



## Blue Economy in the Mediterranean and the BLUEMED Initiative: vision and perspectives

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# The BLUEMED Initiative

✓ *Research and Innovation initiative for blue jobs & growth in the Mediterranean Sea*

✓ *A joint effort of the Mediterranean Countries, the European Commission, the Union for the Mediterranean*

- May 2014** ○ BLUEMED Initiative set-up in the framework of the EU Blue Growth Strategy
- December 2014** ○ BLUEMED Vision Document endorsed at the Competitiveness Council
- October 2015** ○ Venice declaration launching the BLUEMED SRIA
- November 2015** ○ Union for Mediterranean Declaration on the blue economy adopted, non-EU countries invited to join the BLUEMED Initiative
- October 2016** ○ BLUEMED Coordination and Support Action begins to support the BLUEMED Initiative
- April 2017** ○ BLUEMED high-level conference "A Basin of Research and Innovation for sustainable growth". First update of the BLUEMED SRIA
- May 2017** ○ Valletta Declaration on strengthening Euro-Mediterranean cooperation through Research and Innovation
- February 2018** ○ Group of Senior Officials BLUEMED Working Group established as initiative's steering body
- October 2018** ○ Launch of the pilot action for a healthy plastic-free Mediterranean Sea
- July 2019** ○ Research Infrastructures Roadmap, Data Policies and Accessibility Plan and Blue Careers Plan
- September 2020** ○ Implementation Plan

# BLUEMED: a pan-Mediterranean Initiative

- ✓ From the **Policy Dialogue Workshop on Building a shared research and innovation agenda for blue jobs and growth across the Mediterranean** organized in the framework of the [Union for Mediterranean Regional Stakeholders' Conference](#), Naples, 30 November 2017...
- ✓ ... to the **BLUEMED WG EuroMed GSO open to all MED Countries** (from February 2018 on)



...to the **BLUEMED Days in non-EU countries (June/July 2018)**

**blue med** tour in non-EU countries

~ 300 stakeholders engaged

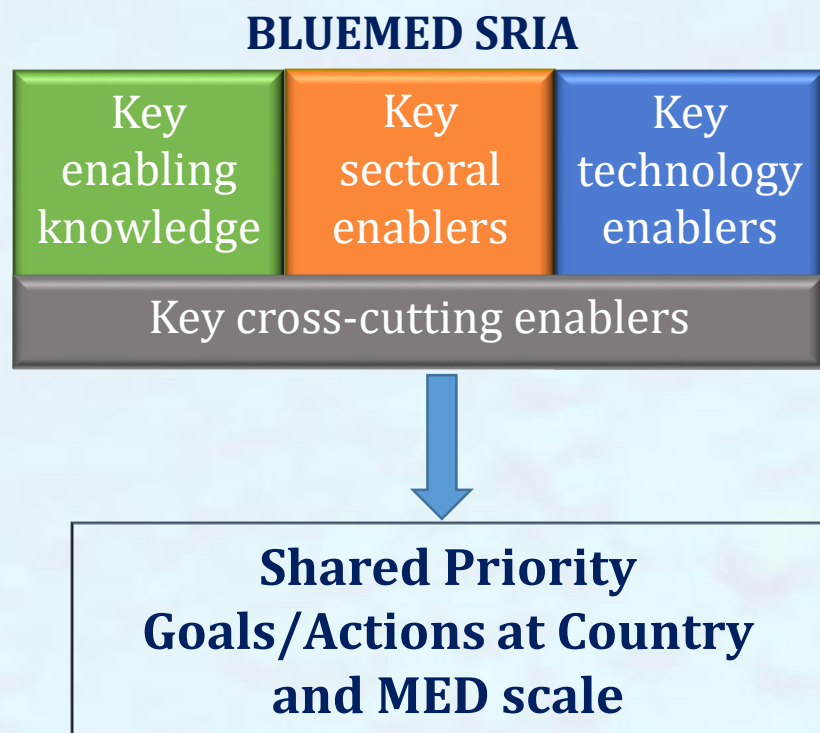
June 25th 2018 in Algiers, Algeria  
June 26th 2018 in La Marsa, Tunisia  
June 27th 2018 in Ankara, Turkey  
July 3rd 2018 in Amman, Jordan  
July 16th 2018 in Alexandria, Egypt

- ✓ ... to the **BLUEMED Week** (October 2018) to finalize a **new updated and shared SRIA** (<http://www.blued-med-initiative.eu/relevant-documents/>) and boost its **concrete implementation starting from priorities**

**Constant coordination and alignment with other Initiatives, Strategies, Programmes (e.g. UN Decade, UNEP-MAP, Westmed, Eusair, UfM BG Dossier, GFCM, CRPM, Interreg)**

# BLUEMED: facts and figures

Lobbying and fund raising on SRIA shared priorities



## Targeting Multi-Programme funding streams

- **H2020 – WP 18-20**
- **H2020-EIC-SMEINST-2018-2020** *for innovative small and medium companies*
- **Horizon Europe (2012-2027)**
- EMFF (e.g. Blue Economy Call – EMFF WP 2018)
- Interreg / ENI-MED CBC
- ERA-NET Cofund
- Bilateral funds
- National / Regional Funds, including European Structural and Investment Funds

