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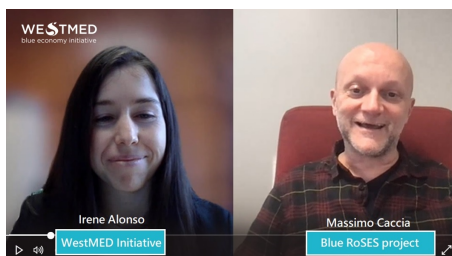
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blue economy initiative

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Interviews

Massimo Caccia (Blue RoSES project): "We have a proactive interaction (with the WestMED Assistance Mechanism) that goes well beyond the single project submission"



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News

UfM Ministerial Declaration fully recognises the role of the WestMED Initiative

In the framework of the Second Ministerial Conference on Sustainable Blue Economy, Ministers from the 42 UfM States adopted a new Declaration on Blue Economy, where they recognised the WestMED initiative as a successful example of cooperation and a

“ Ministers recognise both the WestMED initiative and the EUSAIR as successful examples of cooperation, focused on clear goals, priorities and measurable targets and as a catalyst for the development of sustainable blue economy projects in the region.

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Article 17, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
Ministerial declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy
2 february 2021

The year ahead for the WestMED Initiative

A new Technical Group on Aquaculture, a Maritime Clusters cooperation scheme, a webinar with a focus on blue skills and another WestMED Stakeholder Conference. These are some of the main activities foreseen in 2021. So stay tuned!

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Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood: A new agenda for the Mediterranean

Twenty-five years after the Barcelona Declaration, a new Joint Communication of the European Commission on the New Agenda for the Mediterranean has been adopted, proposing to draw on the opportunities of green and digital transitions.

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Our WestMED website address will change... slightly

The WestMED initiative's website is currently undergoing a migration process to the Europa.ec domain. This means that the website will receive a new domain-name as of early March 2021.

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European Commission and European Investment Fund launch €75 million BlueInvest Fund

The European Commission is partnering with the European Investment Fund, part of the European Investment Bank Group (EIB) to launch the BlueInvest Fund, a €75 million equity investment fund for the blue economy.

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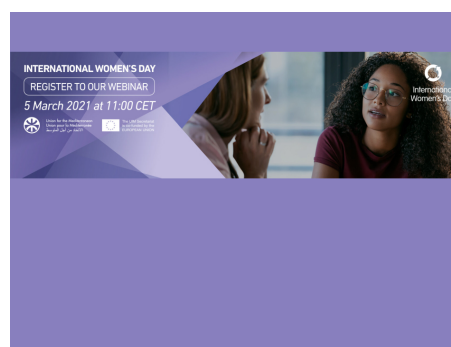


Events

UfM International Women's Day webinar | 5 March

This webinar will analyse the challenges that women and girls face to access leadership positions. The discussions will bring together a variety of stakeholders from across sectors, who will analyse the gendered barriers to leadership. Speakers will also share best practices on how to foster women and girls' leadership across the region.

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European Maritime Day | 20-21 May

The European Maritime Day (EMD) Conference is the annual two-day event during which Europe's maritime community meet to network, discuss and forge joint action on maritime affairs and sustainable blue economy.

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European Research and Innovation Days | 23-24 June

European Research and Innovation Days is the European Commission's annual flagship Research and Innovation event, bringing together policymakers, researchers, entrepreneurs and the public to debate and shape the future of research and innovation in Europe and beyond.

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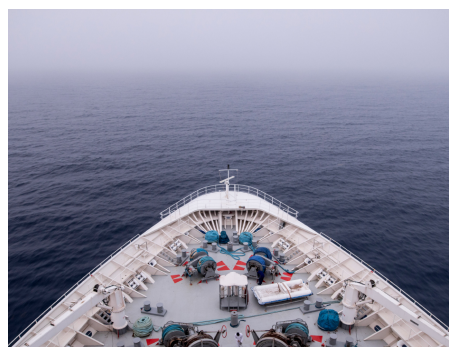
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