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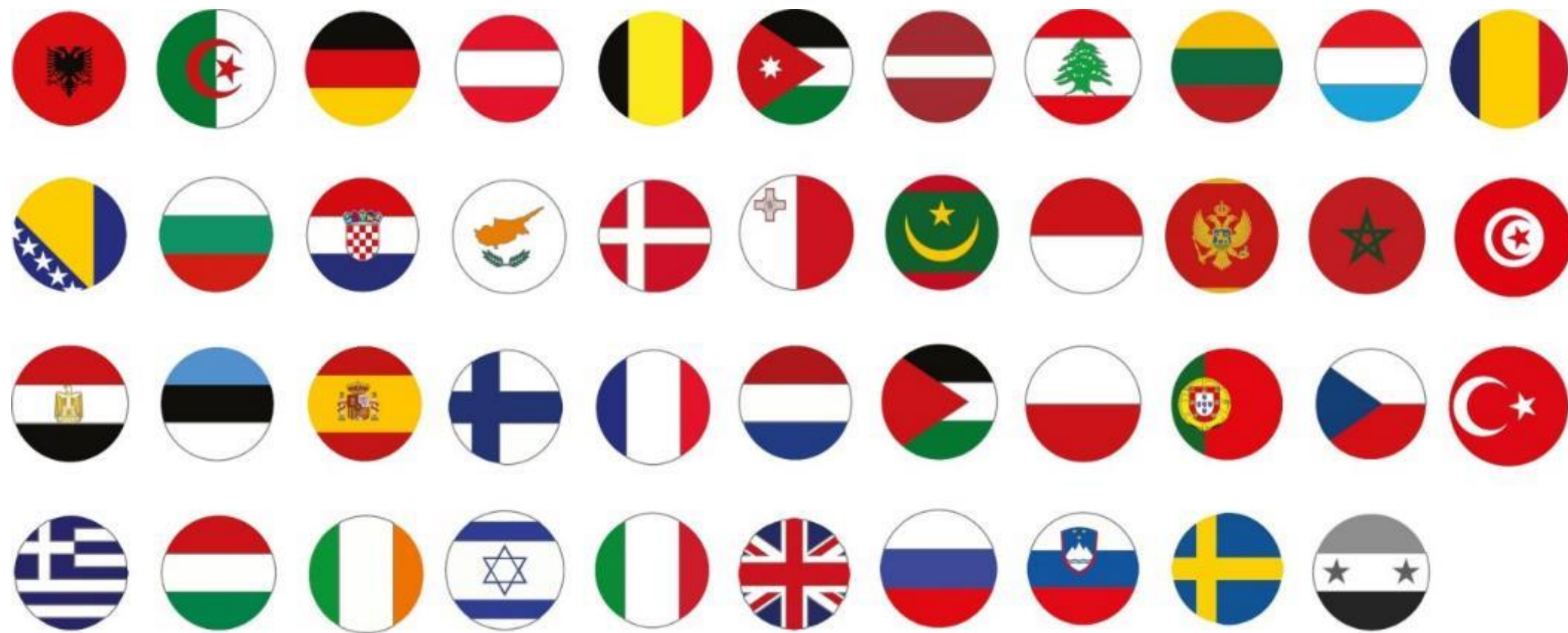
Building bridges for the future

UfM: The Euro-Mediterranean intergovernmental institution

43 member countries

28 EU member states

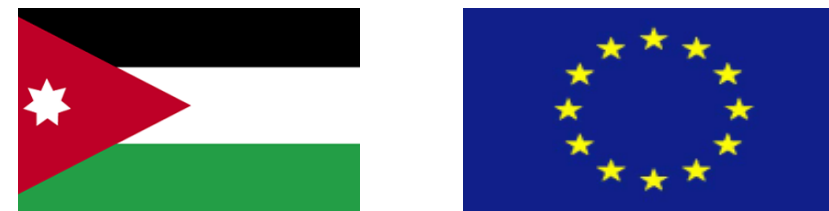
15 Southern and Eastern
Mediterranean countries



MISSION

To enhance regional cooperation and dialogue through the implementation of concrete projects and initiatives addressing human development, stability and integration.

