

Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)



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Region: Euro-Mediterranean

Organisation responsible: UfM

Period: Since 2008

Activity: The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) is an intergovernmental organisation bringing together the 28 European Union Member States and 15 countries from the Southern and Eastern shores of the Mediterranean. It provides a unique forum to enhance regional cooperation and dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Objectives

Empowering regional dialogue between the UfM Member States and stakeholders.

Fostering synergies among them.

Promoting cooperation projects and initiatives with a direct impact on the lives of people.

Description

The UfM gathers the 43 Member States' representatives together on a regular basis. It serves as a framework for policy dialogue and exchange of project ideas, experiences and best practices among governments, key international institutions and cooperation structures. The UfM provides a unique platform to formulate regional priorities and decide on specific cooperation initiatives to address the root causes of the current regional security and socio-economic challenges to foster enhanced regional integration and sustainable development.

Projects and initiatives are implemented within the framework of the UfM in six strategic priority areas which are business development, social and civil affairs, higher education and research, transport and urban development, water and environment, and energy and climate action.

Beneficiaries

Member-states, Euro-mediterranean organizations and institutions, NGOs, citizens.

GOAL 7: Promote democratic values and protect civil society space

(116) Promote the enjoyment of democratic values, economic, social and cultural rights, including human rights-based initiatives that help eliminate the conditions conducive to violent extremism.

GOAL 6: Reinforce the role of youth as actors for change

(98) Contribute to supporting young people's socio-economic development with additional career options by fostering an entrepreneurial culture and offering entrepreneurship education, facilitating employment searches and job-matching, enacting regulations.