# BLUEMED: facts and figures

## Shared Priority Goals/Actions

SRIA GOAL	N. OF COUNTRIES
K-A2. Understanding Pollution Impacts, Mitigation, and Remediation in the Mediterranean Sea	10
K-D2. Support solutions for sustainable food production	10
<b>K-B2. Preparing to climate change and define adaptation/mitigation measures</b>	11
T-B1. Towards an observing system of systems	9
<b>E-C1. Linking tourism, tourists and environment</b>	8
<b>E-E2. Effective maritime spatial planning in the Mediterranean</b>	7
T-A1. Greening vessels, facilities and services	6
K-D1. Exploring the potential of blue-biotech	5 & CSA discussion
E-E3. Promote the role of Marine Renewable Energies (MRE) in the energy transition phase	5 & CSA discussion
<b>CC-A1. Open data, open science, open innovation</b>	7
<b>CC-A4. Building capacity, blue skills and blue professionals</b>	7
E-E1. Strengthen synergies among science, industry, policy-makers and society	6
<b>E-D1. From traditional maritime economic to blue growth activities</b>	5 & CSA discussion

THEMATIC

CROSS-CUTTING

# BLUEMED: facts and figures

## BLUEMED key actions running now

- ❖ Development of the **Pilot Action** towards a **Healthy Plastic-free Mediterranean Sea** launched to tackle the marine litter problem in the Basin: from the agreement at basin level at the end of 2018 to the set-up of a dedicated Working Group by the EC, to the mapping of key relevant on-going actions at country level to design a portfolio of best and complementary R&I practices/experiences, and the establishment of national hubs.
  
- ❖ Drafting of **the Implementation Plan** via a co-champions' mechanisms between countries and Platoforms' consultation for GSO BLUEMED WG approval and actions' uptake



## BLUEMED IP structure outline

Part 1 – From Vision to Actions

Part 2 – Mapping and discussing implementation options and potentials

Part 3 – Activities to promote SRIA Implementation

# BLUEMED: facts and figures

Implementation Plan Outline (first version Oct 2019, final version Sep 2020)

## Part I - From vision to actions

- **Setting the scene:** the BlueMed Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and the prioritization of actions



## Part II - Mapping and discussing implementation options and potentials

- **How the SRIA can be deployed at regional / sub-regional and sectoral levels:**
  - Recent and ongoing relevant projects
  - Programmes and initiatives of relevance, including research and data infrastructures
  - Target sectors and groups
  - Funding options and agencies



## Part III - Activities to promote SRIA Implementation

- **What can be done in the short-term to promote the implementation of the SRIA:**
  - Networking, engagement, alignment, lobbying
  - Training and capacity building
  - Start-up and pilot actions
  - Communication and outreach
  - ...

# BLUEMED: facts and figures

## BLUEMED Start-up Actions

- **Feasibility, foresight or pilot studies** on topics that are crucial to the future of Blue Growth in the Mediterranean, driven by the BLUEMED Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

## Selected Actions:

- **SEALINES:** Mediterranean Safety Network (IT – GR – HR – CY – TUN – EGY)
- **LabMAF:** Labelling scheme for Mediterranean small-scale and artisanal fish products (SL – SP – IT – P – ML – FR – LEB)
- **BlueBoatsMed:** Foresight on cruise and recreational boating (FR – IT – HR – SP – TUN)
- **ECOMEDPORT:** Sediment management in Mediterranean ports and marinas (IT – GR – TUN - LEB)

**Session dedicated to Start-up results at the BLUEMED Final Conference  
(September 2020)**



# Announcements

## BLUEMED @ ECOMONDO 2019



### Structuring Italian Blue Growth: BLUEMED meets BIG

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 10:00 - 17:30

*Organized by: Ecomondo Scientific Technical Committee, BLUEMED WG - EuroMed GSOs, BLUEMED CSA, Cluster BIG*

### A Plastic-free healthy Mediterranean Sea: the BLUEMED R&I Pilot

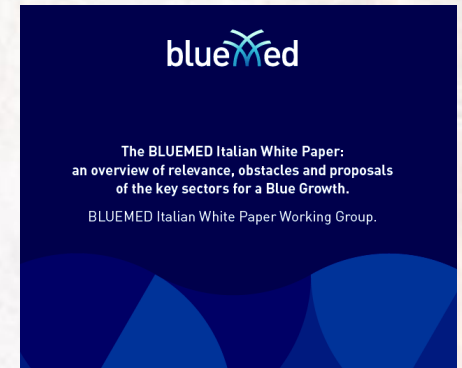
Thursday, November 7, 2019, 10:00 - 13:30

*Organized by: Ecomondo Scientific Technical Committee, BLUEMED WG EuroMed GSOs, BLUEMED CSA and the Healthy Ocean and Seas Unit of the European Commission*

### Circular Economy for the definition of a sustainable and integrated Blue Growth Strategy

Thursday, November 7, 2019, 10:00 - 17:30

*Organized by: Ecomondo Scientific Technical Committee, CNR, BLUEMED WG - EuroMed GSOs, BLUEMED CSA, Cluster BIG*



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