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PROJECTS FOR PROGRESS



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I. The Central Institution of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership

UfM History

2015 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process

1995

Barcelona Process



Barcelona Process aimed at turning the Mediterranean basin into an area of peace, stability and prosperity, and establishing a consolidated Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.

July 2008

Paris Summit



Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) established by 43 Heads of State and Government as an inter-governmental organization, multilateral partnership, building upon the [Barcelona Declaration](#) with a view to increasing co-ownership and the potential for regional integration and cohesion.

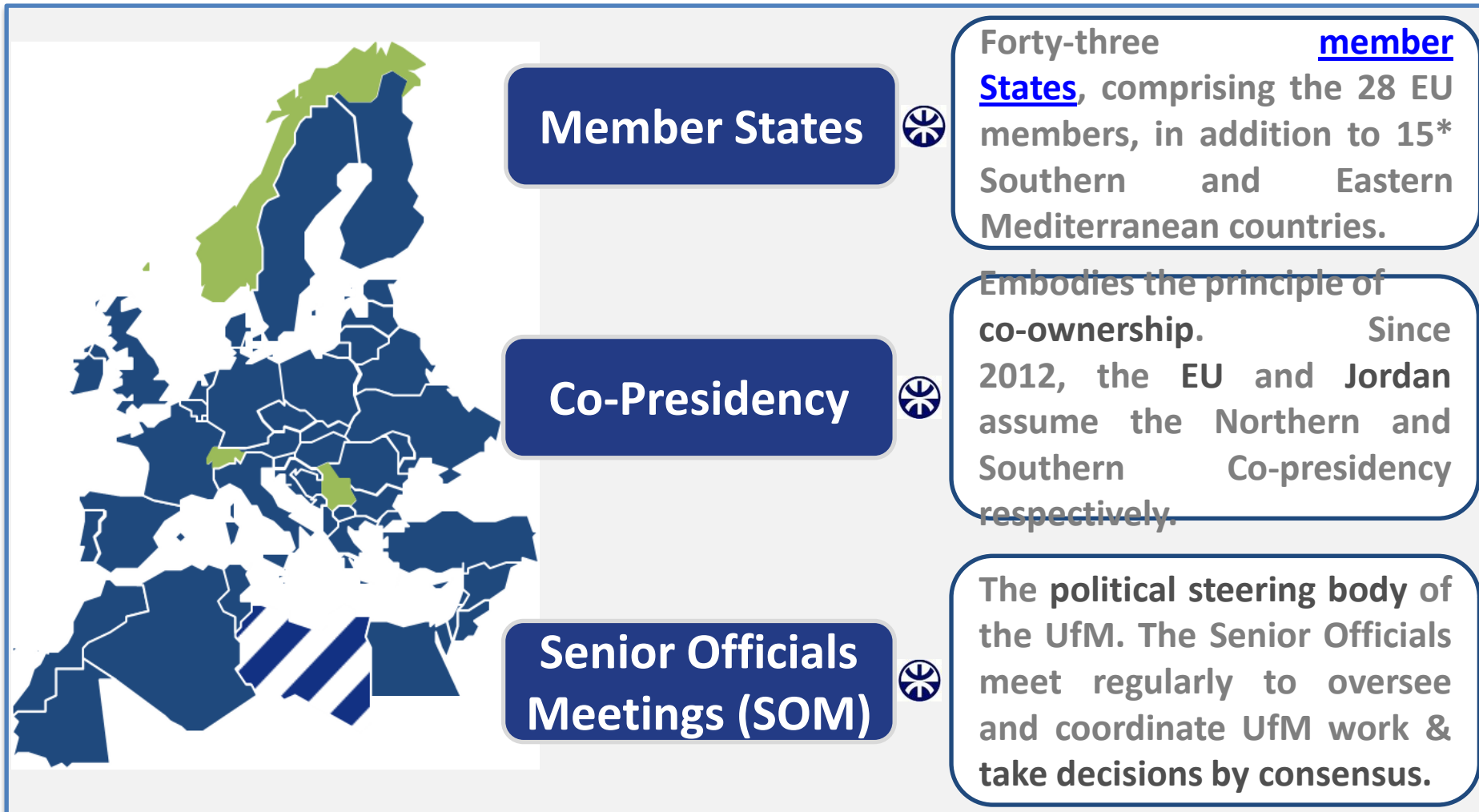
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UfM Secretariat



