



**A blue economy for a sustainable development of
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“A blue economy for a healthy Mediterranean”

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The blue economy in the Mediterranean context

- In 2012, at the 17th Barcelona Convention CoPs held in Paris, the CP signed the **Paris Declaration calling for a "blue economy"** to be established to safeguard and promote a clean, healthy and productive Mediterranean environment.
- On 17 November 2015, the 43 countries of the **Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)** adopted a **Ministerial Declaration on the blue economy**.
- **SDG 14, 'conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development'**

The blue economy in the Mediterranean context

Integrated in the major Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) regional processes:

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol
- Ecosystems Approach (EcAp)
- Sustainable Consumption Pattern Action Plan (SCP/AP)
- Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework
- Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) 2016-2025

Project “A blue economy for a healthy Mediterranean”

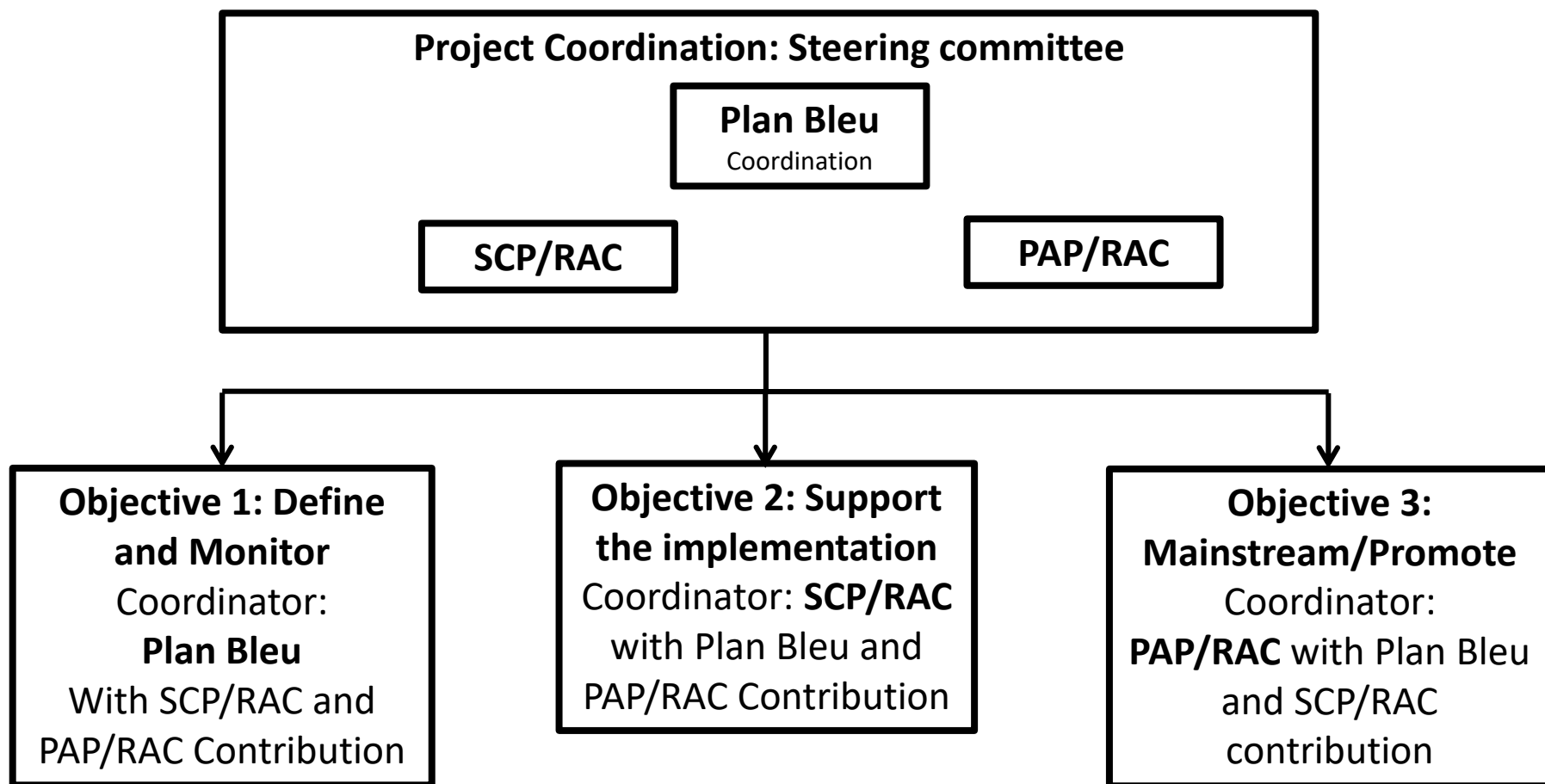
- Started in June 2015
- 3 components shared between 3 MAP/RACs:
SCP/RAC, PAP/RAC and Plan Bleu (Coordination)
- Funded by the Foundation MAVA

