PEOPLE**

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**CONNECTING
COUNTRIES**

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**CONNECTING
ECONOMIES**

PRIORITY AREAS

- Infrastructure, digital transition and trade and new technologies.
- Education, research and decent job creation.
- Climate action, environmental sustainability, green transition and sustainable blue economy, circular transition and energy transition.
- Human development, inclusion and empowerment of women and youth.
- Disaster management, civil protection and resilience.
- Mobility and root causes of migration.



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HOW WILL IT WORK?

To advance the connectivity agenda, the UfM is strengthening its tools and partnerships:

Regular ministerial meetings will set political direction.

Regional Platforms will remain key spaces for dialogue and coordination.

The UfM will mobilise its convening power to promote sustainable financing in the region.

Collaboration will extend beyond the Mediterranean, engaging partners from the Gulf, Africa, and sub-regional frameworks.

TOWARDS A STRONGER UfM

To deliver this vision, the UfM is undergoing a structural and operational transformation, focusing on:



EFFICIENCY:
streamlined governance and a new management model.



IMPACT:
results-based monitoring and multi-year work programming.



SUSTAINABILITY:
a modern financial model ensuring stability and fairness among Member States.



VISIBILITY:
a strengthened role as an information and communication hub promoting shared Mediterranean narratives.



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