

The Role of the Tunisian Maritime Cluster in Marine Spatial Planning in Tunisia

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Our Mission



Creation : 25 October 2019

- Identify maritime issues and support promising projects
- Dialogue with institutions to contribute to the development of the blue economy
- Be part of a regional and inclusive dynamic of the Blue economy

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The objectives of the Tunisian Maritime Cluster

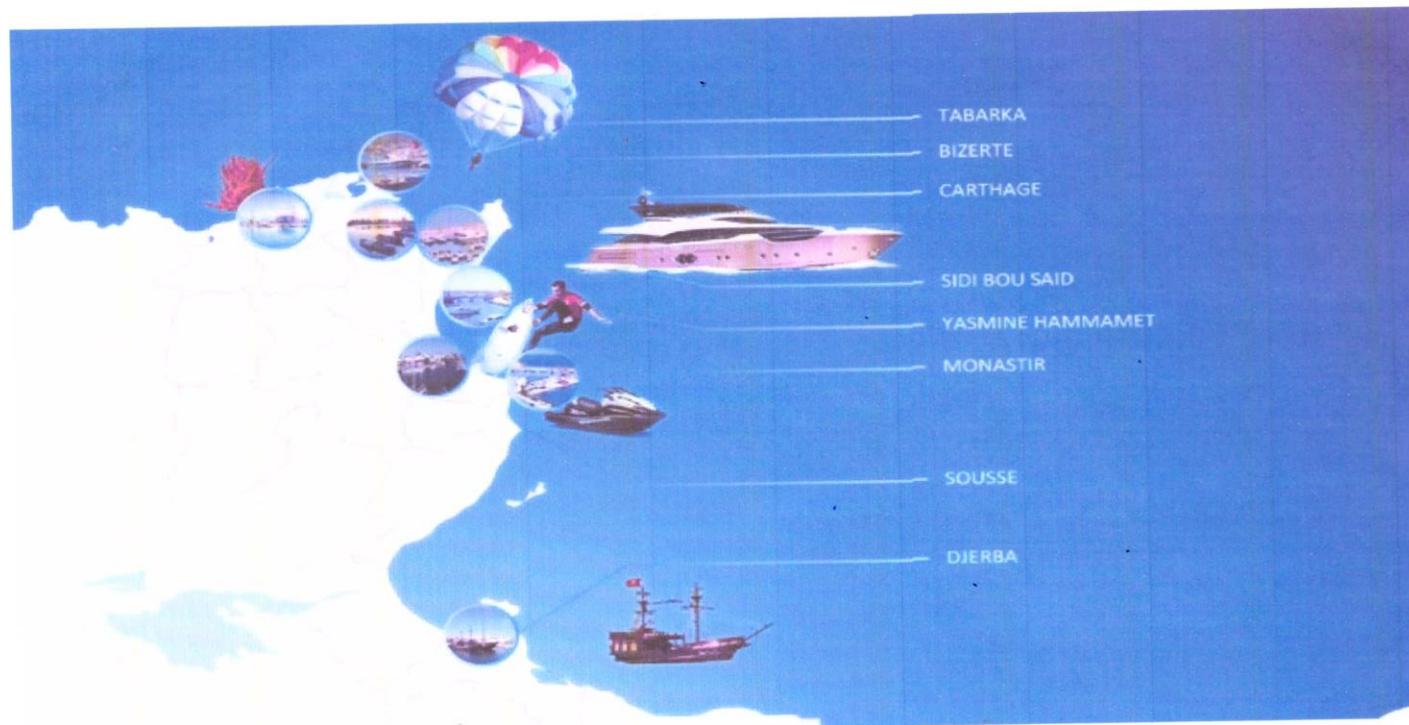
1. Contribute to the development of the country's maritime sectors and activities and related activities
2. Contribute to the advancement of the blue economy by supporting private initiatives and encouraging global and sustainable development of the sector
3. Increase maritime innovation and improve the business environment for companies in the maritime sector
4. Develop partnerships with similar maritime Clusters at the international level and with organizations concerned with the blue economy.

