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## Conclusions from the WG on Environment



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# HIGHLIGHTS on ENVIRONMENT and GREEN ECONOMY



**Implementation of the Ministerial Declaration**

**01**



**'GREENERMED' and main Axes**

**02**



Support the transition towards a Green, Circular and Socially Inclusive Economy, based on sustainable consumption and production practices and nature-based solutions.

(Axis 1)



Prevent and reduce pollution on land, air, and sea.

(Axis 2)



Protect, preserve, manage, and restore natural resources in the Mediterranean region within an integrated ecosystem approach, including terrestrial, marine, and coastal dimensions.

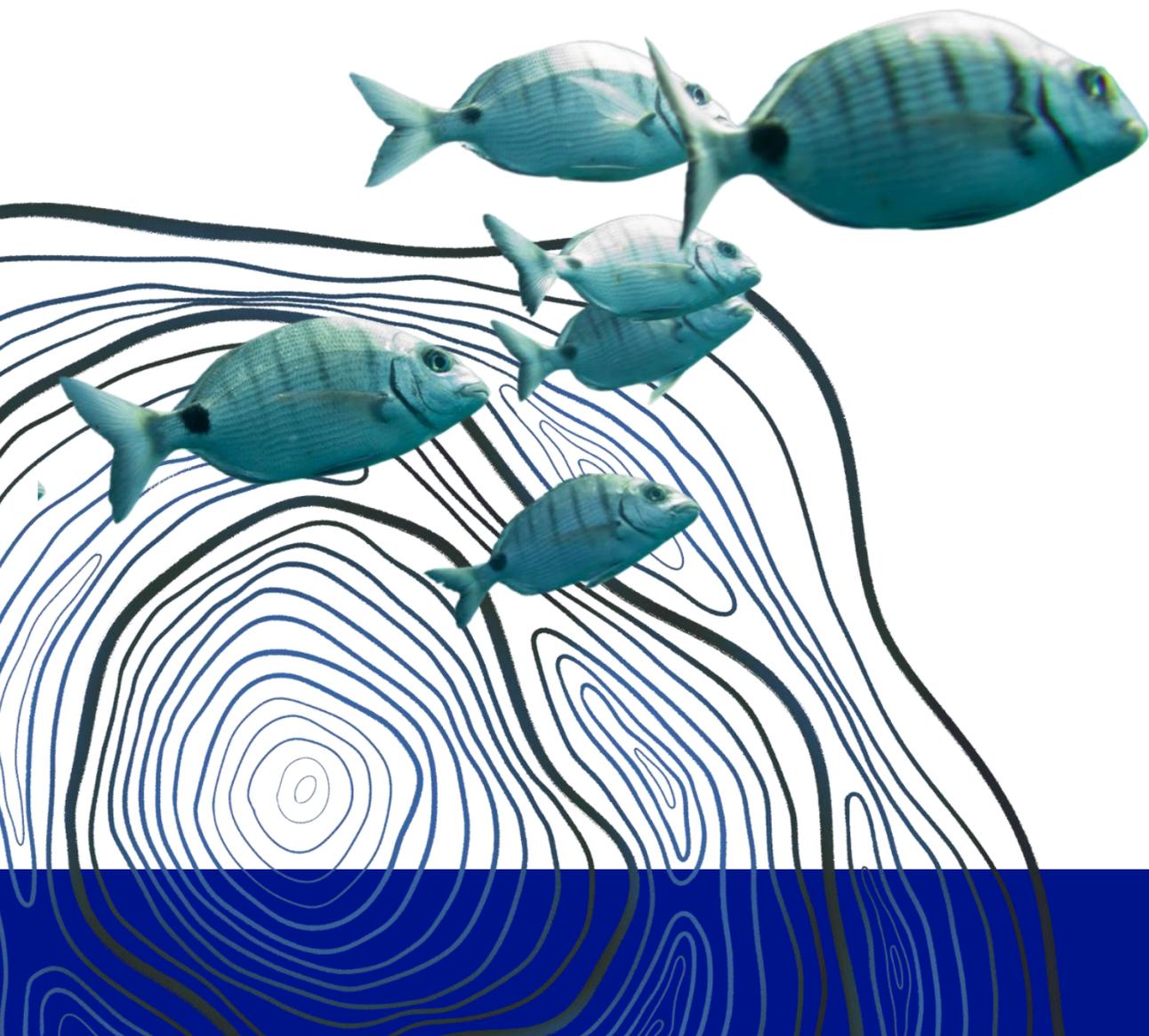
(Axis 3)

