



MED Platforms and IT Mirror Platforms: Making BLUEMED operational

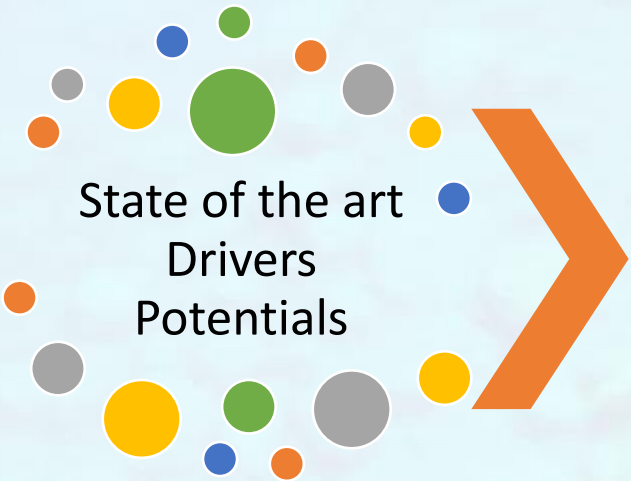
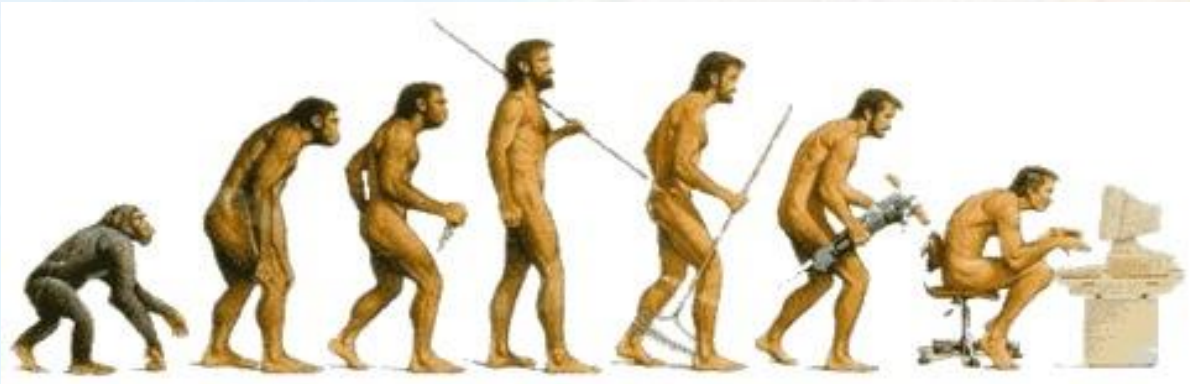
