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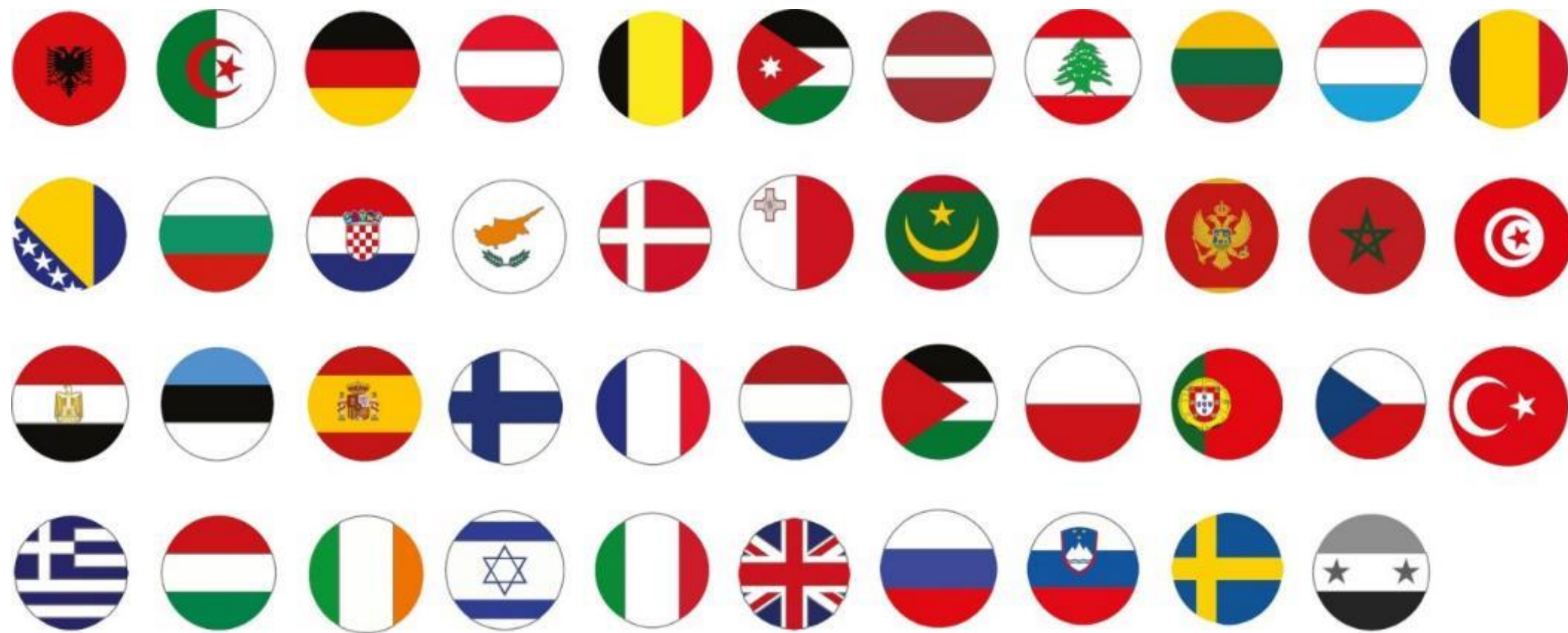
Building bridges for the future

UfM: The Euro-Mediterranean intergovernmental institution

43 member countries

28 EU member states

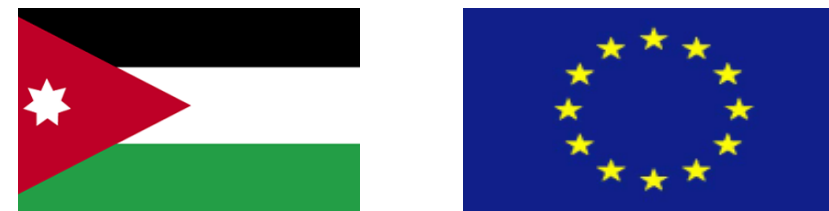
15 Southern and Eastern
Mediterranean countries