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# OUTCOMES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENT

**9<sup>th</sup> Working Group: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, online**

Continued and reinforced the policy dialogue and ensured a constant alignment/convergence among priorities, processes and supporting projects (by now 291 regional projects)



# KEY FOCUS ON:

Outcomes of **COP CBD, COP29 UNFCCC, COP 16 UNCCD**

EU developments: **DG MENA and the MED Pact**

**BBNJ/High Seas Treaty**

Status of the **Plastic Treaty** under negotiation

Update on **country priorities** and needs

Progress on **key initiatives** contributing to  
2030GreenerMed

Information to countries and stakeholders about the  
**2030GreenerMed external evaluation** (=the ENV/GE  
implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial)



# HIGHLIGHTING COUNTRY ADVANCEMENTS

## Biodiversity

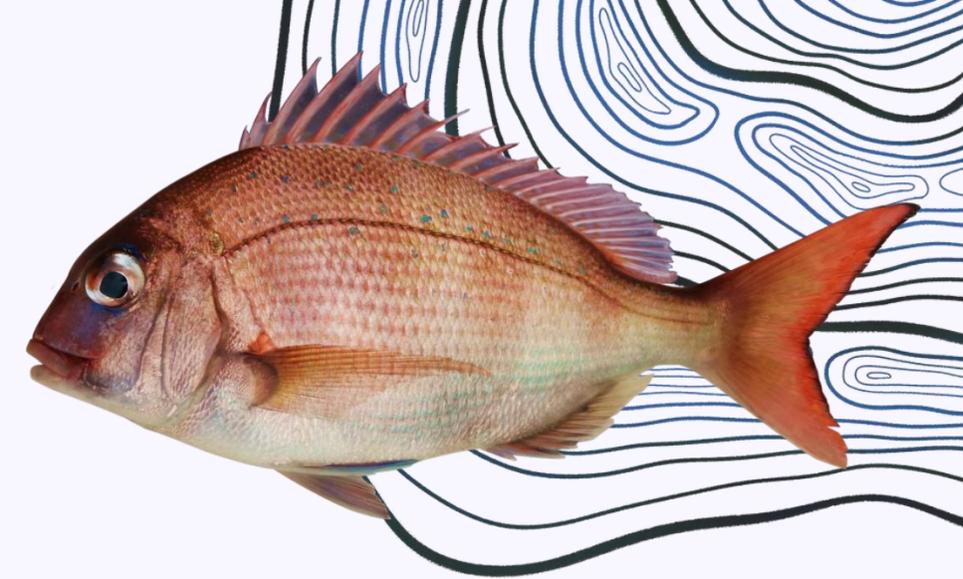
Several countries are currently in the process of finalizing or adopting their biodiversity strategies. Important advancements regard also the EU Nature Restoration law and related Restoration Plans. Major concerns are related to financing.

## Climate Change (Focus Adaptation)

All countries who intervened confirmed that they are focusing activities on Climate Change as well as on the mobilization of financing. Various countries have adopted new legislation or strategies related to climate change, mostly on adaptation. Biennial Transparency Reports have been submitted or are under development in some other cases. Among the policy and economic instruments advanced lately, include taxation, interministerial working groups or the development of a national monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.