1. Contribute to the development of the country's maritime sectors and activities and related activities

- Participation in the reflection of **the transport sector in the island of Djerba** for the promotion of alternative and resilient marine tourism by 2030 and 2050 as part of the Co-evolve project in partnership with INSTM



Les marinas en Tunisie: Huit ports et 3 226 anneaux



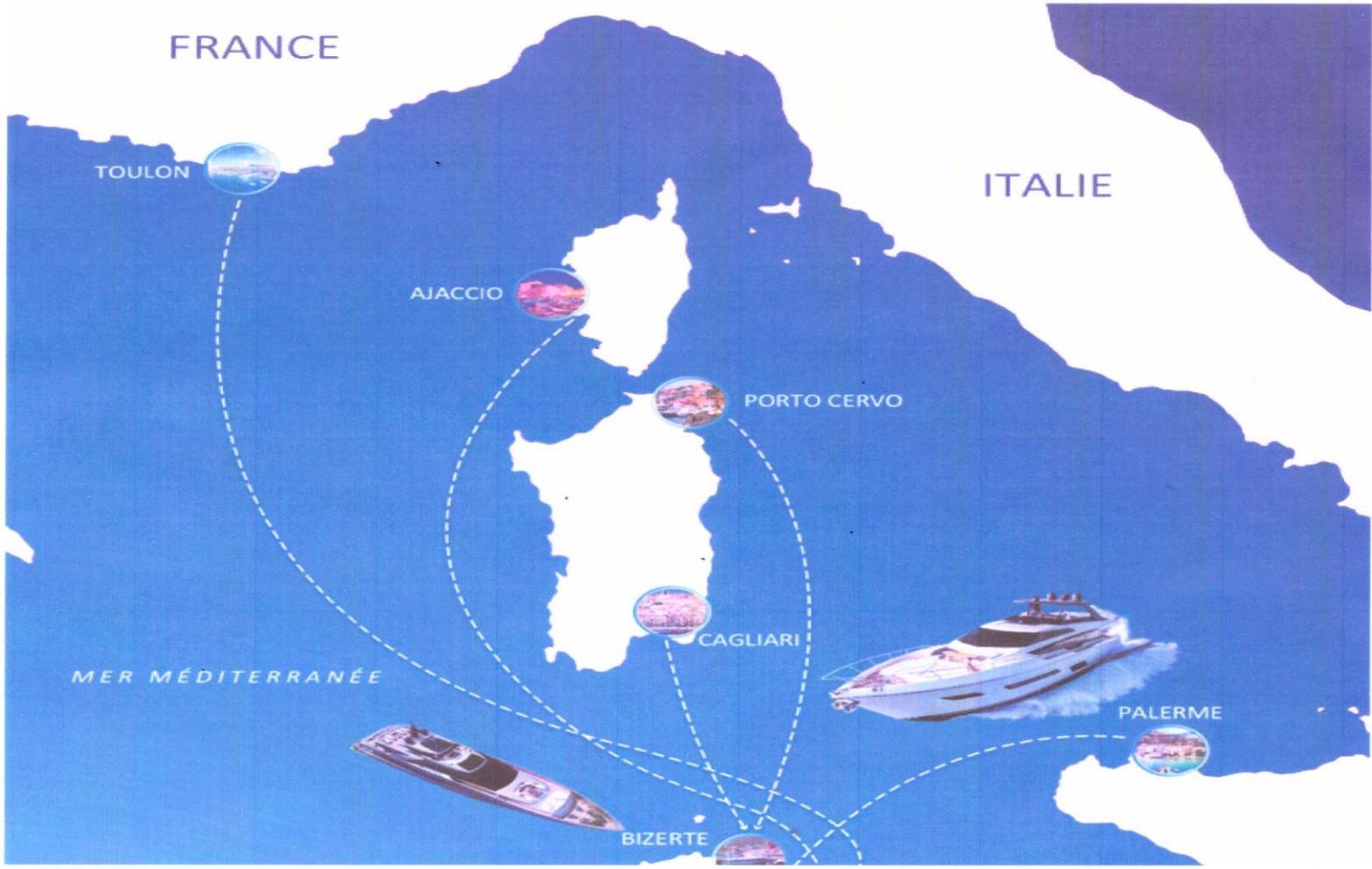
La Tunisie égrène sur son littoral huit ports de plaisance totalisant une capacité (théorique) de près de 3 266 anneaux. Une terminologie précise est à prendre en considération. C'est ainsi que l'amodiation indique la propriété de l'anneau. La location ne doit pas être confondue avec l'occupation effective. On peut louer un anneau et ne pas l'occuper.

