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Activity report July 2016-January 2017 and upcoming actions

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Note: for previous activities, please check the [Report for the Mandate 2014-2016](#)

A. Internal organization and institutional meetings

- **General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Venice 30th of June and 1st of July 2016)
 - ➔ Debate and approval of [Final Declaration](#).
 - ➔ Renewal of Intermediterranean Commission Mandate (2016-2018): election of the new president [Apostolos Katsifaras](#) and [Political Bureau](#).
 - ➔ Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding with Med Cities.
 - ➔ 2 Political sessions on territorial development & cohesion and maritime issues.
 - ➔ Monitoring of Working Groups Activities and upcoming actions.
 - ➔ Internal issues (including projects, financial issues and calendar).
 - ➔ Back to back meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Group IMP & Transport.

Documents available [here](#)

- **Plenary meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission in the frame of the global CPMR General Assembly** (Azores, 3 November 2016)
 - ➔ Intermediterranean Commission Contribution to the Final CPMR [declaration](#) .
 - ➔ Internal issues (including projects, process for the update of action plans, WGs, calendar, financial issues).
 - ➔ Participation in CPMR Task Force: Migrations, Macro-Regions...
 - ➔ Participation of Intermediterranean Commission Members in the General Assembly Sessions on Transport, Maritime Affairs, Cohesion, Future of the EU, etc.
- **CPMR Vision group gathering all CPMR SG, Directors and Executive Secretaries** (Bruxelles, 18-19 January 2017)
 - ➔ Updates on the policy dossiers, projects and on the discussions on the future of Europe.

B. Key political and technical activities by theme (Events, projects, etc.)

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

- Meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Group in Venice, back to back with the Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly, focus on maritime affairs. Proposal for the setting up of a new Task Force on fisheries (30 June 2016) and update on further actions and projects linked to Bologna charter, monitoring of directives, transport etc.
- Update of the ToRs on fisheries and call for interest of the regions (July-November 2016).
- Organisation by Working Group Co-Presidency of a workshop during Med Cop Climate Tanager on Decarbonisation of Maritime Transport in the MED (July 2016)
- Participation in COAST event in Ferrara in connection to the Bologna Charter, the Italian coordination board on coastal erosion and future UfM activities on Blue Economy (23rd September 2016)
- Approval of 2 new horizontal projects in the frame of the calls of the MED INTERREG Programme on Innovation & Blue Growth and on Environment protection and firsts activities (27th September 2016-November 2016)
- Participation in the Coast day 2016 organized by UNEP Map (PAP/RAC) – UfM in Barcelona and to the consultation on the Regional Framework on ICZM and linkages with MSP (27-29th September 2016)
- Participation of the WG co-presidency for Transport in the CPMR intergroup on Transport (October 2016)
- Participation in the conference “Shaping the future of the European core network corridors in Milan (24/25 October 2016)
- Monitoring of Western Med initiative and participation in the West Med Working Group in Brussels (1 December 2016)
- Conception of new projects in the frame of open and future calls and for UfM labelling (July 2016-January 2017, e.g. on the Bologna Charter themes like MedCoast4BG)

- Synergies with UfM for the implementation of the UfM declaration on Blue Economy (July 2016-January 2017) and presentation of IMC CPMR Secretary on the Bologna Charter in the frame of the UfM Working Group on Blue Economy in Brussels (8 November 2016)
- Participation to the kick of Meeting of Innobluegrowth Project (Athens (GR) 13/14 December)
- Participation of Intermediterranean Commission in the 2016 Forum of Marine Protected Areas on the Mediterranean (MED PAN) with synergies on the socio-economic benefits of ecosystem services and future projects (Tanger, 1 December)
- Conception and sharing with IMC regions of the draft priority actions 2017 for the TF on fisheries (December 2016-January 2017).
- Signature of a specific agreement with the UfMS for the support to the implementation of the UfM Agenda on Blue Economy (January 2017).

