

WestMED Communication an overview on actions and targets

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WestMED Initiative: the waypoints

- **Communication 183 (2017)** and **Staff Working Documents** (Framework for Actions) were adopted by the Commission on 19 April;
- On 20 April the EU Ministers responsible for the Integrated Maritime Policy on Blue Growth welcomed the results achieved, via the **Valletta Declaration**.
- The Council in its **Conclusions on Blue Growth** on 26 June **endorsed** the WestMED Initiative and **invited** the countries involved, the European Commission and the UfM Secretariat to proceed with its implementation.
- On 3 July political support was confirmed **by the UfM SOM**.



10 Countries:
Algeria, France,
Italy, Libya,
Malta, Mauritania,
Morocco, Portugal,
Spain and Tunisia



3 GOALS



**A safer and
more secure
maritime space**



**A smart and
resilient blue
economy by 2022**



**Better
governance of
the sea**



**A safer and
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maritime space**

- Cooperation between Coast Guards
- Maritime Safety and response to Marine Pollution
- Maritime monitoring data sharing
- Reinforcement of border surveillance



**A smart and
resilient blue
economy by 2022**

- Strategic research and innovation
- Maritime cluster development
- Skill development and circulation
- Sustainable consumption and production



**Better
governance of
the sea**

- Maritime Spatial planning and coastal management
- Marine and maritime knowledge
- Biodiversity and habitat conservation
- Sustainable fisheries





Proposed targets for Goal 1



Full coverage of AIS
by 2018

Share more
maritime traffic
monitoring data

Border surveillance
strengthened by
involving
neighbourhood
countries in
Seahorse
Mediterranean
Network by 2018.

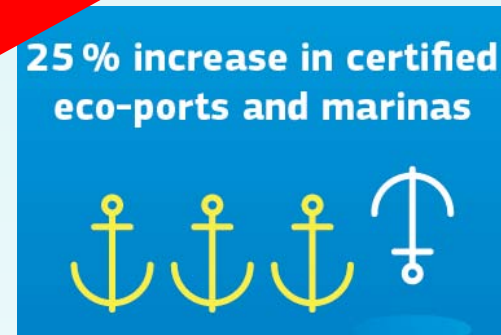




Proposed targets for Goal 2



by 2022



WestMED countries included in

blueMed

by 2017

Proposed targets for Goal 3



Cover at least 10 % of the sea surface with marine protected areas and other area-based conservation measures by 2020



All States equipped with adequate legal framework and human and technical capabilities to meet their fisheries control and inspection responsibilities as flag, coastal and port States by 2020



100 % of waters under national jurisdiction and coastlines under Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Management; implementing mechanisms fully in place by 2021



100 % of key Mediterranean stocks subject to adequate data collection, scientifically assessed on a regular basis and managed through a multiannual fisheries plan by 2020



Extend the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODNET) to all Southern Mediterranean countries by 2020

2024



Reduce marine litter on beaches by 20 % by 2024



WestMED Initiative - Funding sources



Available funds are estimated at 4 billion Euro or more

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (**EMFF**), the EU programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (**COSME**), the European Neighborhood Instrument (**ENI**), the European Regional Development Fund (**ERDF**), National funds, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (**EFSI**) and the European Fund for Sustainable Development (**EFSD**).

The proposed Governance

Operational coordination: will be ensured through a Task Force linked to the UfM BE WG

Task Force composition: Countries' representatives and Observers (Managing authorities, International Organizations... to be decided by countries)

Task Force chairing: Co-chairing by two countries (North-South) on a bi-annual alternate rotation basis

Assistance Mechanism (operational from early 2018) will support governance and implementation of the Initiative and its Framework for Action



Timeline

**October
2017**

5th
WestMED
workshop

End November

Ministerial meeting back
to back to the UfM
Stakeholder Conference
on the blue economy

**January
2018**

Appointment of
WestMED Task
Force/ 1st TF
Meeting

*Kick-off of the
Assistance
Mechanism*

October

*WestMED
Stakeholder
Conference*