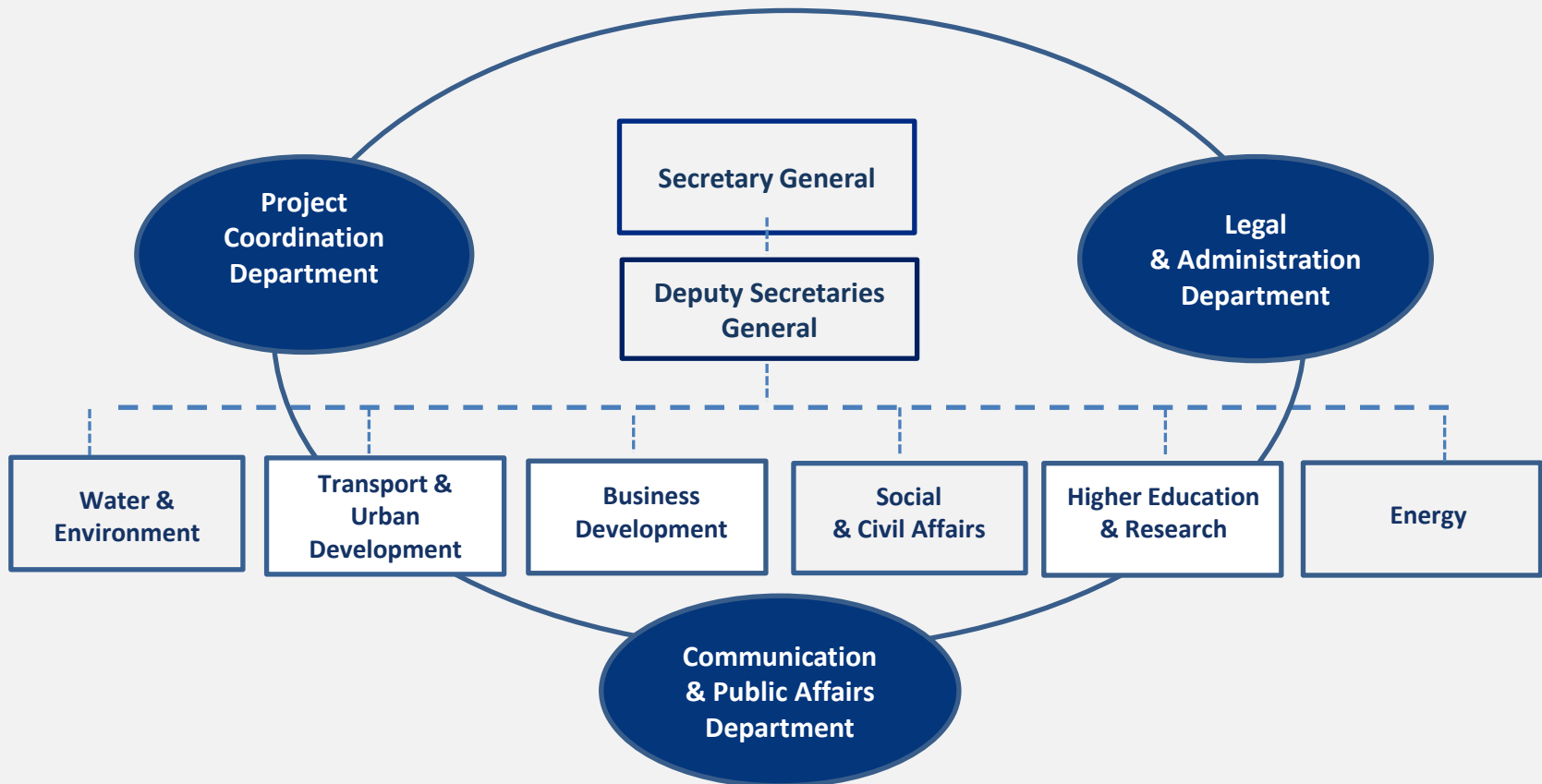
UfM Secretariat (UFMS) established in Barcelona as a facilitator and promoter of regional integration with a pragmatic approach on the basis of variable geometry. Following an initial focus on mega projects, the scope developed towards accompanying regional socio-economic developments.

Structure and Governing Bodies



* Syria has suspended its participation in December 2011.