Port	Anneaux
Marina de Tabarka	140
Marina de Bizerte	800

Marina de Gammarth	466
Marina de Sidi Bou Said	400
Marina de Yasmine Hammamet	720
Marina Port El Kantaoui	340
Marina de Monastir	300
Marina de Houmet Essouk (Djerba)	100
Total	3 266

A côté de ces ports dédiés, il convient d'ajouter une douzaine de ports de pêche, accessibles aux plaisanciers et qui accueillent, amarrés à leurs quais, de petites embarcations (zodiacs, hors-bords, voiliers...). Comment les mettre à profit pour la promotion du nautisme sans porter atteinte à la pêche ? La question est à l'étude entre le ministère du Tourisme et de l'Artisanat et celui de l'Agriculture, des Ressources hydrauliques et de la Pêche, ainsi que la profession.

Plus particulièrement, le cas du port de pêche d'Aghir (Djerba), ensablé et laissé à l'abandon, est pris en charge pour étude par le Tourisme.





Une position exceptionnelle, don de la nature, depuis l'aube des temps. La Tunisie est à des distances très réduites de proches principaux ports de plaisance :

• Pantelleria-Kélibia	40 miles nautiques
• Porto Cervo-Bizerte	234 miles nautiques
• Palerme-Sidi Bou Said	177 miles nautiques
• Cagliari-Bizerte	122 miles nautiques
• La Valette-Port El Kantaoui	192 miles nautiques
• Ajaccio-La Goulette	341 miles nautiques
• Toulon-La Goulette	450 miles nautiques

“Cluster Alliance Medbleu”

Key Activities :

- Establishment of a pan-African alliance in the North and a common strategic plan for our Cluster and maritime clusters
- Business activities and networking initiatives between key actors of maritime clusters

2. Dialogue with institutions to contribute to the development of the blue economy

- ❑ Development of exchanges with blue economy research training centers (blue economy center of excellence in Triest (Italy) for exemple)



3. Partnership & investment opportunities The development of maritime clusters on the southern shore of the Mediterranean

- Discussion of the first ideas for the creation of the Maghreb maritime cluster with the President of the Arab Maghreb Union and the League of Arab States



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Partnership & investment opportunities The development of maritime clusters on the southern shore of the Mediterranean

- Identification of country resource persons and start of implementation of the Malta roadmap as part of **Medbleu 2022** organized in partnership with **Cluster Big italia**



strengthening South-South
collaboration in the context of the
SEAFUTURE 2023 regional events
(with WestMED National Hub for
Italy)

The Mauritania Maritime Cluster



Malta in June 2023



WESTMED CLUSTER ALLIANCE

Main features :

- .June 2021: launched officially
- .Maritime clusters = leading on a range of strategic actions
- .Geographical scope : northern and western Med focus (but open to eastern clusters)

Main activities :

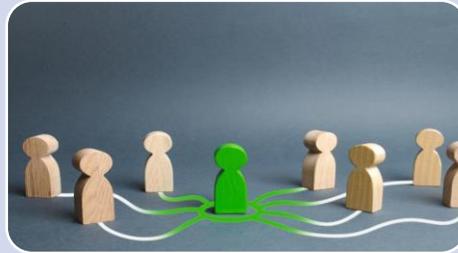
- .Cluster dialogue : leading of Pole Mer Méditerranée
- .Capacity building South-South : leading of Cluster Maritime Tunisien**
- .Capacity building North-South : leading of blue italian Growth
- .Investment attraction : leading of Forum Oceano