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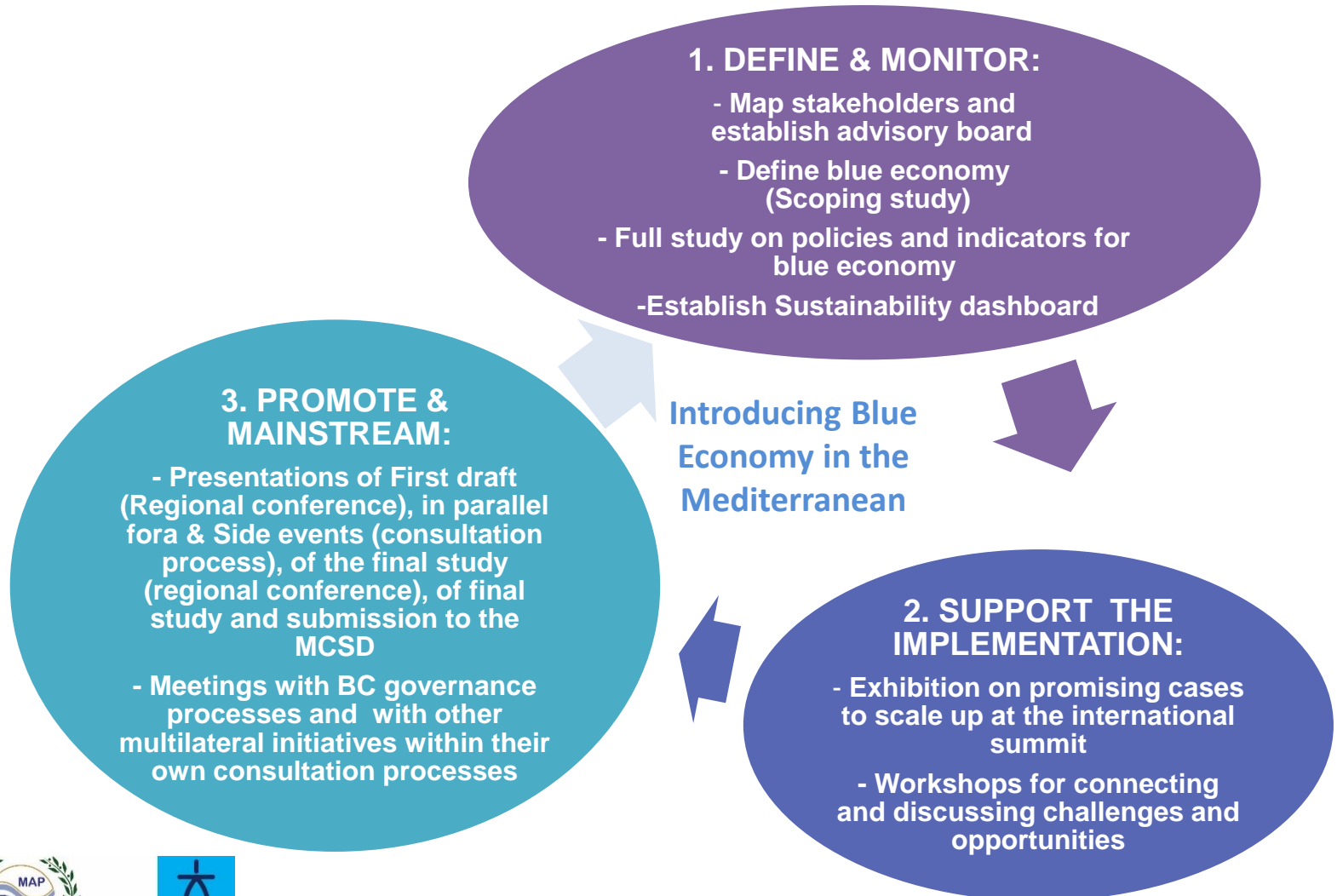
“Measuring, Monitoring and Promoting an environmentally sustainable economy in the Mediterranean region”

- To identify indicators, select tools and recommend policies to promote the “blue economy”
- To integrate the tools and measures defined by the “blue economy vision” within on-going regional processes contributing to sustainable development in the Mediterranean: MSSD, SCP Action Plan and ICZM Protocol