UfM: Governance



*Jordan and the EU are
Co-Presidents since 2012*

UfM Co-Presidency

Co-ownership:

The Co-Presidency ensures coherence of activities as well as equal footing and representation of **North** and **South**



UfM Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)

Governing Body:

Trimestral meetings of the Ambassadors of the **43 countries**



*The UfM Secretariat is the operational institution that
empowers the regional dialogue between the UfM
Member States and stakeholders for the promotion of
regional cooperation projects and initiatives*

UfM Secretariat

- 1** Secretary General from the South
- 6** Deputy Secretary Generals (3 from the North and 3 from the South)
- 60** Diplomats, technical experts and project managers from **+15 countries and institutions**

UfM | The Euro-Mediterranean Community

The UfM Secretariat builds relationships and synergies with all the members of the Euro-Mediterranean community and other relevant stakeholders.



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BUSINESSMED
Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises
Union Méditerranéenne des Confédérations d'Entreprises



ASCAME

ASSOCIATION DES CHAMBRES DE COMMERCE ET D'INDUSTRIE DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE
ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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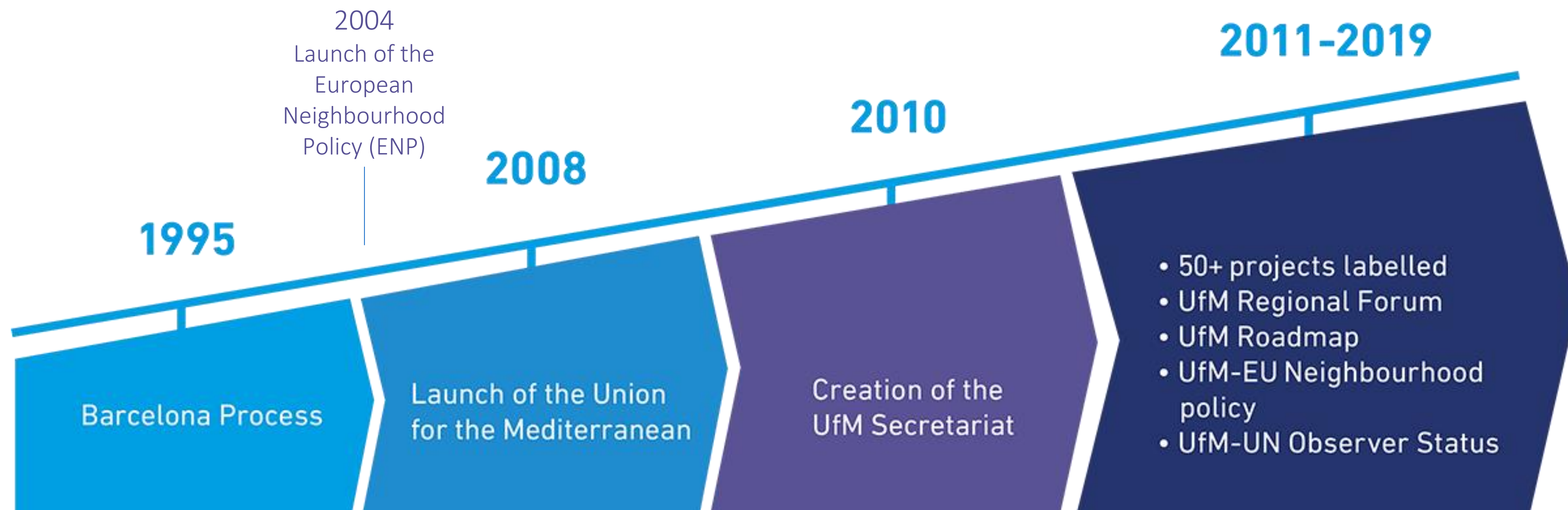
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Cooperating across borders
in the Mediterranean