# HIGHLIGHTING COUNTRY ADVANCEMENTS



## Desertification

- Countries stressed the relevance of the Drought Resilience Observatory, the Science Policy Interface, IDRA and the proposed innovative financial models.

## BBNJ

- Countries are currently either preparing the ratification process or are in the process of ratifying the BBNJ.

## Global Plastic Treaty

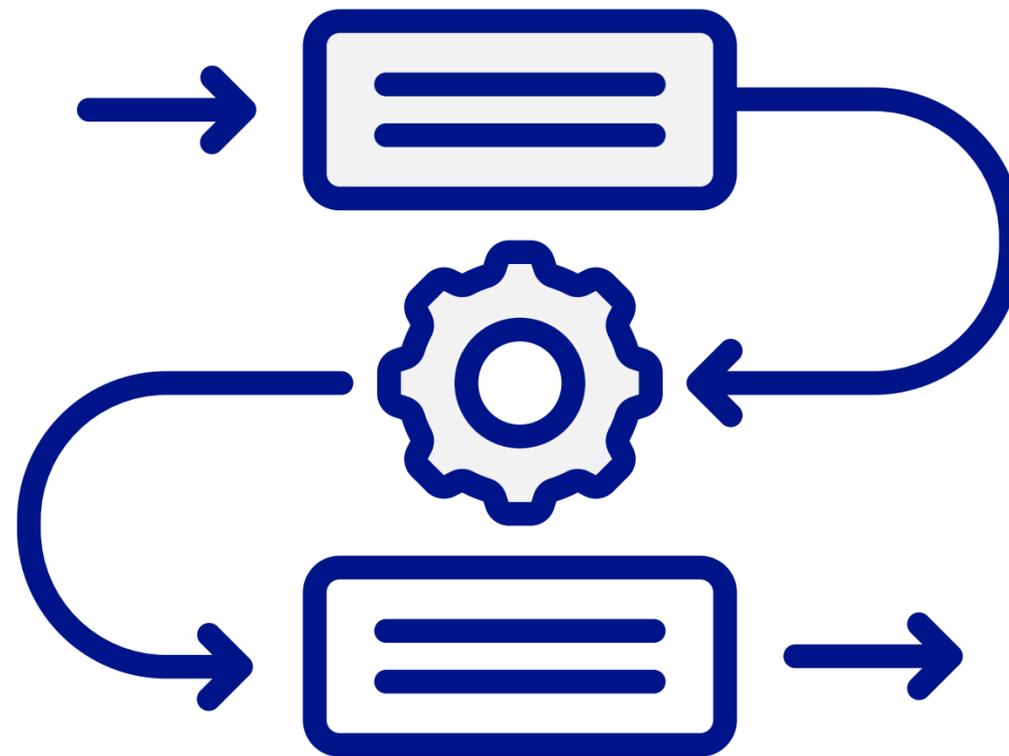
- All countries are committed to the global fight to end plastic pollution; however, approaches towards the Global Plastic Treaty vary.
- While some of the countries are part of the High Ambition Coalition to end plastic pollution, others tackle the topic more through a project based approach.

# External Evaluation

## of the UfM 2021 Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Climate Change

with a focus on the 2030 GreenerMed Agenda

was foreseen in the Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation Mechanism, as mid term (2030 Horizon) and in the context of potential future deliberations/new UfM Ministerial Declaration, expected possibly after 2026



It should serve to provide recommendations on the revision of 2030 GreenerMed as living document

Its recommendations may serve as a basis for future political deliberations

# External evaluation of 2030GreenerMed – Draft final conclusions

## *2030GreenerMed with its three thematic axes remains highly relevant*

The evaluation confirmed the important role of the Agenda as a pivotal regional framework that unites Mediterranean countries around shared environmental priorities. Its three thematic pillars—Green, Circular and Socially Inclusive Economy, Pollution Prevention and Reduction, and Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration—remain highly relevant and well-aligned with both regional needs and global frameworks

