

# UfM Regional Stakeholder Conference on Blue Economy

## UFM REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE ON THE BLUE ECONOMY

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### A THEMATIC STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

*External Meeting Proposal from Chamber of Commerce of Seville for sharing knowledge and creating an useful network for iBLUE.*

The **thematic stakeholder workshops** will be at the core of the UfM Regional Stakeholder Conference on the blue economy to be **held in Naples at the end of November. They aim to select 9-12 workshops of duration of 1h30 each.** Break-out rooms for workshops will have an average capacity of 100 participants.

**Themes of the workshops, as well its format, will be proposed by the blue economy stakeholders.** Each workshop will deal with a topic relevant to the blue economy in the Mediterranean Sea-basin, in line with the priorities of the UfM Ministerial Declaration of 17 November 2015 such as:

- Marine research and innovation
- Education, training and skills development in the maritime domain
- Business development (maritime clusters, start-up, boosters, etc.) and investment (access to finance) in the blue economy
- Maritime transport safety and security, and sustainable ports
- Sustainable aquaculture and fisheries, including small scale fisheries and coastal communities' development
- Coastal and maritime tourism and marinas
- Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Renewable marine energies
- Sustainable consumption and production in the blue economy
- Marine and coastal environment protection (including Marine Protected Areas), marine pollution (including marine litter)

The topics are indicative; the proposal can also focus on sub-topics or combine several topics together.



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**It is expected that each workshop will produce practical conclusions which can assist in advancing on the objectives of the UfM Ministerial Declaration and possibly lead to project ideas and proposals.** The conclusions will be shared amongst all UfM blue economy stakeholders through the Virtual Knowledge Centre (<http://www.med-vkc-blueeconomy.org>).

Workshop proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The proposal is focused on one of the topics in the list above;
- The format of the workshop includes interactive elements;
- The content is innovative and speakers are appropriate and qualified;
- The proposed speakers reflect a good geographical coverage and gender balance.

The list of selected workshops will be available on the page <http://www.med-vkc-blueeconomy.org> on September, 29th.

***The proposal is that a member of UNIUD staff together with a partner could participate at the event.***