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Coordination

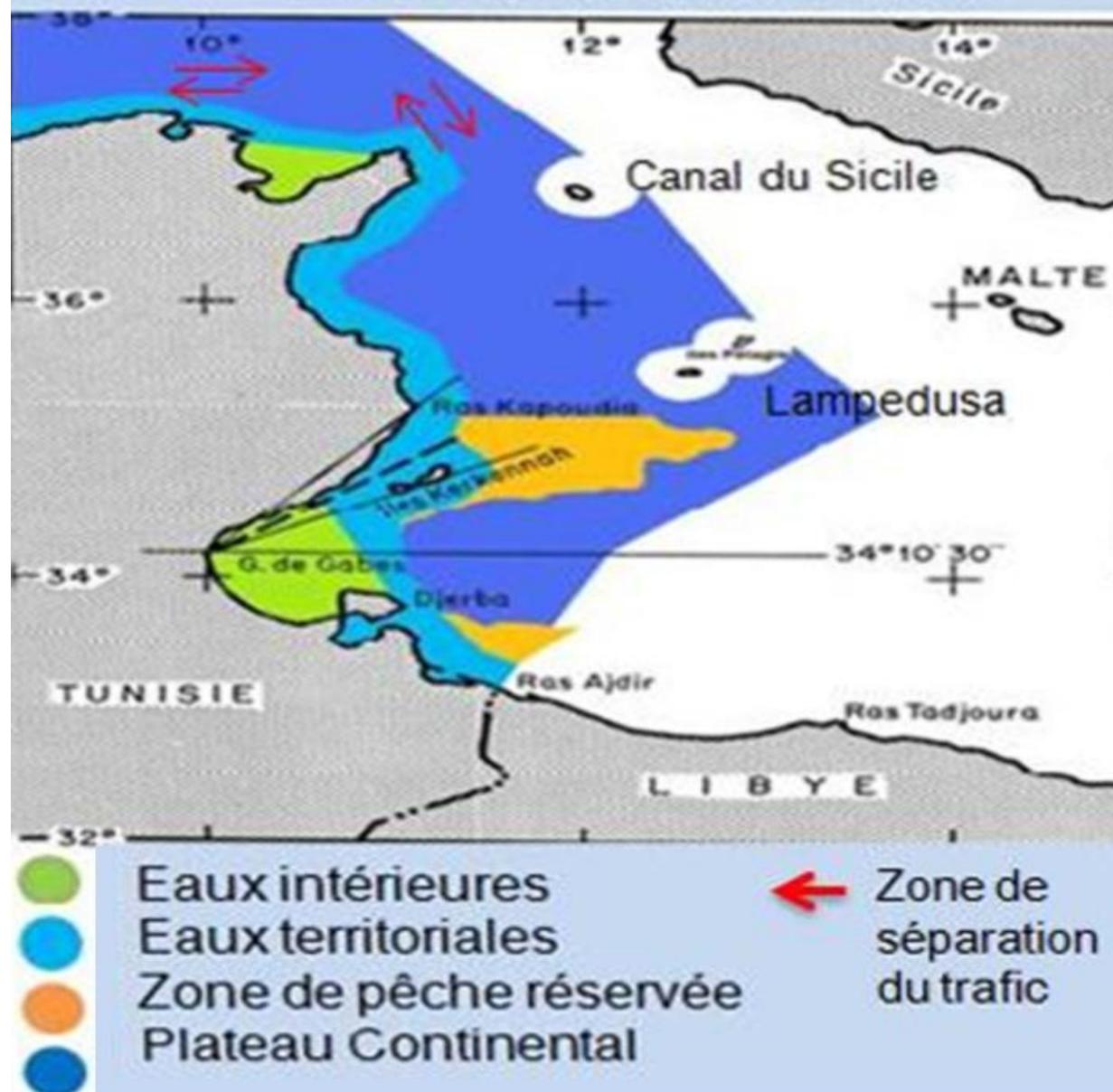


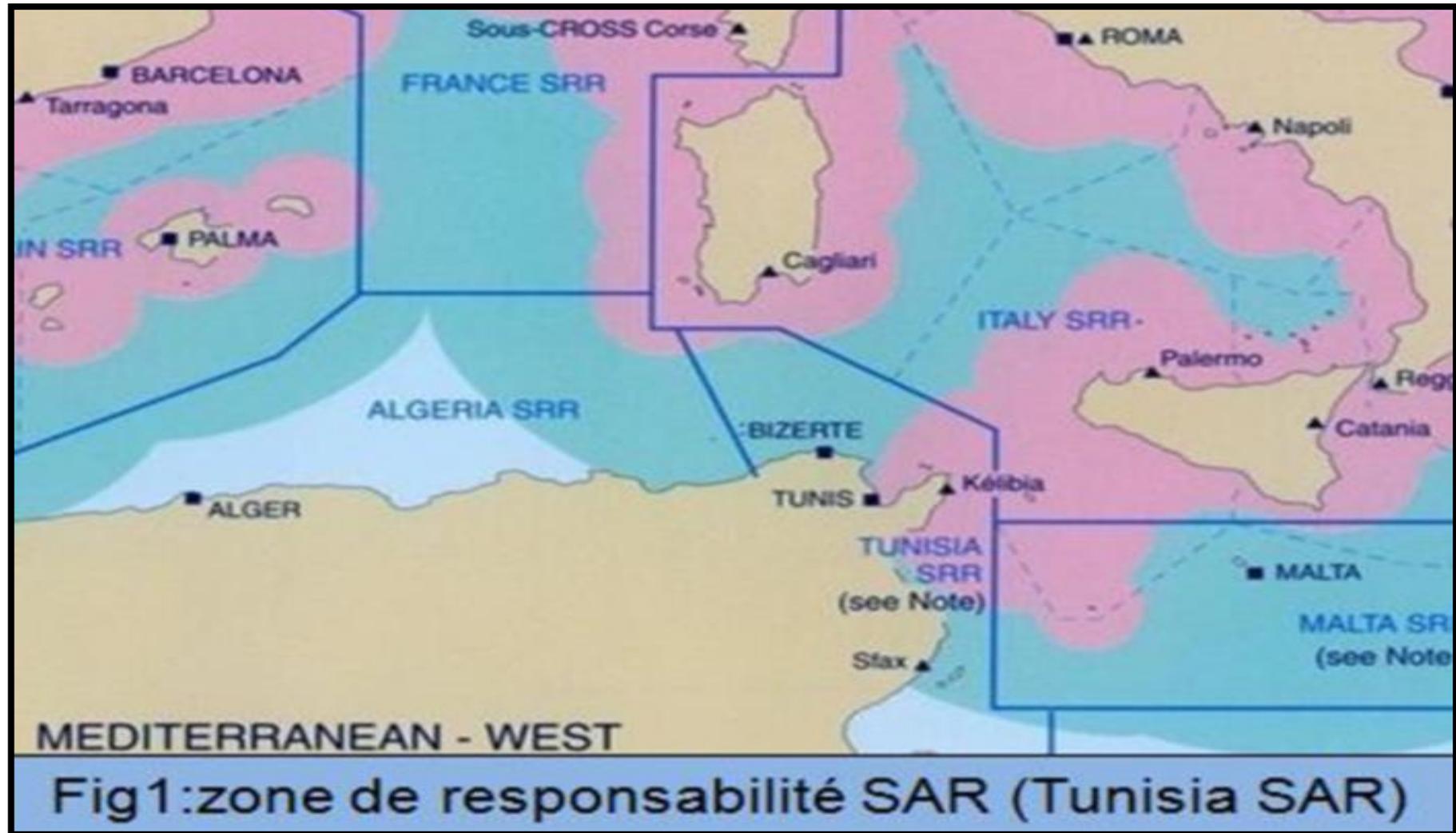
Collaboration



Development

fig2 :Les espaces maritimes







Coordination

Our **coordination** function involves several key aspects

- ❑ Bringing Stakeholders together around the diverse perspectives necessary for effective marine spatial planning: We bring together 30 maritime stakeholders in several areas such as: transport, tourism, research, consulting services
- ❑ We Facilitate the Exchange of Information to our members: We act as a platform to share crucial information on marine activities, geospatial data, ongoing projects, environmental challenges, regulations, etc.
- ❑ Implementation of work themes: We organize thematic working groups to address specific issues related to marine spatial planning, such as transport etc. These groups allow for in-depth analysis and targeted coordination.



Collaboration

Our **collaboration** function involves several key aspects

- ❑ **Research Collaboration:** We have established formal partnerships with research institutes specializing in marine fields such as INSTM, which allows us to deepen our understanding of marine issues and contribute to more effective and sustainable marine spatial planning.
- ❑ **Strategic Collaboration :** collaboration with the Department of Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs consisted in supporting the integration of the country's maritime potential into national development policies
- ❑ **Support for joint initiatives, such as the Commune of Sousse:** we have collaborated with the Commune of Sousse to raise awareness of integrating marine considerations into local development plans. This ensures a holistic approach to coastal zone management.
- ❑ **collaboration with the media:** We ensured interventions with the media to raise public awareness on the importance of marine spatial planning as an effective governance tool



Our **Development** function involves several key aspects

- ❑ Identification of Opportunities : By collaborating with partners, we are in the process of identifying the economic opportunities offered by marine spaces, taking into account local needs and capacities. (project Callmeblue for exemple)
- ❑ Infrastructure Improvement: We collaborate with local authorities and stakeholders to develop the necessary infrastructure such as ports (Signature between the port of Rades and tarento)
- ❑ Promotion of the Maritime Economy and new maritime professions for young and women : we participated in the identification of emerging maritime sectors within the framework of forums and events and others publications.

CONCLUSION

Promoting marine spatial planning involves well-orchestrated coordination, collaboration, and development. The Tunisian Maritime Cluster now plays an essential role in these areas to promote sustainable and coherent management of marine areas.

Thank You