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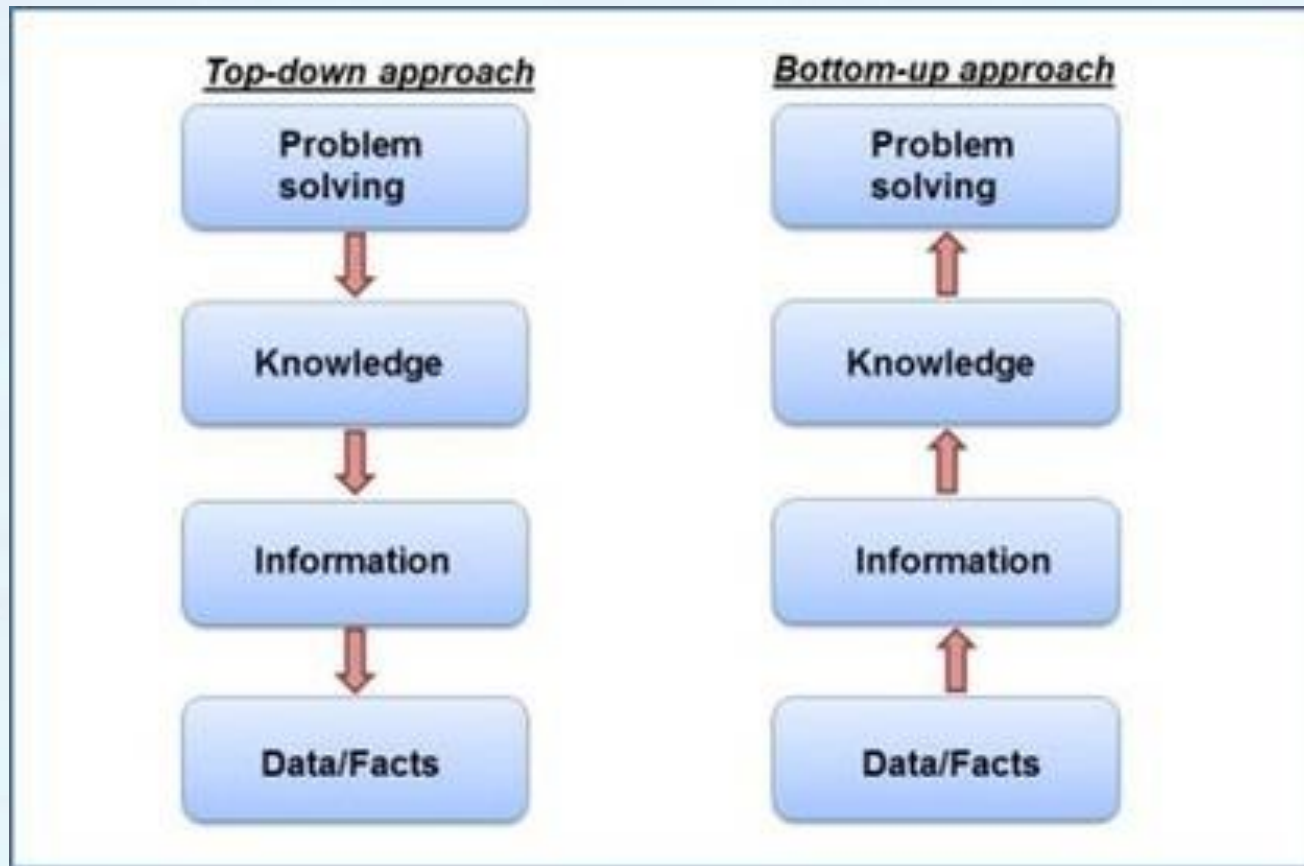
What are the Platforms for



