



PLAN BLEU

MEDITERRANEAN OBSERVATORY ON ENVIRONMENT
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT





PLAN BLEU, REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE OF MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

Plan Bleu produces studies and scenarios for the future in order to raise awareness of Mediterranean stakeholders and decision-makers regarding environment and sustainable development issues in the region.

Located in Sophia Antipolis and Marseille, Plan Bleu is managed by an association under French law (1901 law). Activities are carried out by a 15-people team, being supported by Mediterranean experts and validated by the Countries' Focal points.

Funding is ensured by Mediterranean countries and the European Union, as well as by an allocation from the French Ministry for the Environment and some contributions to the common works and projects provided by various institutions and partners.



OUR MISSIONS

-  **Observing environment and development to enlighten decision makers** 
-  **Shaping possible futures for sustainable development** 
-  **Monitoring the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development** 
-  **Integrating climate change as a priority** 
-  **Supporting the transition towards a green and blue economy** 
-  **Providing socioeconomic insights for the appropriate management of Mediterranean resources** 

SOME KEY FIGURES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

 MEDITERRANEAN REGION, FIRST TOURIST DESTINATION IN THE WORLD	 30% OF WORLD MARITIME TRAFFIC	 80 MILLION OF MEDITERRANEAN PEOPLE FACE WATER SHORTAGE	 10% OF THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OF FLOWERING PLANTS, OF WHICH MORE THAN HALF ENDEMIC
 NEARLY 40% ARTIFICIALIZED COASTLINE	 18% OF MARINE MACROSCOPIC SPECIES IN ONLY 1% OF THE WORLD OCEAN AREA	 FOSSIL ENERGY: 76% OF PRIMARY ENERGY DEMAND, RENEWABLE ENERGY: 11% OF ENERGY MIX	 2 OUT OF 3 MEDITERRANEAN PEOPLE LIVE IN URBAN AREAS
 2 TO 3°C TEMPERATURE RISING BY 2050	 500 MILLION INHABITANTS, 7% OF WORLD POPULATION	 73,000 FISHING VESSELS, 80% OF WHICH IS ARTISANAL FISHING	 CARBON STOCK ESTIMATED AT 5 BILLION TONNES



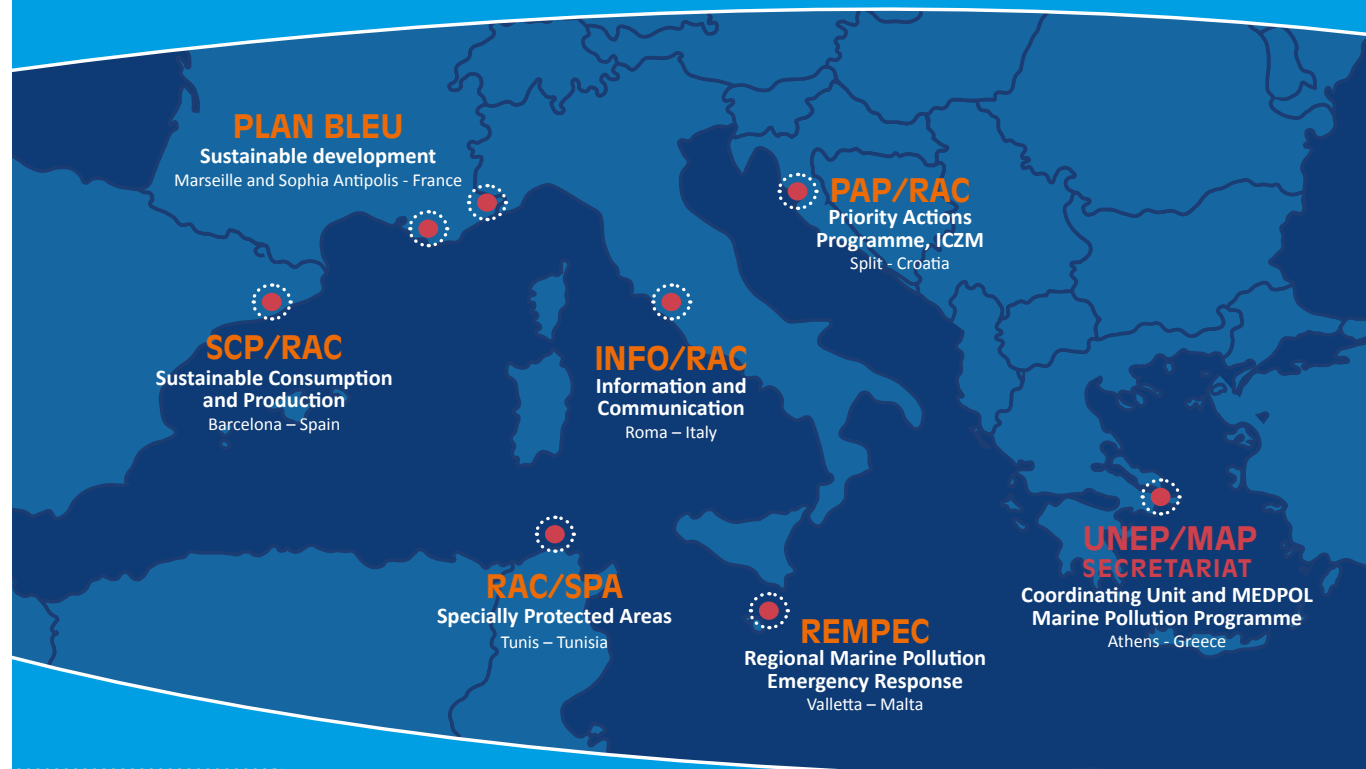
MAIN PARTNERS



ABOUT

In 1976, the Mediterranean-rim countries and the European Community adopted the Barcelona Convention to protect marine environment and its coastal areas. The necessity to address collectively development and environment in order to build a sustainable future for the Mediterranean is already fully integrated by signatory countries.

Plan Bleu is one of the Regional Activity Centres put in place by France since 1977 for the benefit of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Its program of work is approved every two years by the Contracting parties to the Barcelona Convention. A lot of publications are available on Plan Bleu's website: www.planbleu.org



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