



3rd Annual meeting of the UfM development actors

Driving Sustainable Growth and Regional Cooperation

22 September 2026, Barcelona

1. Background

The Euro-Mediterranean region is characterized by strong economic, social, and cultural interconnections. At a time of economic transition, green transformation, and increasing global competition, strengthening cooperation among development agencies across the region is essential to unlock new opportunities for inclusive growth and regional integration.

The Union for the Mediterranean provides a unique platform to foster regional collaboration and partnerships. By combining strengthened governance, structured regional frameworks and initiatives, the Secretariat consolidates its role as a trusted platform for cooperation, enabling Member States and partners to address common challenges and generate lasting impact for the region.

In November 2025 a new UfM Strategic Vision was adopted, structured around three interconnected priorities: connecting people, connecting countries, and connecting economies. The Vision clarified strategic objectives, reinforced Member State ownership, and positioned the UfM as a more operational platform delivering tangible regional results.

The UfM development actors, thanks to their expertise and operational capacity, are well placed to contribute to the translation of the strategic objectives and policy achievements into concrete actions with impactful outcomes and benefits for the people of the region.

2. Objectives

In the framework of the new Strategic Vision of the UfM, the new Pact for the Mediterranean and the challenging context in the region, we are bringing together development actors from UfM Member States, for the third time, to identify opportunities for increased cooperation including through a UfM Joint Programming, pooling of resources and expertise, or other means to increase efficiency of collective action for more sustainable results and greater impact in the region.

This meeting will serve to exchange experiences, identify common challenges, and explore opportunities for enhanced cooperation.



3. Expected Outcomes

The meeting is expected to:

- Consolidate the UfM Multi-Annual Programme and coordinated pooling of resources.
- Strengthen networks among Euro-Mediterranean development agencies.
- Identify priority areas for collaboration and joint actions.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange and peer learning.

4. Participants

Participants will include representatives (Regional Director or equivalent) from national development agencies or corresponding ministerial departments from the UfM Member States.



Draft Agenda
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Time	Agenda Item
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Welcome and overview on the new UfM strategic framework by UfM Secretariat</i>
10:15 – 11:00	<i>Tour de table - short introduction, priorities, and expectations from the meeting</i>
11:00	<i>Family picture</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:30	<i>Session 1. How to increase efficiency of collective action: UfM Multi-Annual Programme</i>
	<i>Questions and Answers followed by a discussion</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Business Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	<i>Session 2. Pact for the Mediterranean and link with the UfM Multi-Annual Programme</i>
	<i>Focus areas for collaboration and joint actions</i>
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Conclusions and the way forward</i>
20:00 – 22:00	Networking dinner

* Working language: English. Interpretation will be provided in Arabic and French