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in the Mediterranean Coastal Area  
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# UfM in a snapshot

- ▶ 43 Member States of the Euro-Mediterranean region
- ▶ Created in Paris in 2008 with a mandate to promote regional dialogue and tangible projects for regional integration
  - ▶ *The future of the Euro-Mediterranean region lies in improved socio-economic development, solidarity, regional integration, sustainable development and knowledge*
- ▶ Currently 33 projects labelled by the UfM in various areas (women empowerment, business development, urban development, environment, climate change...)
- ▶ UfM Secretariat is based in Barcelona
- ▶ Parliamentary Assembly of the UfM meets at least once a year

# UfM and climate change

- ▶ Ministerial meeting in Athens in May 2014 set climate change a priority for the UfM and mandated the UfM Secretariat to organise regional dialogue and promote tangible action
- ▶ Creation of the UfM Climate Change Expert Group
  - ▶ Open to Member States and civil society
  - ▶ 3 Meetings up to now
    - ▶ October 2014 : Members expressed concerns regarding the implementation of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions
    - ▶ May 2015 : Share of experience and best practices in the preparation of Intended Nationally determined Contributions (INDC) for the COP21 – Meeting combined with a high level meeting on climate change
    - ▶ October 2015: Emphasis on adaptation (especially regarding water scarcity), on climate change and security, on local action and on transparency of INDC follow up
- ▶ UfM should have the observer status for the UNFCCC COP22 Conference in Morocco

# UfM NAMAs Initiative

- ▶ An umbrella initiative aiming at providing technical assistance to project preparation stemming from NAMAs adopted by UfM Member States, namely by provision of experts on an ad-hoc basis.
- ▶ UfM NAMAs Initiative will be managed by a steering committee constituted of UFM Secretariat, European Commission and EIB. The initiative will remain open to to finances in later stages.
- ▶ The EIB's NAMAs study, in partnership with the GIZ, is considered as the first step under the UfM NAMA initiative. Launching of the EIB NAMAs Study and the UfM NAMA Initiative end 2015 / beginning 2016
- ▶ Mobilising IFIs, agencies and stakeholders for potentially funding for project preparation as well as implementation of identified and supported project

# UfM Covenant of Mayors

- Approximately 70% of the Euro-Mediterranean population is living in urban areas
- Dramatic increase of the urban population in the near future
- Cooperation with European Commission on the replication of an EU experience to non-EU Mediterranean States : the Covenant of Mayors
- Each municipality willing to be involved in the Covenant of Mayors takes commitments to take action in mitigation and adaptation and benefits from an exchange of experiences and best practices from other municipalities of the region

# UfM Climate and Security action

- ▶ Climate is a threat multiplier and lack of political response can jeopardize stability and peace
- ▶ 1/3 of the total population of the Euro-Mediterranean region is living on coastal areas
  - ▶ Risk of Sea level rise in the Nil Delta
  - ▶ Risk of acidification (impacts on tourism and fisheries)
  - ▶ Risk of water scarcity and therefore on food security
- ▶ Cooperation with the OSCE to identify, assess and address climate related impacts threatening security

# UfM Climate and Water - background

- ▶ The IV Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Declaration on Water (22 December 2008) urged the region notably in:
  - ▶ Advancing on effective water governance for integrated water resources management and water supply and sanitation; awareness, technical and capacity building and coordination within administrative units and among stakeholders;
  - ▶ Addressing water and climate change, through adaptation measures together with mitigation with emphasis, inter alia, on management of droughts and floods, mitigation of water scarcity effects and combat desertification;
  - ▶ Optimizing water financing, water valuation and appropriate instruments, with emphasis on innovative mechanisms;
  - ▶ Water demand management and efficiency and non-conventional water resources

# UfM Climate and Water – tangible actions

- ▶ Collaboration with the GWP Med and OECD on the improvement of governance and financing of the Mediterranean Water Sector:
  - ▶ Objectives: To deliver a set of country analysis and a regional action plan to improve the public governance and attract investments to the water sector of the Mediterranean region.
  - ▶ Project started in May 2013 for 3 years
  - ▶ Successful policy dialogue in Jordan and Tunisia bringing together private and public partners, especially in the perspective of PPP.
  - ▶ High level conference at the UfM Headquarters in May 2013

# UfM Climate and Water – tangible actions

- ▶ Support of the GWP Med for enhancing the regional dialogue, especially through the UfMCCEG.
- ▶ Creation of a project preparation facility in cooperation with the GWP Med, with the support of the Swedish International Development Agency

# Other forthcoming initiatives

- ▶ Follow up of INDC
  - ▶ How to ensure the comparability and the monitoring of contribution after COP21?
- ▶ MedECC
  - ▶ How to bring scientific knowledge into the decision making process ?
- ▶ Other issues raised by the UfM CCEG Members : gender equality, trainings, capacity building...



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