3 MAP RACs , 3 objectives



3 components



Major dates, events and outputs

Jul 2015	1 st Advisory Board Meeting
Oct 2015	Switchmed conference
Oct 2015	Restricted Advisory Board Meeting
Dec 2015	Scoping study
Sept 2016	Blue economy movie
Sept 2016	Coast Day focused on blue economy
Oct 2016	Joint workshop on SCP/AP, MSSD and BE indicators
Jan 2017	Full study and indicators
Apr 2017	Dashboard web site (1 st version)
May 2017	2 nd Advisory Board Meeting
May 2017	Conference of the project
June 2017	Dashboard web site completed

Main results

1. **A concrete definition of the “blue economy”** in the Mediterranean (for the project)
2. A critical review of the existing indicators and tools utilized in the “blue economy” policies and strategies aiming to propose a core set of the **most relevant indicators for the support of a “blue economy”** strategy for the Mediterranean region;
3. A trend analysis of this core set of "blue economy" indicators aiming to provide a **global picture of the “blue economy”** in the Mediterranean region.

Definition of the blue economy

*“**Blue economy** is a **low polluting, resource-efficient and circular economy** based on sustainable consumption and production patterns, enhancing human well-being and social equity, generating economic value and employment, and significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities.*

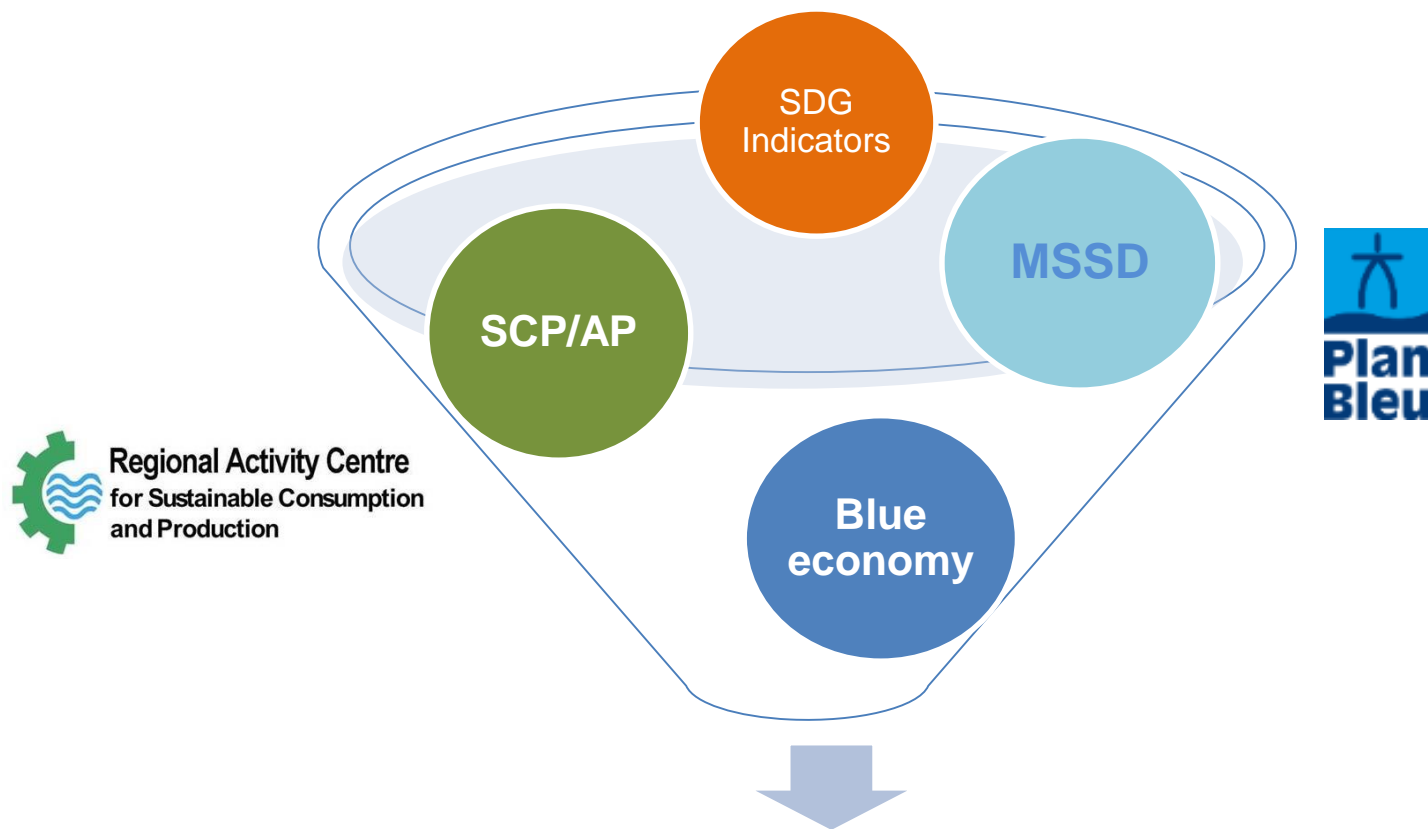
*The blue economy allows **preserving Mediterranean healthy marine and coastal ecosystems** and ensures the continuous delivery of goods and services for present and future generations.*

