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# **UfM Blue Economy Stakeholder Conference Naples end-November 2017**

**UfM BE Working Group  
Brussels 5 July 2017**

# Concept and objectives

The conference aims to promote discussion and exchanges amongst UfM stakeholders on developing a sustainable blue economy in the Mediterranean.

It will be an opportunity to take stock of progress made in the implementation of the UfM Ministerial Declaration on the Blue Economy and collect ideas and inputs to prepare a 2<sup>nd</sup> UfM Ministerial Conference on the Blue Economy.



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# The thematic workshops on the below topics will be at the core of the conference.

1. Marine research and innovation
2. Education, training and skill development in the maritime domain
3. Business development (maritime clusters, start-up, boosters, etc.) and investment (access to finance) in the blue economy
4. Maritime transport, safety and security, and sustainable ports
5. Sustainable aquaculture and fisheries, including small scale fisheries and coastal communities development
6. Coastal and maritime tourism and marinas
7. Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management
8. Renewable marine energies
9. Sustainable consumption and production in the blue economy
10. Marine and coastal environment protection (including Marine Protected Areas), marine pollution (including marine litter)

Themes and formats will be proposed by the maritime stakeholders applying to the call for workshops to be launched by UfM Secretariat in the following days.

Applications should be submitted on VKC- MED website and selected proposals will be published by end of September.



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# Draft Agenda: UfM Blue Economy Stakeholders Conference

Day 1 (tentative end-November 2017)

09:00 - 12:30 B2B matchmaking

14:00 - 15:30 Opening plenary - Technical session

16:00 - 17:30 3 Parallel workshops

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Day 2 (tentative end-November 2017)

09:30 - 13:00 3+3 Parallel workshops

14:30 - 17:00 Closing plenary - Political session



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# Thank you!



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