



UfM VISION STATEMENT 2025

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 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?

PEOPLE

education,
mobility,
research, and
skills

COUNTRIES

cooperation on
resilience, energy,
water, and dialogue
for trust

ECONOMIES

trade, investment,
infrastructure, and
digital links

KEY PRIORITIES

CONNECTING PEOPLE

People remain at the centre of UfM action. Inclusive **education**, **research**, and **mobility** drive opportunities and understanding. Gender- and youth-responsive policies, together with civil society and business engagement, help strengthen **skills**, cohesion, and resilience.

CONNECTING COUNTRIES

The UfM promotes joint action on **climate**, **water**, **energy**, and **food security**. It supports sustainable resource management, disaster-risk reduction, and **civil protection**, fostering dialogue to ease tensions and secure peace dividends through practical collaboration.

CONNECTING ECONOMIES

The UfM advances regional integration through **trade**, **investment**, and **cross-border cooperation**. Working with international partners, it promotes **investment**, and **digital transformation** through shared **infrastructure** and responsible **innovation**.



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HOW WILL IT WORK?

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

Annual ministerial meetings will set political direction.

Regional Platforms will remain key spaces for dialogue and coordination.

The UfM will leverage its convening power to promote investment cooperation 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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