Definition of the blue economy : 5 sectors

Progress towards a successful blue economy relies on the sustainable development of key socioeconomic activities:

- 1. fisheries and aquaculture;*
- 2. tourism and recreational activities;*
- 3. maritime transport and port activities;*
- 4. bio-prospecting, underwater mining;*
- 5. exploitation of renewable energy sources”.*

Indicators core set: selection process



Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard (Plan Bleu)

SCP Set of Indicators (SCP/RAC)

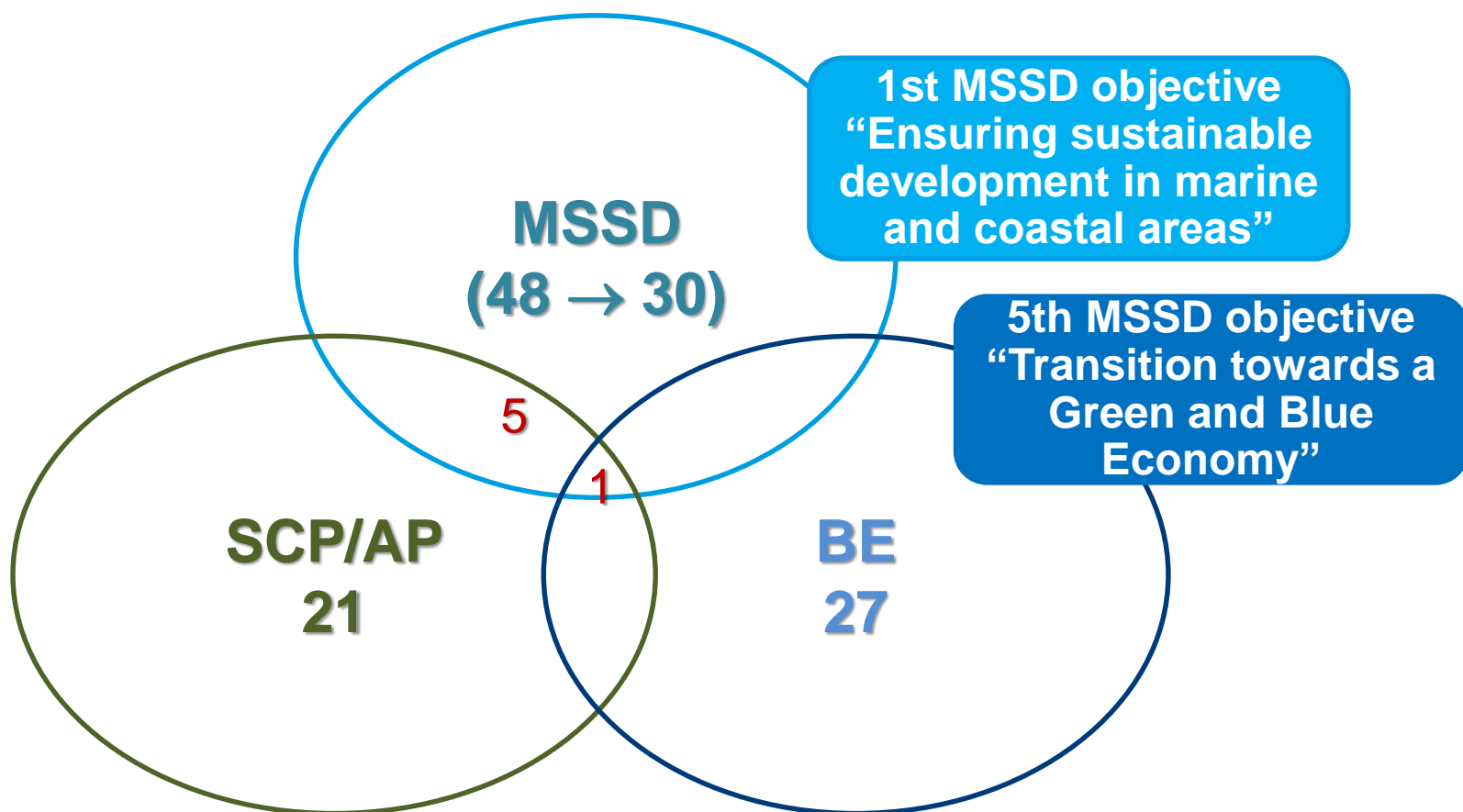
Blue economy Indicators

Based on existing experiences

The existing indicators sets, targets and goals :