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
جمعية غرف التجارة والصناعة للبحر الأبيض المتوسط



ENI
CBCMED
Cooperating across borders
in the Mediterranean



PA-UfM
Parliamentary Assembly - Union for the Mediterranean



European Economic
and Social Councils

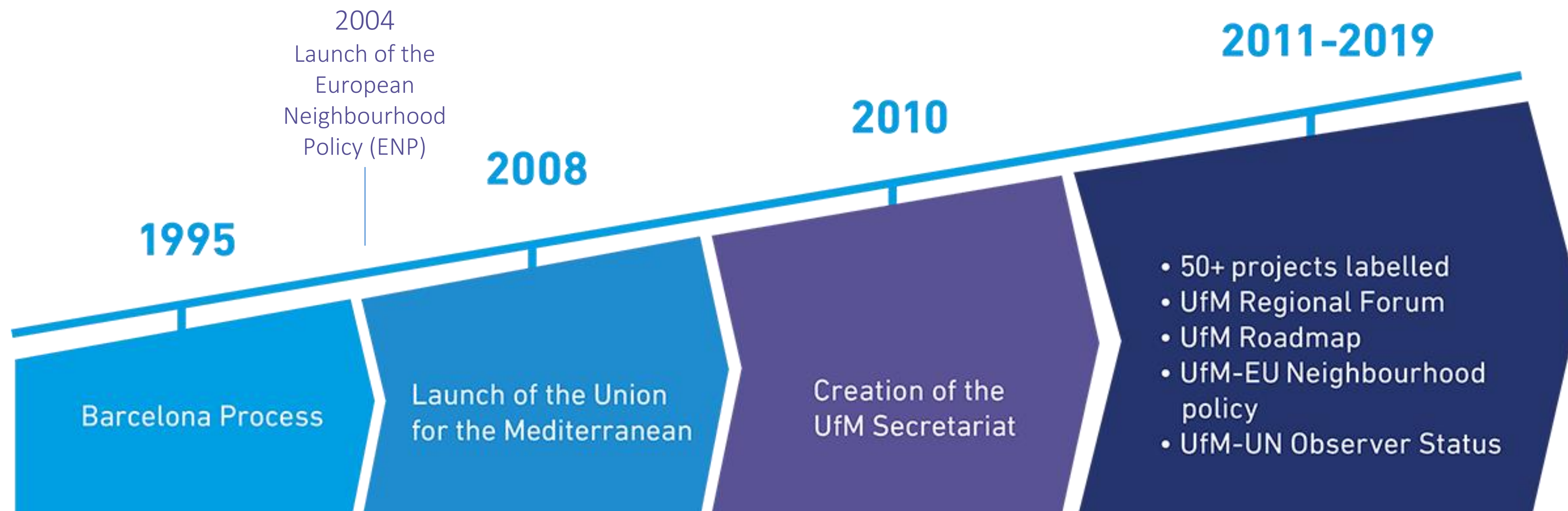


Assemblée Régionale et Locale Euro-Méditerranéenne
Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly

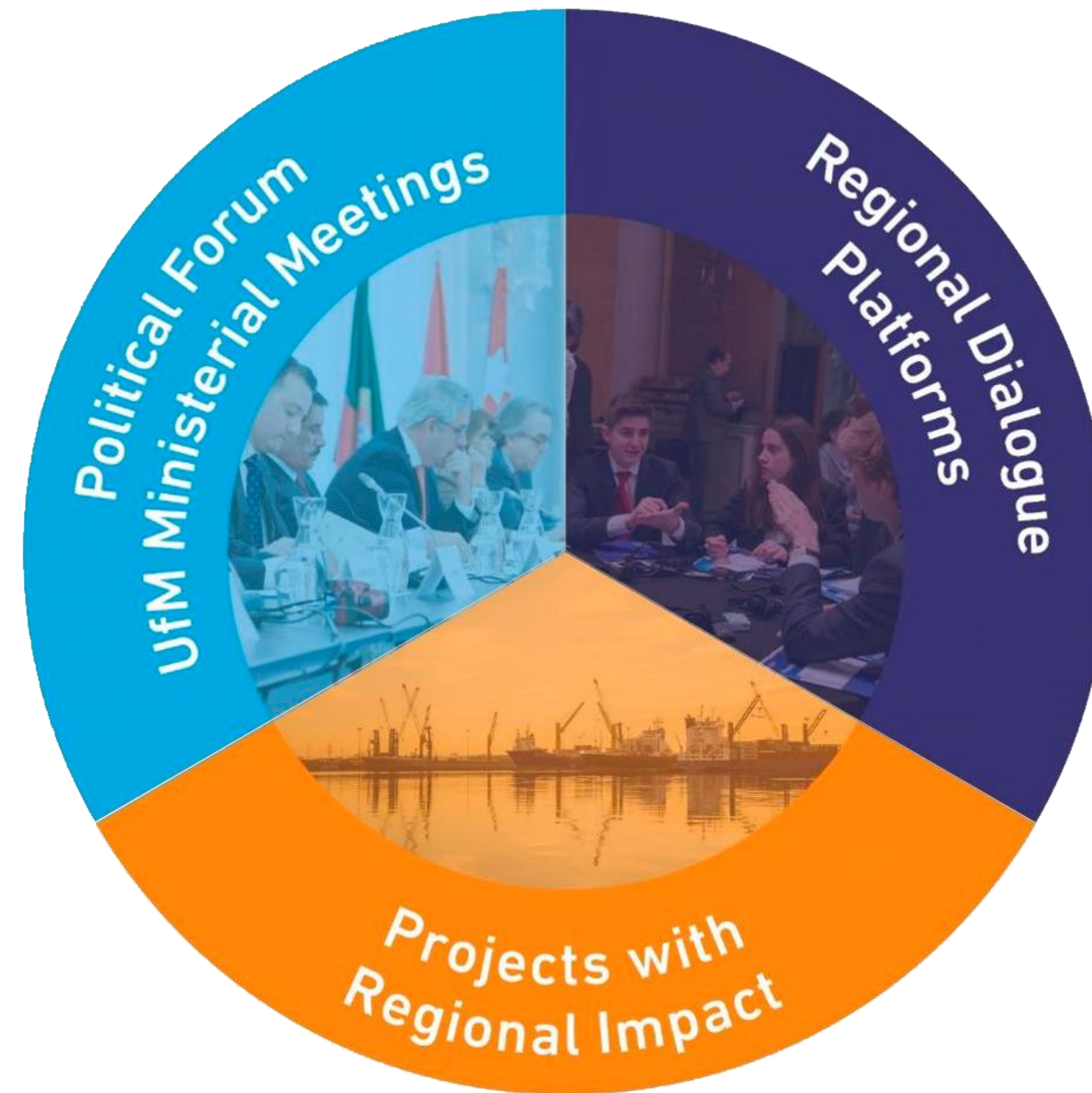


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A response to the challenges of the region