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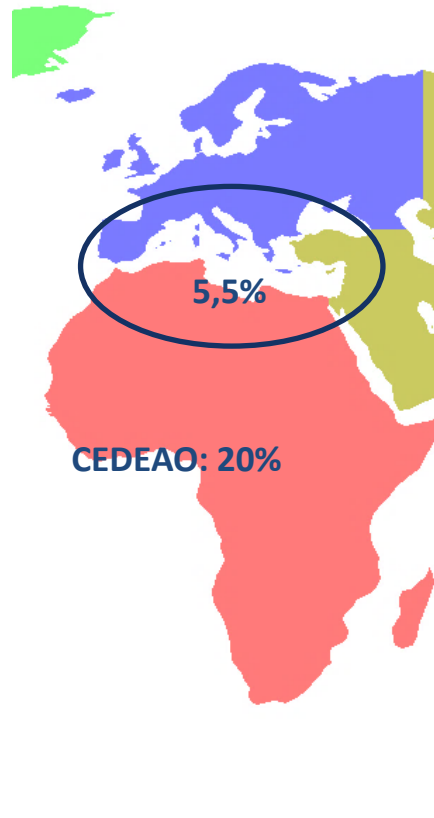




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II. A strategic objective: Reinforcing regional integration

Reinforcing regional integration



Challenges & Opportunities

Employment



The MENA region has one of the highest level of unemployment rates in the world (30% of youth are jobless and only 25% of women in the region are in the labour market).

Energy



Energy consumption in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries could go up by 70% by 2030.

Water



180 million people in the Mediterranean basin suffer water poverty.

Investments



The MENA region attracts less than 3% of the global FDIs.

Regional Trade



Intra-regional trade between the Southern Mediterranean countries accounts for only 5,5% of their external trade.

Food Security



Higher Education & Research



Mobility

Mandate and Priority Areas



**Business
Development / SMEs**



**Water
& Environment**



Social & Civil Affairs



**Transport & Urban
Development**



**Higher Education
& Research**



**Renewable Energy
& Climate Change**



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III. An operational mandate: the development of an effective cooperation between countries of the region

UfM Ministerial Meetings 2013-2014

30 Sep 2014
Brussels



UfM Ministerial Meeting on the Digital Economy ([Declaration](#))

13 May 2014
Athens



UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change ([Declaration](#))

19 Feb 2014
Brussels



UfM Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation ([Declaration](#))

11 Dec 2013
Brussels



UfM Ministerial Meeting on [Energy](#)

14 Nov 2013
Brussels



UfM Ministerial Meeting on [Transport](#) (Declaration)

12 Sep 2013
Paris



UfM Ministerial Meeting on Strengthening the Role of Women in Society ([Declaration](#))

Regional Platform for Sectorial Dialogue

29 labelled projects

Young Women as Job Creators
 Skills for Success: Employability Skills for Women
 Developing Women Empowerment
 Forming Responsible Citizens
 Tafila Wind Farm
 Euro-Med Development Centre for MSMEs – EMDC
 Generation Entrepreneur
 Promoting Mobile Financial Services in the Med partner countries
 Entreprises et emplois au sud de la Méditerranée
 Three EMUNI Masters Programmes
 Three areas of EMUNI Ph.D. Research Programmes
 IEMSR Master Study Programme in Risk Science
 Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez
 Higher Education on Food Security and Rural Development
 MedNC Network
 Second Chance Mediterranean Network
 High Opportunity for Mediterranean Executives Recruitment
 HOMERe
 LOGISMED Training Activities (LOGISMEDTA)
 Completion of the central section of the trans-Maghreb motorway axis
 Jordan National Railway Project as part of a Regional Railway Network
 Imbaba Urban Upgrade
 Sfax Taparura Development
 Gaza Desalinization Plant
 Overcoming Governance Challenges for the Mobilization of Financing in the Water Sector
 Integrated Depollution of Lake Bizerte
 ReScP: Promotion of the adoption of sustainable consumption and production/ Resource efficiency in the Mediterranean
 Towards a Water Knowledge Platform
 Med-CS; Strengthening Civil Society in the Med region
 Water Integrity in MENA
 Regional platform for the Development of Culture and Creative Industries & Clusters in the Southern Mediterranean