- **SDG**
- **EU Coastal projects (DEDUCE, PEGASO, ...)**
- **MSSD 2005**
- **MSSD 2016-20125**
- **SCP/AP**

3 complementary indicators sets



MSSD 2016-2025 core set of indicators

- MSSD 2016-2025, approved at the 19th BC COP (Jan 2016)
- 1st Core set of indicators (March 2016)
- Deskwork, Assessment
- 2nd Core set of indicators (Oct 2016)
- Consultation by MCSD SC, FP (Feb-April 2017)
- “Adoption” at the next MCSD meeting (Jul 217)
- Adoption at the 20th BC COP (Dec 2017)

Outputs : Compendium of indicators factsheets



Draft version is available on the Sustainability dashboard web site

(need to be reviewed with MSCD SC comments)

Mediterranean Sustainability dashboard



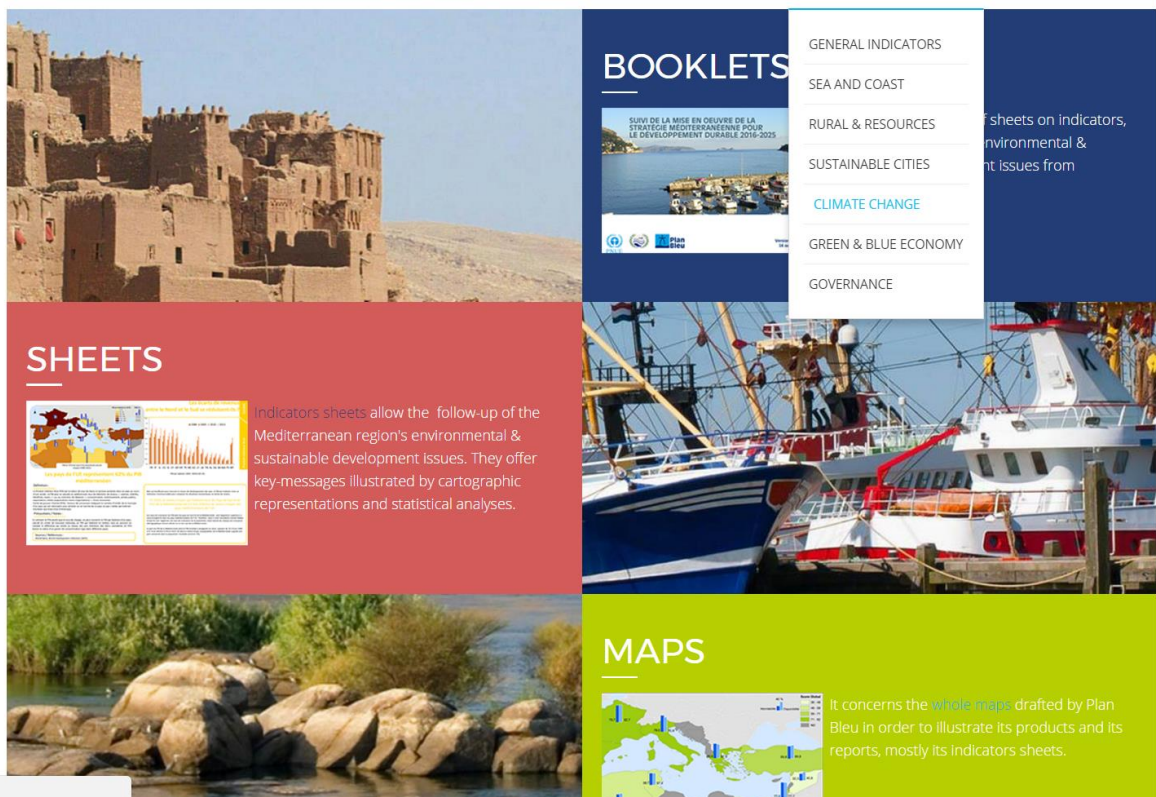
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A prototype of the Sustainability dashboard web site is now available
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