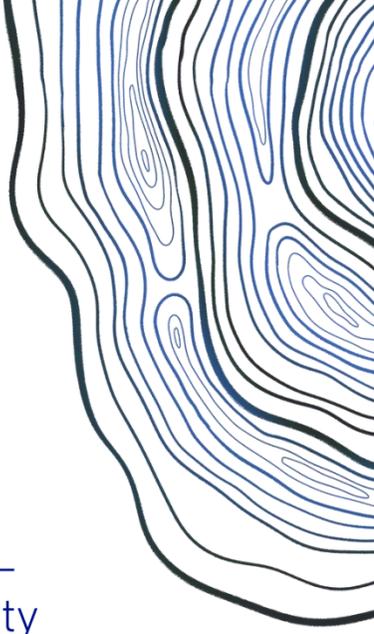
## *Tangible achievements in strengthening political momentum, fostering intergovernmental dialogue, and promoting regional policy convergence*

The evaluation found that the Agenda's participatory governance structure has enabled an open and constructive environment for collaboration across diverse stakeholders, reinforcing its role as a convening mechanism.

## **Opportunities for fine-tuning and improvements for even greater impact**

The evaluation recommends actions to enhance the Agenda's visibility and value-add, to strengthen implementation and monitoring mechanisms and findings (digital, more visible and accessible), as well as to update the narrative of Agenda document to update the global and regional context as well as emerging topics

## *The evaluation's main conclusions and recommendations will be further discussed at the next UfM Working Group on Environment*





# Draft final conclusions of the external evaluation on GreenerMed

## Overall Findings and Strategic Recommendations

### Findings

Agenda and related thematic axes are **regionally relevant and aligned** with global environmental frameworks.

**Inclusive governance and intergovernmental dialogue** are progressing.

**Combination of different financing sources and mechanisms** do not ensure direct impacts on-the-ground

Thematic axes are valid but need **to be updated based on new developments such .**

**Visibility and accessibility of the monitoring system** can be improved.

### Recommendations

**Further communicate Added Value** to position the Agenda distinctly among regional/international frameworks.

**Keep ensuring Stakeholder Engagement and broadening of the GreenerMed community**, through the use of appropriate channels, to improve accountability towards local actors, youth, women and others.

**Keep fostering, pooling resources and monitoring convergence of implementation & financing** around the three GreenerMed axes.

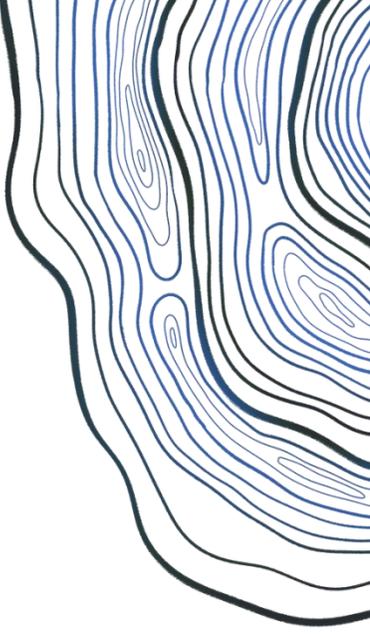
**Continuously finetune Thematic Focus** reflecting new developments and topics.