Strategic Initiatives & Regional Policy Dialogue Platforms

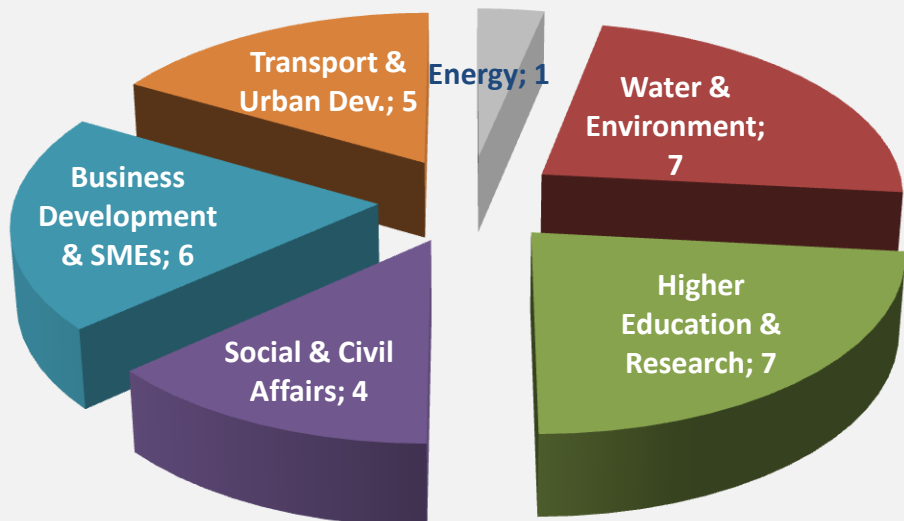
- Urban Projects Finance Initiative (UPFI)
- Mediterranean Initiative for Jobs (Med4Jobs)
- Strategy for Women Empowerment
- Horizon 2020 Initiative
- Strategy for the Private Sector Development
- Energy and Climate Change
- Food Security
- Higher Education Mobility
- Digital Economy
- Blue Economy
- etc

Working Groups

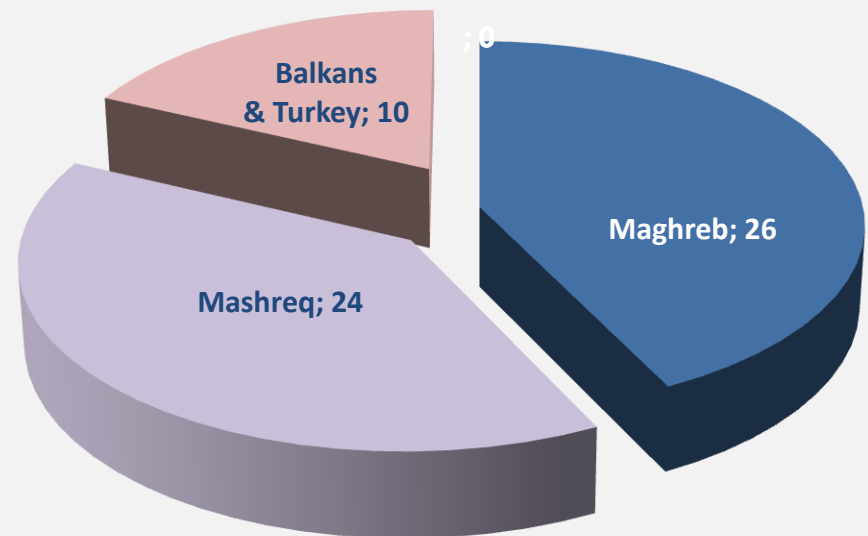
- **Sectorial Working Groups:**
 - UfM W.G. on Urban Development
 - UfM W.G. on Transport
 - Food Security
 - Private Sector
 - E (Economy, Health, ...)
- **Extended Technical Committees:**
 - ETC for Promoting regional dialogue and technical cooperation in the field of Energy
- **Steering Committees:**
 - H2020 Initiative
 - UPFI
 - LOGISMED-TA
 - Med4Jobs
 - Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Steer. Com. for the preparation of the UfM Women Conference
 - The Southern Neighbourhood Advisory Programme for the Transport Sector ('SNAP-T')
 - MSP-PPI
 - Neighbourhood Investment Facility
 - ERANETMED
- **Advisory Boards:**
 - Med4Jobs
- **Expert Groups:**
 - UfM Water Expert Group
 - UfM Climate Change Expert Group
 - Groupe interacadémique pour le développement – GID
 - Euro-Mediterranean Group of Senior Officials in Research and Innovation - EU-Med GSO
 - Digital Economy
 - Trade
- **Ad-hoc SOMs:**
 - Environment and Climate Change
 - Gender Equality

