The WestMED Initiative is one of the sea basin strategies that has been created to help public institutions, academia, local communities, small and medium sized companies, and entrepreneurs from both sides of the Mediterranean, develop local and regional projects to strengthen the Sustainable Blue Economy.

**3 Goals**
- A Smart and Resilient Blue Economy
- A Safer and more Secure Maritime Space
- Improved Maritime Governance

**6 Selected Priorities**
1. Sustainable Consumption and Production
2. Development of Coastal Communities and Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture
3. Skills, Knowledge and Capacity Development
4. Maritime clusters and Value Chain Development
5. Thematic Drivers: Sustainable Consumption and Production, Green Shipping, Blue Skills
6. Improved Maritime Governance

**WestMED Assistance Mechanism**
- Supports the implementation of the WestMED Initiative. It is governed by a Steering Committee and supported by a Central Management Team and 9 National Hubs - including Libyan involvement.
- It helps:
  1. Drive national and cross-border discussions with influential players from both shores on key thematic maritime topics across the western Mediterranean. Primarily via technical- / working groups, resulting in priority setting, consortium building and joint project proposals.
  2. Assist stakeholders with the relevant tools to help develop projects (matchmaking, funding opportunities and proposal writing).

**WestMED branded events**
- **53** WestMED branded events organised
- **29** Project-funding proposals awarded
- **€50.8 million**

**Public Promotion of the Blue Economy and the WestMED Initiative**
- **1.700+** Tweets/ posts on news, funding calls and events (Website and Twitter)
- **1 National Maritime Strategy developed with WestMED support (Algeria)**
- **1 National Maritime Cluster created with WestMED support (Mauritania) and other clusters being assisted in Southern partner countries with different levels of development**
- **1 Training session for southern stakeholders focused on developing project proposals to help access funding for maritime projects**
- **1 Maritime Clusters Alliance**

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