

Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the western Mediterranean

10 countries



Algeria, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia



A safer and more secure maritime space

3 common goals



economy by 2022

A smart and resilient blue q



Better governance of the sea

A safer and more secure maritime space

Share traffic monitoring data*

> Full coverage of the Automatic Identification System by 2018*

Reinforce border surveillance by 2018*

A smart and resilient blue economy by 2022

25 % increase in certified eco-ports and marinas*





20 % increase in sustainable aquaculture production value*

nd Fisheries

20% increase in off-season tourism*



Better governance of the sea



100 % of waters under national jurisdiction and coastlines under Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Management; implementing mechanisms fully in place by 2021*



All States equipped with adequate legal framework and human and technical capabilities to meet their fisheries control and inspection responsibilities as flag, coastal and port States by 2020*



Reduce marine litter on beaches by 20 % by 2024*



Cover at least 10 % of the sea surface with marine protected areas and other area-based conservation measures by 2020*



Extend the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODNET) to all Southern Mediterranean countries by 2020*



100 % of key Mediterranean stocks subject to adequate data collection, scientifically assessed on a regular basis and managed through a multiannual fisheries plan by 2020*

million tons of freight

Funding sources

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), the EU programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs (COSME), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), National funds, the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD).



The available funds are estimated at €4 billion or over.

The West Med region in figures





direct jobs on fishing vessels ر +200

million national and international overnight stays of tourists in coastal areas in 2012



marine protected areas and Natura 2000 sites