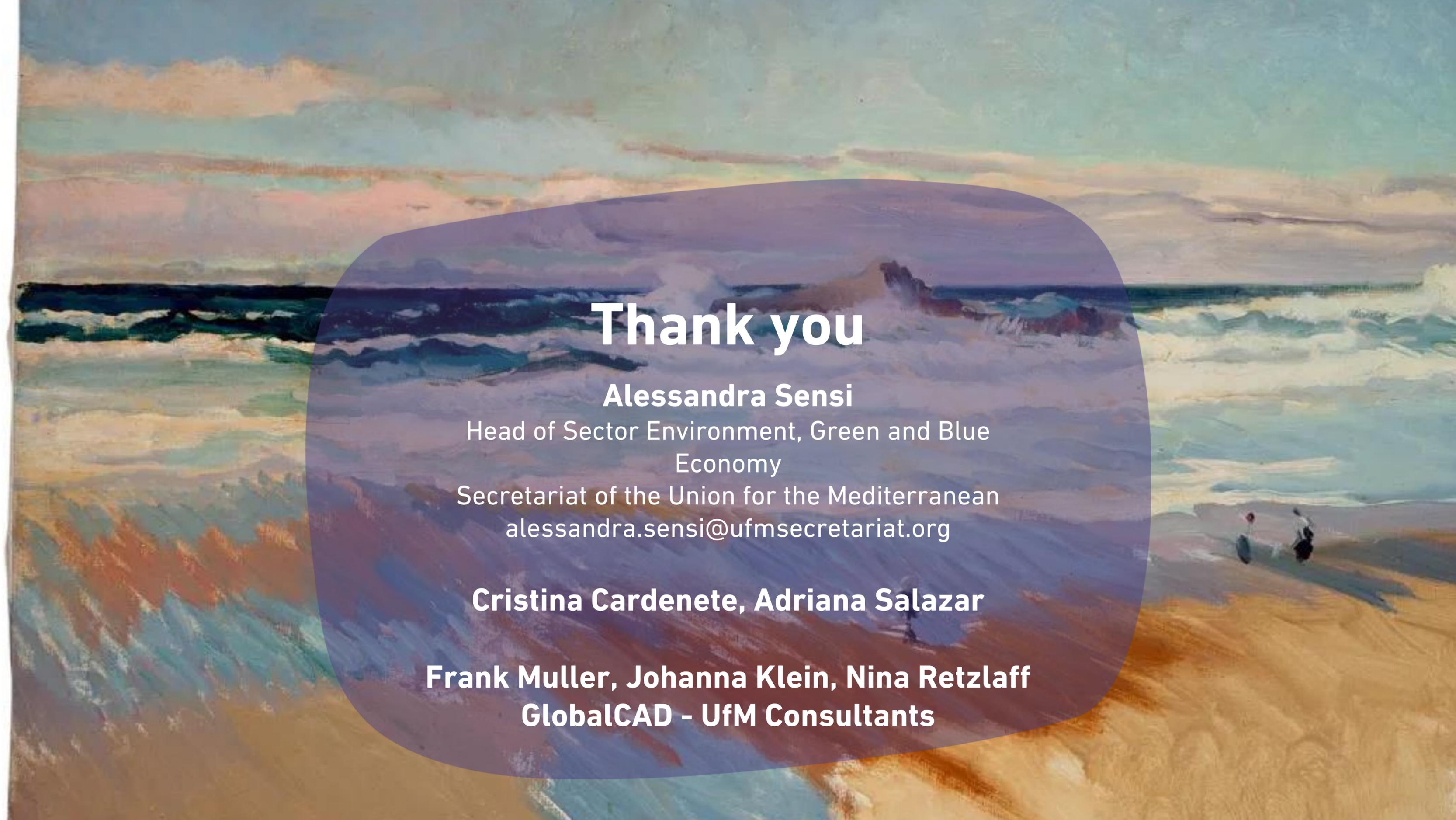
**Improve Monitoring & Learning** through digital tools, factsheets, infographics to improve the feedback systems.

# Next steps towards the 10<sup>th</sup> UfM WG ENV/next RP on ENV and CC

*Focus of the next UFM WG meeting on Environment/Green Economy*

- *Develop a proposal for the update of the 2030 GreenerMed Narrative taking into account the current context*
- *Revisit and finetune some of the thematic points that emerged during the Green Week, including sea level rise, forest and landscape restoration*
- *Integrate as GreenerMed associated projects, the gender and youth regional projects related to the three GM priority axes*
- *Technical and financial convergence*





# Thank you

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