The WEM Nexus within the UfM Policy Framework of Actions 2030
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What to highlight today

1- UFM institutional Framework work
2- Youth and Migration in the UFM Road Map
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UfM: The Euro-Mediterranean intergovernmental institution

43 member countries
28 EU member states
15 Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries

MISSION

To enhance regional cooperation and dialogue through the implementation of concrete projects and initiatives addressing human development, stability and integration.
UfM: Governance

UfM Co-Presidency

Co-ownership:
The Co-Presidency ensures coherence of activities as well as equal footing and representation of North and South

UfM Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM)

Governing Body:
Trimestral meetings of the Ambassadors of the 43 countries

UfM Secretariat

1. Secretary General from the South
6. Deputy Secretary Generals (3 from the North and 3 from the South)
60. Diplomats, technical experts and project managers from +15 countries and institutions

The UfM Secretariat is the operational institution that empowers the regional dialogue between the UfM Member States and stakeholders for the promotion of regional cooperation projects and initiatives.
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UfM | Political Fora to enhance regional dialogue

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The impact of UfM activities on regional stability through their connection with the development dimension should be considered as an important parameter (regional cooperation projects, regional policy dialogue platforms, best practices and success stories, support to subregional initiatives, capacity building and training activities,...).

The focus on human development, in particular through youth and women empowerment, as a main contribution to addressing the root causes of the current challenges is to be continuously strengthened.
Mobility, migration and development:

- The Mediterranean has always been an area of mobility and migration. As the current refugee and irregular migration crisis clearly show, addressing their root causes is essential to regional stability. It is also of paramount importance to confirm the need for a global and balanced approach to the issue of mobility, migration and development, building on existing international instruments.

- Ministers agree to that effect that migration is an important part of their political dialogue within the framework of the UfM. And thus focus efforts twork to fight the root cause of migration.
To assist tackling **water challenges** as one of the root causes of **unemployment leading to migration** as well as **migration and displacement impacts** on water resources, contributing to **sustainable development** in the UfM region.
UfM Water Agenda

Thematic Area on Water-Employment-Migration: Objective

To mainstream water-employment-migration approaches and actions to increase water-related employability and entrepreneurship, in countries of migration origin transit and hosting while promoting sustainable water management and gender equality and youth objectives.
UfM WEM-related process until now

- UfM Ministerial Meeting (4/17, Malta)
- Mandate & guidance for the UfM Water Agenda

Blessing of the Thematic and methodology

- Thematic contents of the UfM Water Agenda, including on Water-Employment-Migration (WEM)
- Presentation and guidance on the draft WEM Chapter of the WEG Work Programme and the WEM Work Plan 2018-2019
- Call for and establishment of the UfM WEM Task Force to further advance the documents

Endorsement of the UfMWPFA

- UfM GEG Meeting (Dec 2017, BR)
- UfM WEM Meeting (2/18, Amman)
- UfM SOM Meeting (Dec 2018 18, BCN)
- UfM WEM Task Force 1 & 2 Meeting (5/18, Brussels)

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Worth To Highlight today

Projects and Initiatives
Human development
Concrete benefits for youth in the region

**Zoom on an initiative**

**Med4Job**

**Achievements to date:**

- Job creation in the private sector: **13 projects labelled by the UfM**
- New job opportunities and enhanced regional development: **over 800 SMEs supported**
- Positive impact on unemployment among young people and women: **100 000 young people involved** in the projects.

Activities contribute to the SDGs:
HOMERe: High Opportunity for Mediterranean Executive Recruitment

- **With an average of about 30% youth unemployment**, the region has one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the world.

- **HOMERe fosters internship mobility** as a tool to combat the skills gap. It is promoted by a network of **95 universities delivering master's degrees in 16 Mediterranean countries**.

- **>400 young people**, including **50% women**, have benefitted from the project.
MedNC: Mediterranean New Chance

☑ Young people not enrolled in education, employment or training (“NEETs”) is a growing concern in the region, with national rates ranging from 15% to 31% for the 15-29 age group.

☑ MedNC addresses the challenge of socio-professional integration of young people by mobilizing and strengthening cooperation among stakeholders from both rims of the Mediterranean.

☑ “El Llindar”, one of the schools integrated into the MedNC network, has helped 3000 students to become more employable by giving them another chance to obtain a qualification.
Human development
Zoom on a Project:

“Through my project, I am trying to raise awareness among women about the importance of being active, so that they can find their place in society”
Soukaina El Bouj, beneficiary of Young Women as Job Creators

Young Women as Job Creators

✔ Women entrepreneurs in MENA are **60% more likely to offer innovative solutions** than their male counterparts

✔ The project was carried out in coordination with **50+ universities** in Albania, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan, with **1300+ young female students** have benefitted from the project

✔ As a result, **46+ women-led businesses were created** formally