SRIA
+
Implementation Plan

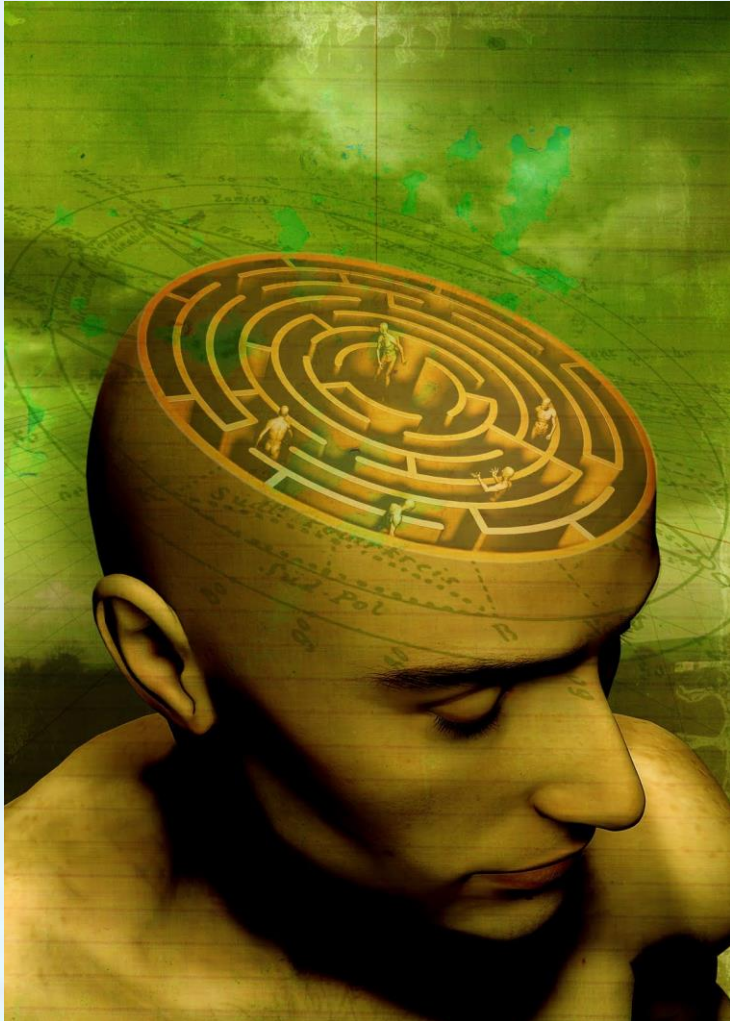


The Top-Down vs Bottom-Up dilemma



- Inclusiveness
- Team working
- Transparency
- Vision
- Organized process
- Effectiveness
- From wide scale to local scale (in space and time)
- Multi-dimensional space and community

How to do it / How to get organized



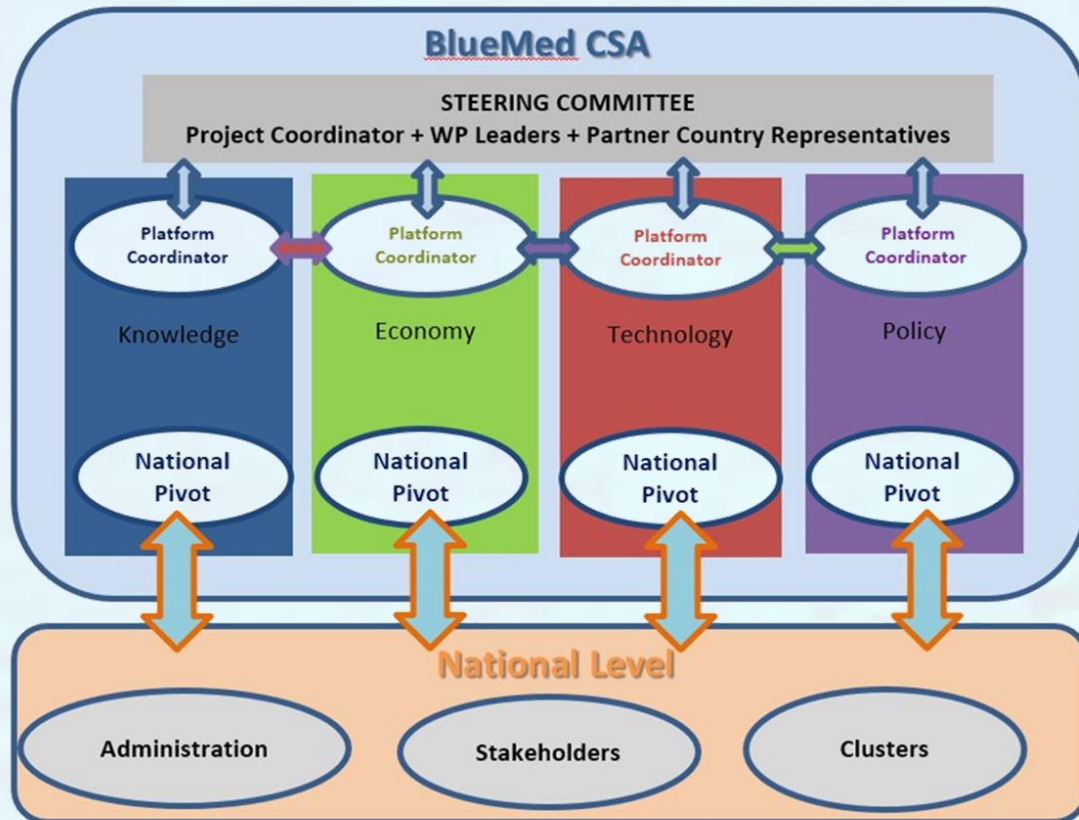
- Blue Growth is a multi-dimensional space
- Nine MED countries involved
- Knowledge is a “common”
- Protection of marine ecosystems and sustainable use the oceans, seas and marine resources is a cross-cutting issue and a precondition
- **4 interconnected Platforms** are the “rules of play” we have chosen