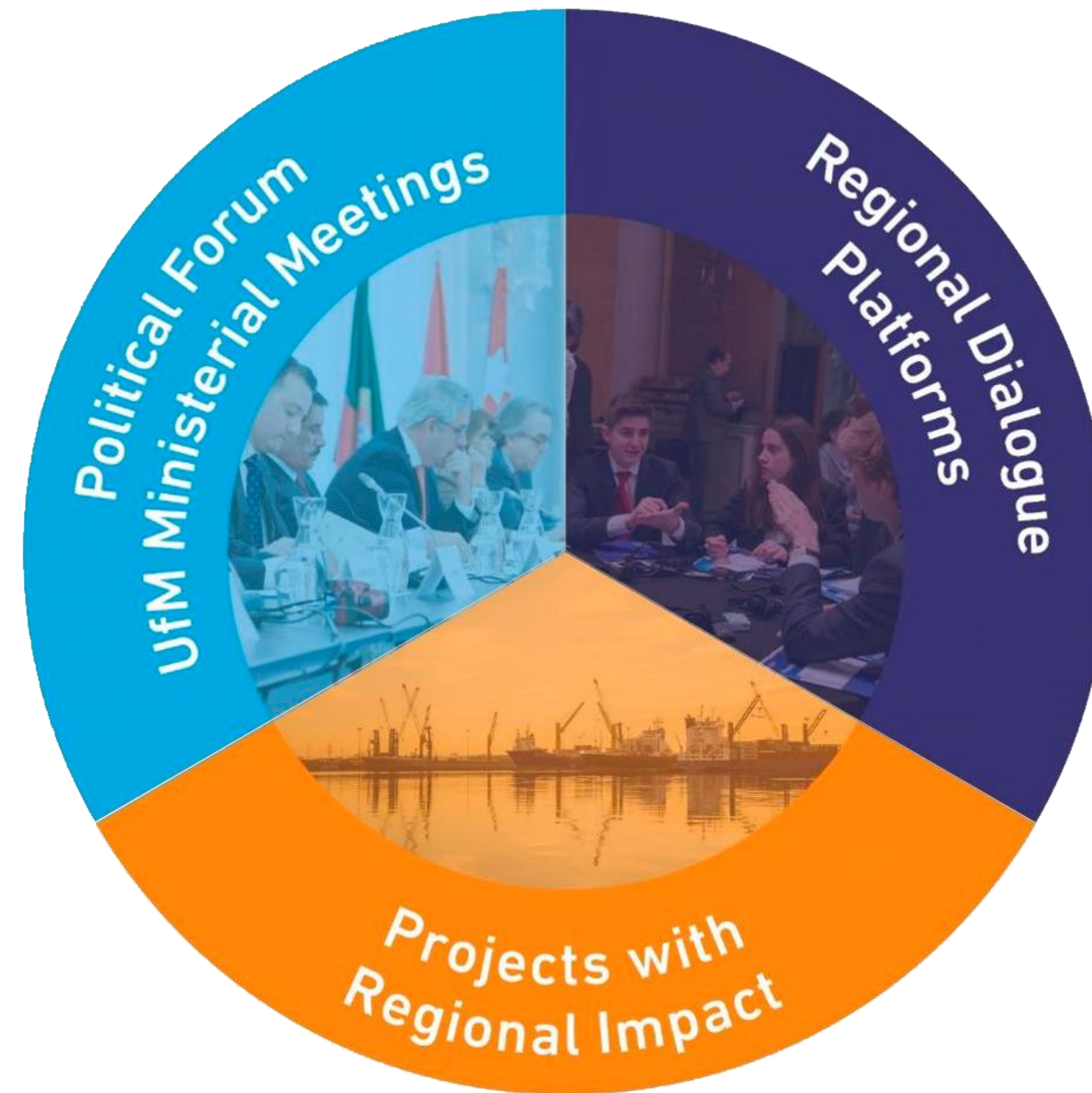
European Economic
and Social Councils



A response to the challenges of the region



The 3 P's: Policies in Action – Strategic Objectives



UfM | Political Fora to enhance regional dialogue

Ministerial meetings define the priorities of UfM work through the adoption of common agendas in key strategic areas