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





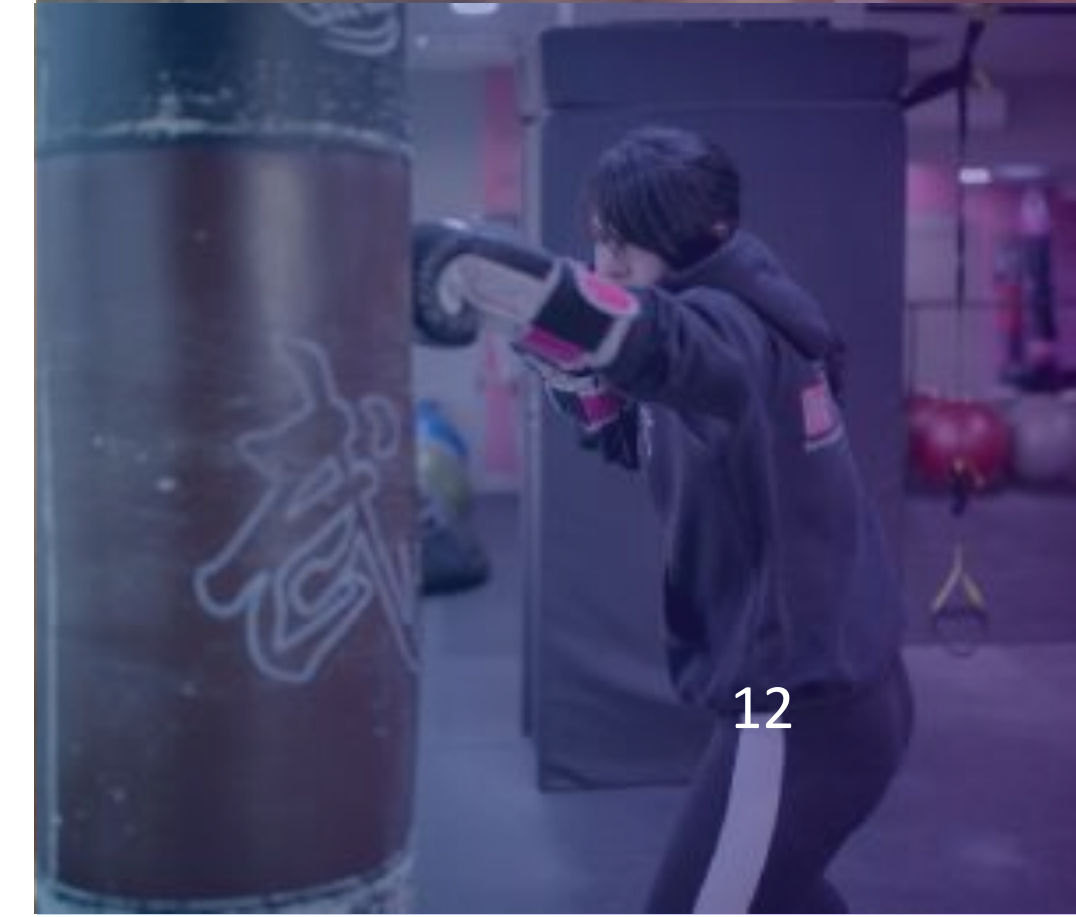
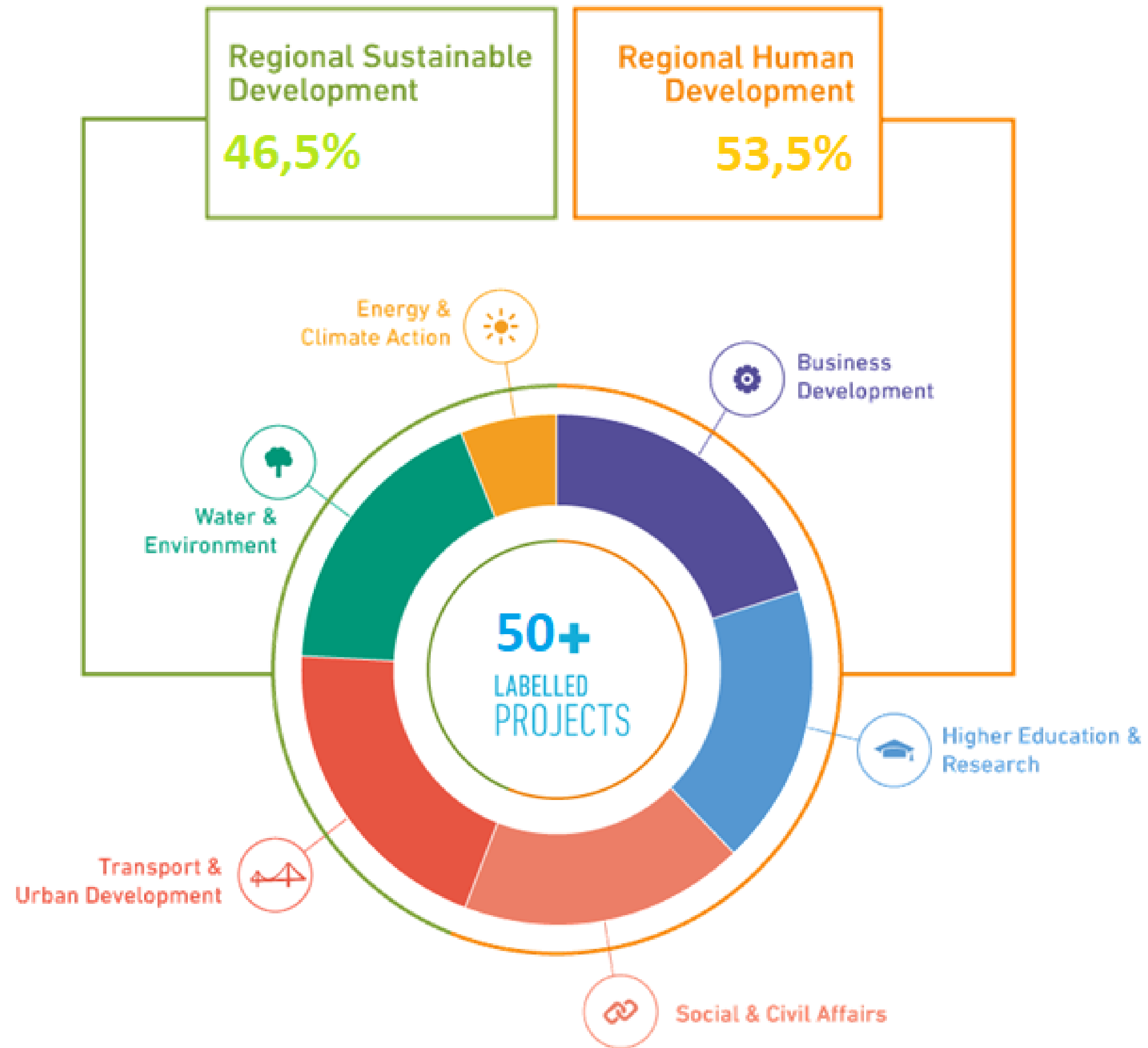
Based on the orientations provided by Ministerial mandates, the platforms provide an opportunity to:

- ✓ 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





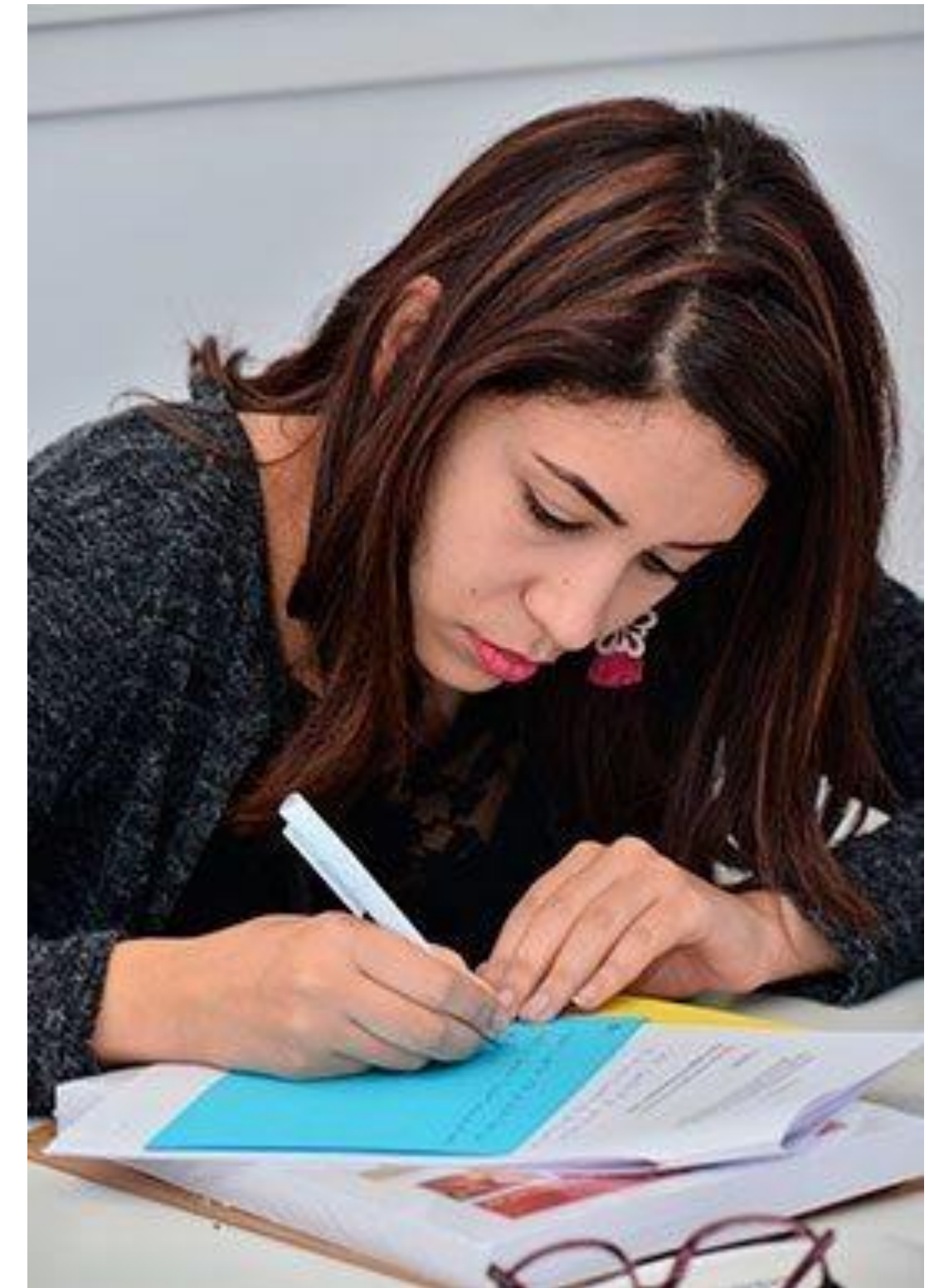
Why labelling a project? The UfM label added value:

- *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*



Human development

Zoom on a Project:



“The programme made my life much easier as a student and as a young graduate facing the labour market. It has been very easy for me to integrate into the company and finally get recruited”

Sara El Khal, informatics engineer,
beneficiary of HOMERe

HOMERe: High Opportunity for Mediterranean Executive Recruitment

- ✓ **With an average of about 30% youth unemployment**, the region has one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the world.
- ✓ HOMERe fosters **internship mobility** as a tool to combat the skills gap. It is promoted by a network of **95 universities delivering master's degrees in 16 Mediterranean countries**.
- ✓ **>400 young people**, including **50% women**, have benefitted from the project

Human development

Zoom on a Project:



“We try to help those who have left school without any qualifications to have a second chance and become more employable”

Begoña Gasch, founder of the “El Llindar” school, Spain.

MedNC: Mediterranean New Chance

- ✓ Young people not enrolled in education, employment or training (“NEETs”) is a growing concern in the region, with national rates ranging **from 15% to 31% for the 15-29 age group**.
- ✓ MedNC addresses the challenge of **socio-professional integration of young people** by mobilizing and strengthening cooperation among stakeholders from both rims of the Mediterranean.
- ✓ “El Llindar”, one of the schools integrated into the MedNC network, has helped **3000 students to become more employable by giving them another chance to obtain a qualification**.

Human development

Zoom on a Project:



“Through my project, I am trying to raise awareness among women about the importance of being active, so that they can find their place in society ”

Soukeina El Bouj, beneficiary of Young Women as Job Creators

Young Women as Job Creators

- ✓ Women entrepreneurs in MENA are **60% more likely to offer innovative solutions** than their male counterparts
- ✓ The project was carried out in coordination with **50+ universities** in Albania, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan, with **1300+ young female students** have benefitted from the project
- ✓ As a result, **46+ women-led businesses were created** formally



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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