Boundary conditions



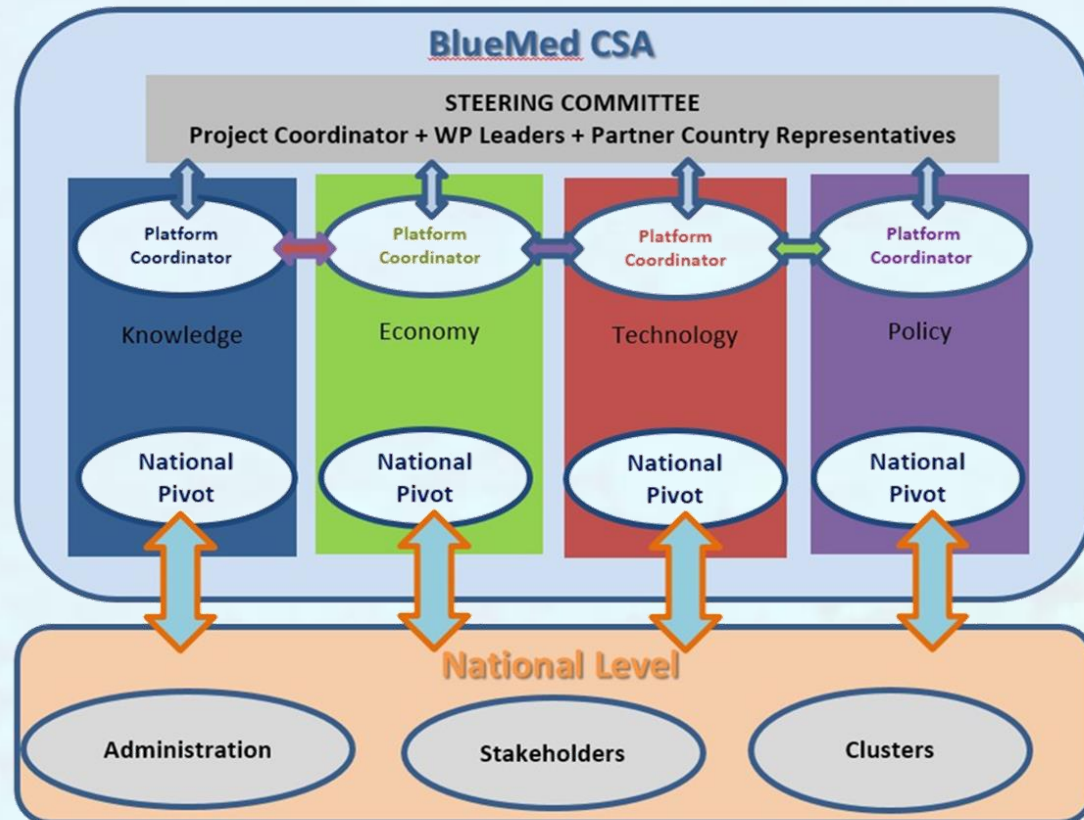
- BLUEMED Initiative Strategic Board
- DoA of the Coordination and Support Action BLUEMED (WP, Tasks, Deliverables)
- Platform Guidelines (and Roadmaps)

The Fantastic Four - MED



- The **“Knowledge Platform”** >> “Knowledge of Mediterranean Sea dynamics and ecosystems”
- The **“Economy Platform”** >> “Economic sectors of Blue Growth economy in the Mediterranean”
- The **“Technology Platform”** >> “Enabling technologies for Blue Growth in the Mediterranean”
- The **“Policy Platform”** >> “Science to Policy for Blue Growth”