- ✓ Give political impetus
- ✓ Set regional priorities
- ✓ Consolidate action-oriented approach



UfM | Political Fora to enhance regional dialogue

Human Development

- ✓ **Employment and Labour**, Portugal 2019 & Jordan 2016
- ✓ **Strengthening the role of Women in Society**, Egypt 2017 & France 2013
- ✓ **Regional Cooperation and Planning**, Jordan 2016
- ✓ **Digital Economy**, Spain 2014
- ✓ **Industrial Cooperation**, Belgium 2014

Sustainable Development

- ✓ **Trade**, Belgium 2018
- ✓ **Sustainable Urban Development**, Egypt 2017
- ✓ **Water**, Malta 2017
- ✓ **Energy**, Italy 2016 & Belgium 2013
- ✓ **Blue Economy**, Belgium 2015
- ✓ **Industrial Cooperation**, Belgium 2014
- ✓ **Environment and Climate Change**, Greece 2014
- ✓ **Transport**, Belgium 2013

✓ **UfM Regional Forum - Ministers of Foreign Affairs**, Spain 2015, 2017 & 2018

UfM | Platforms for regional policy dialogue

Regional dialogue platforms involve 25.000+ stakeholders, coming from:

- ✓ Governments
- ✓ International and regional organisations
- ✓ International Financial Institutions and donors
- ✓ Local authorities
- ✓ Universities and Think Tanks
- ✓ Private sector
- ✓ Civil society