Breakdown of UfM Projects

30 UfM-labelled projects
(12 projects launched)



Labelled projects by region



Project development in the UfMS I Key Partners

Strategic partners

- ⊗ The European Union.
- ⊗ European Investment Bank (EIB).
- ⊗ European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Concretisation of UfM projects co-funding with donors

- ⊗ **Government of Norway:** Funding for Young Women as Job Creators and Skills for Success; Norwegian funding framework agreement in final stages of negotiation
- ⊗ **Government of Sweden:** SIDA support to the Governance & Financing project – exploring opportunity of broad framework agreement on common priorities for regional projects
- ⊗ **Flanders:** support to the Skills for Success project

Initiation and strengthening of relations with bilateral development agencies and financial institutions



Project development in the UfMS | Key Partners

Development of links with institutions from the Gulf

- ❁ **Islamic Development Bank** : Joint advancement of the desalination facility for Gaza project and coordination of Gulf funding
- ❁ **Abu Dhabi Fund for Development**: Partnership and co-funder of projects



Consolidation of dialogue and coordination with multilateral donors

- ❁ **WORLD Bank**: Three level dialogue : WB headquarters, Deauville partnership and CMI (Center for Mediterranean Integration)
- ❁ **Deauville Partnership/ Transition Fund**: project funding and coordination



A relevant variety of institutional partners

Type of Partnership Nature of stakeholder	Institutional	Financial	Operational	Networking
International Organization, Governments and Public Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIDO • UNWOMEN • FAO • ILO • GWTO The Group of Ministers of Transport of the Western Mediterranean • UPUPM Parliamentary Assembly – Union for the Mediterranean • ARLEM • EC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finnish and Norwegian Cooperation • Kingdom of Morocco • SIDA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIDO • UNEP/MAP • UNWOMEN • IRU International Road Transport Union • CMI Center for Mediterranean Integration • Finnish Cooperation • EC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATO Arab Town Organization • ARLEM
Financial Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIB • EBRD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIB • EBRD • AFD • KFW • CDC 		
Technical Agencies and Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCAME Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETF European Training Foundation Medener • RECREE Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency • MENBO Managers of waters resources • EMDC Eastern marine Development Cooperation • CETMO Centre for Transportation Studies for the Western Mediterranean • ASCAME 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medcities • CSIC Spanish National Research Council and other national research councils • INTA International Urban Development Association • EEA European Environment Agency • MedPan Mediterranean marine protected area managers
NGOs			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFAEMME 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWP Med
Universities, Research Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIMED • CIHEAM The international Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIDOB • IEMED • CIHEAM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIMED

Integrated Programme for Depollution of Lake Bizerte



Promoter	Ministry of Equipment and Environment of Tunisia
Result	Eliminate the main sources of pollution contaminating the lake and affecting the bordering communities
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of sanitary conditions for 400,000 inhabitants living close to the sources of pollution (531,000 in the entire Governorate) • Improvement of sustainable industrial production for more than 20 public and private companies • Access to sanitation for 10,000 people in the urban areas and 26,000 in rural areas
Duration	2014-2019
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Investment Bank (EIB) • United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Budget	EUR 90 million

Urban Projects Finance Initiative (UPFI)



Partners

European Commission (EUROPEAD), EIB, AFD, KFW, CDC

Objective

Creating a shared and common framework for the development of sustainable urban and territorial development strategies and projects.

Projects

Sfax Taparura (Tunisia)
 Medinas Rehabilitation (Tunisia)
 Imbaba Upgrade Project (Egypt)
 Old Esna Downtown Rehabilitation (Egypt)
 Aqaba urban upgrading project (Jordan)
 Mohammed VI Green City (Morocco)
 Agadir BRT (Morocco)
 Rabat-Sale-Temara Urban Development Project (Morocco)
 Local and Regional Development Plan II (Jordan)
 Beirut New Waterfront (Lebanon)
 Handicrafts Industrial Zone & Revitalization of Old City of Nablus (Palestine)

The Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes

**Promoter**

Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Executive Training of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Objective

Creation of an international university with a focus on Euro-Mediterranean issues.

Beneficiaires

6 000 Students from across the Mediterranean region.

Launching

2015





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