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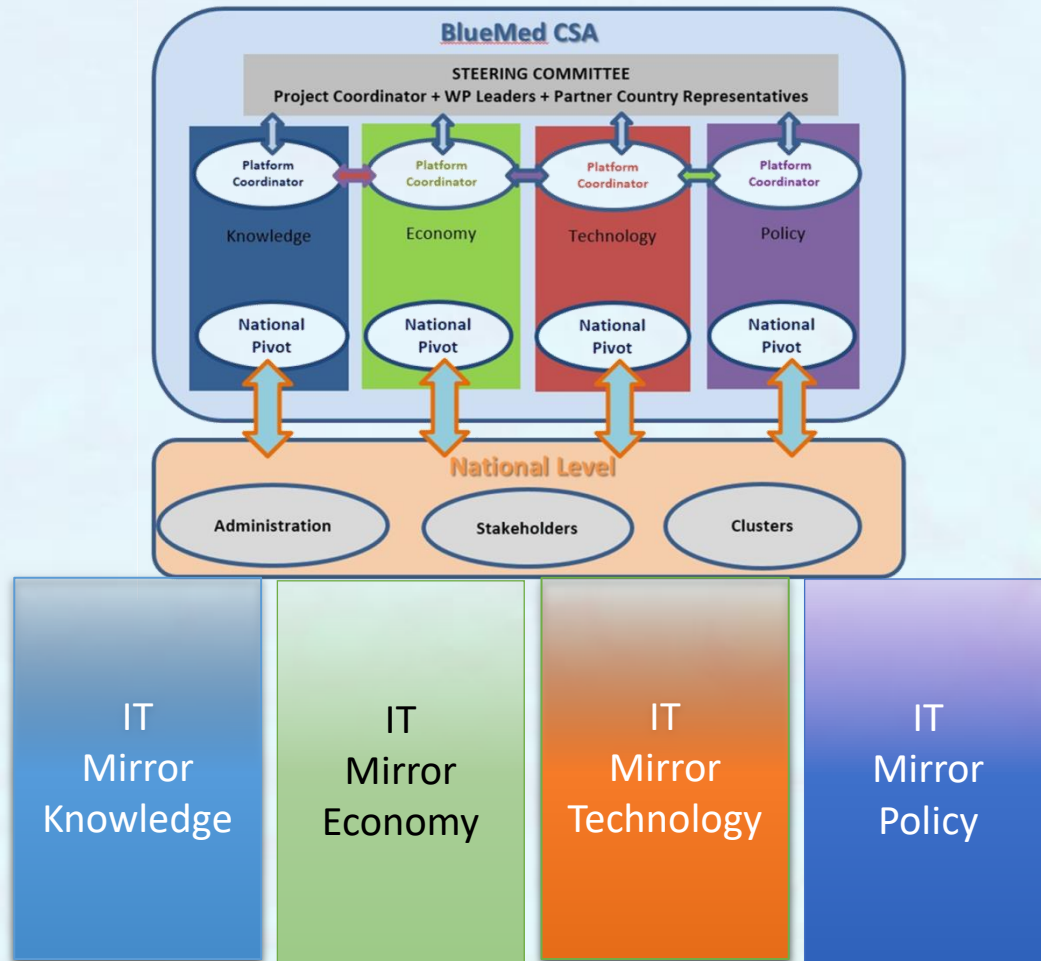
Permanent members

- Platform Coordinator (appointed by the SC)
- National Pivots (one for each country, normally from outside the partnership)
- CSA partners' representatives

Non-permanent members / observers following invitation

- Interested CSA Partners
- WP - Task Leaders (joint Platform Meetings)
- Experts/ Stakeholders
- Members of the BLUEMED Strategic Board

The Fantastic Four – Mirror Platforms IT



Permanent members

- National Platform coordinator (appointed by the CSA Coordinator)
- National Pivots (one for each Platform)
- All those who want to contribute and that sign up for the Platform



The need for coordinated Platform Roadmaps



- Under discussion among Platform Coordinators
- Living documents
- Each Platform will work on the whole SRIA, from its perspective
- Two parallel tracks are foreseen:
 - **Track 1: specific actions** to be carried out to support CSA workflow and expected outcomes
 - **Track 2: specific cross-cutting issues** and challenges tackled by the Platform

The need for coordinated Platform Roadmaps – Track 1

Review of SRIA list of challenges, goals and actions; analysis of the key barriers and bottlenecks

Analysis of the connection and need for integration among actions, spatial and temporal scales and domains, priorities