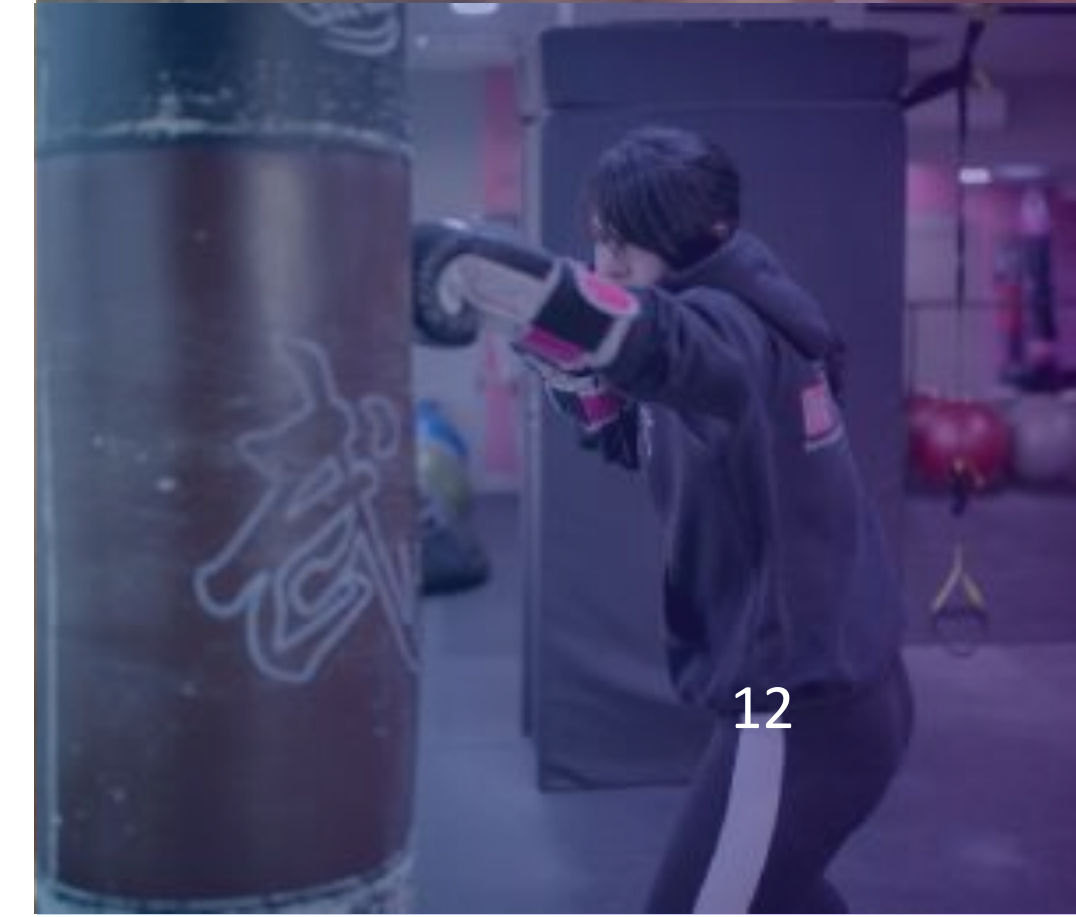
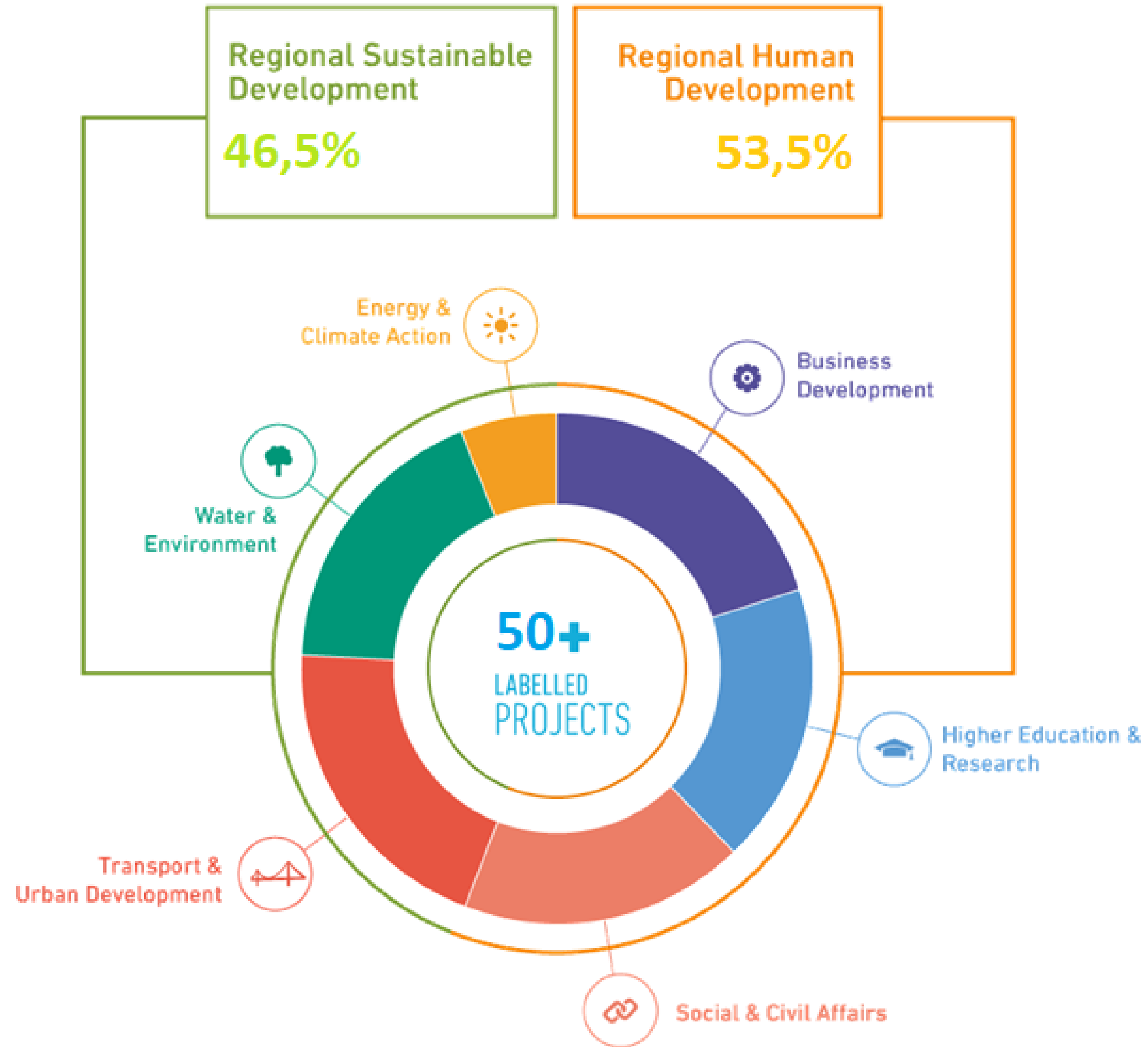
Based on the orientations provided by Ministerial mandates, the platforms provide an opportunity to:

- ✓ Recommend and define priorities
- ✓ Promote a Mediterranean Agenda
- ✓ Exchange on regional challenges and share best practices
- ✓ Increase regulatory harmonisation
- ✓ Identify concrete actions

UfM | Projects with a regional impact

50+ regional cooperation
projects have been
labelled, worth more than
€5 billion





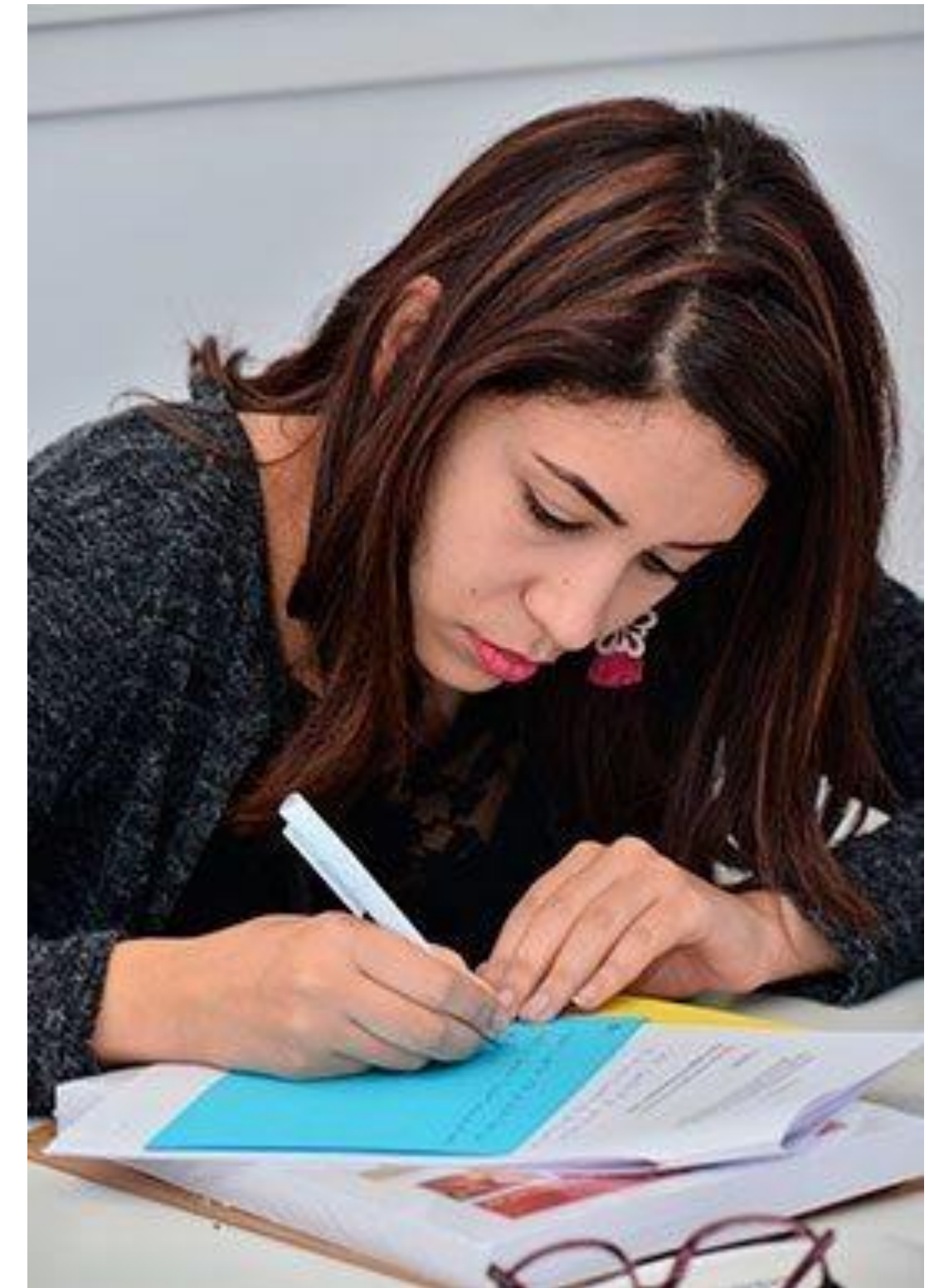
Why labelling a project? The UfM label added value:

- *Solutions for complex regional projects with a wide network of technical and financial partners*
- *Strong political commitment from 43 countries*
- *Regional recognition and visibility at the highest level*
- *Potential replication and best practice sharing of successful projects*



The key characteristics of a UfM project are:

- *A regional, sub-regional or transnational scope to enhance regional integration and encourage North-South and South-South cooperation*
- *A clear, independent and sustainable financial perspective*
- *Addressing key regional challenges in one of the UfM mandated area*



Sustainable development

Zoom on a Project:



“The construction of a desalination plant responds to a dire humanitarian need in Gaza, where 2 million Palestinians live under unacceptable environmental and health conditions”

Mazen Ghunaim, Minister of Water of Palestine

Desalination Facility for the Gaza Strip

- ✓ In Gaza, **95% of the water is not drinkable** due to the over-pumping of a polluting Coastal Aquifer
- ✓ The desalination plant will supply drinking water to **2 million Palestinian inhabitants**
- ✓ 20 March 2018: International donors pledged **€456 million to the project** (>80% of the total cost), which will make possible to start the **biggest ever infrastructure project** in the Gaza Strip.

Sustainable development

Zoom on a Project:



“The Mediterranean region is one of the areas most impacted by marine litter and plastic pollution in the world”

Cristina Fossi, Professor of Ecology and Ecotoxicology at the University of Siena

Plastic Busters

- ✓ Studies indicate that **by 2050 there could be more plastic than fish in the seas.**
- ✓ Following a **€5 million funding** received by the EU Interreg Med Programme, the project aims to develop a **Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management** in the Mediterranean including recommendations for **policymaking**.
- ✓ It will result, among other things, in a strengthened involvement and participation of **50-60 regional marine litter experts** and awareness campaigns carried out in at least 15 countries of the Mediterranean

Sustainable development

Zoom on a Project:



“This is a great example of how fighting pollution and protecting the environment can contribute to more sustainable and inclusive socio-economic growth, providing new opportunities for young people in the region”

Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy & Vice-President of the European Commission.

Integrated Programme for Protection of the Lake Bizerte against Pollution

- ✓ Connected to the Mediterranean Sea and located in close proximity to natural reserves on land and in the sea, this northern Tunisian lake has been widely accepted for over a decade to be **a marine pollution of regional impact**
- ✓ The **rehabilitation of the Lake of Bizerte** is expected to stimulate economic growth as well as contribute to the depollution of the Mediterranean.
- ✓ The project is also expected to benefit around **500 000 inhabitants** of the Governorate of Bizerte and stimulate employment opportunities for young people.



Our belief:

Regional challenges call for regional solutions

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**There is no security without development and no
development without security**



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