Mechanisms supporting joint implementation and funding

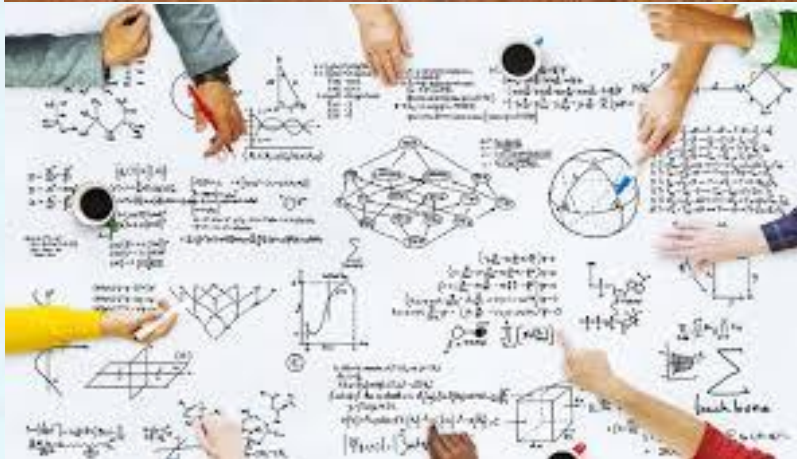
Dialogue with the non-EU countries

Inputs for start-up actions

Recommendations for the updated SRIA

Recommendations for the SRIA Implementation Plan

The need for coordinated Platform Roadmaps – Track 1



To exemplify, what should we expect from Track 1 of the **Policy Platform**, starting from the present SRIA?

- Important issues for policy makers and knowledge gaps on them
- Key barriers and bottlenecks
- List of actions and implementation options

The need for coordinated Platform Roadmaps – Track 2

Examples from the Draft Policy Platform Roadmap

- **Legal aspects as enabling factors for R&I**

Which are the main policy actions, at basin, national, regional level, the how these policy actions should be implemented?

- **R&I as tools for peace in the Mediterranean m**

How R&I can support a process of stabilization and peace building in t dimensions involved: knowledge and technologies for the sustainable e technologies to support safety and surveillance; education and training build capacities at local scale; socio-economic and legal sciences.

- **R&I supporting Macro Regional Strategies (MRS: EUSAIR – WESTMED) implementation in the Mediterranean**

MRS are seen as a tool to harmonize initiatives and investments for sustainable growth in their areas of competence. The four Pillars of EUSAIR and the three goals of WESTMED are all more or less directly connected to the key enabling challenges of the Bluemed SRIA and consider R&I as a cross-cutting issue feeding most actions and objectives. WESTMED has been built explicitly embedding recommendations from Bluemed SRIA.

Inputs from the National Mirror Platforms to the MED Platforms through the NPs are welcome

National Platforms: Mirror but also Autonomous



Mirror National Platforms are expected to follow the MED Roadmaps but can also act autonomously, according to:

- National peculiarities, needs and priorities
- Decisions of the National Coordinators (NC) and National Pivots (NP)
- Proposals from the Platform Participants, approved by NC and NP

Platforms will not operate as separated streams



Coordination among the Platforms will be assured by the CSA Coordinator and the SC and will be achieved through:

- Coordination of Roadmaps
- Joint Platform Meetings
- Informal meetings of Platform coordinators
- Joint Working Groups on specific cross-cutting issues
- Cross-fertilization among Platforms

Platforms: Tools and Products



Tools

- Meetings and Workshops
- Questionnaires / Consultations
- BLUEMED Portal

Products

- Internal Reports
- White papers
- Mirror: Inputs to the MED Platforms
- Mirror: Feedbacks and information from the MED Platforms

Platforms: what's next

First MED Platform Meeting – 4-5 July 2017, La Seyne sur Mer (FR)

- *Set-up the Platforms*
- *Define how the Platforms work (intra-Platform)*
- *Define how the Platforms work (across Platforms)*
- *Share experiences on involvement of National Communities*

Second MED Platform Meeting – January 2018

First SRIA Update – May 2018



Thank you for your attention

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