2. Territorial Cooperation & Macroregional Strategies (including activities on Migration)

- West Med and EUSAIR Monitoring in connection with CPMR Task Force (July 2016-January 2017)
- Monitoring of cooperation programmes in the Mediterranean (MED Interreg, Eni Cbc Med, Adrion and others), conception of projects ideas (July-November 2016)
- Platforma Strategic partnership with EC activities, monitoring and start-up of the activities in the MED in connection with CPMR External WG: selection of the expert for the training on integrated territorial development (July 2016 – November 2016)
- Preparation of a workshop on Territorial Integrated Development during the UCLG MED Workshops event in Sousse, Tunisia (22-23rd September 2016) - See the [conclusions](#)
- Monitoring of Migration policy issues (trust fund for Africa etc.) and support to the start-up of Mipex Reg project (July 2016-January 2017)
- Contribution to the ARLEM Report 2016 on CBC Cooperation (September 2016)
- Participation to the Interreg MED Program thematic workshop on a first evaluation of the 1st call of proposals, and on the orientations, strategies, and project ideas for the upcoming 2nd call (October 2016)
- Participation in the General Assembly of Unimed network in Rome for synergies among regions and universities (21 October 2016)
- Meeting MC2CM UCGL Project on migration (November 2016)
- Participation in the 25th anniversary and the General Assembly of MedCities in Tetouan (1/2 December 2016)
- Relations with other Med networks: ARLEM, Arco Latino, Unimed, CMI, MED Pan, Avitem... (July 2016-January 2017)
- Participation in the Migration Task Force of the CPMR (2nd November 2016)
- Interreg MED meeting of HP and Modular projects in Nice (8/9th November 2016)
- Participation in the meeting of ARLEM commission on sustainable territorial development in Marrakech, back to back with COP22 and side events (14-15 November)
- Participation in the Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Med organized by UCLG with MED Network in Tangier (30th of November 2016)
- Appointment of the expert for the capacity building activity with Platforma on Territorial integrated development and kick off of the activities (December 2016-January 2017)
- Contribution to CPMR technical paper on Macro Regions (October 2016) and future discussions for a political paper (November 2016 - January 2017)
- Participation in the UfM Regional Forum 2017 (23-24th January 2017)

3. Economic and Social Cohesion

- Set-up of a Vasco da Gama spin-off project for the Mediterranean to be submitted for the labelling of the Union for the Mediterranean and to the next calls for proposals of the cooperation programmes of the basin (bilateral meetings with potential partners, the UfM, contacts & work on the dossier, preparation of concept notes, monitoring of the spin of projects submitted on Adrion and Blue Careers etc. – July-October 2016)
- Monitoring of the Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture in connection with the WG PMI&TRAN and CPMR maritime intergroup (July-November 2016)

- Approval of 2 projects proposals for the MED INTERREG programme on Sustainable Tourism : CO-EVOLVE, linked to Bologna Charter and MSP-ICZM (September 2016) Lead by Region East Trace and Macedonia and MITOMED + on indicators and Decision support systems (December 2016) led by Tuscany.
- Active participation in the RESUME project first Conference organized by UNIMED, on “Filling the gap between education and the labor market” (September 2016)
- Elaboration/translation of a draft report on Social and Solidarity Economy and synergies with external specialized stakeholders and med networks as Arco Latino (July-October 2016)
- Capitalization of some experiences on youth inclusion and employment in the Med for the workshop on the topic organized by Arco Latino in Sousse, during UCLG MED Workshops (22-23rd September 2016)
- Participation to the Arco Latino Conference on Social and Solidarity Economy with Occitanie (Perpignan, 12/13 December 2017)
- Participation in the kick of CO-EVOLVE in Komotini and first dissemination activities (12-13 January 2017)
- Participation in the UfM Regional Forum 2017, sessions on youth, sustainable agenda etc. (23-24th January 2017)

4. Energy & Water

- Participation in the COP22 in Marrakech (Marrakech, 7/18 November)
- Participation of the Valencian co-presidency in several EU fora on water and in particular presentation of proposals for the CoR opinion on water management and innovation (28th of September 2016)
- Drawing up of the new political messages on water and energy for the WG and approval (July-18th October 2016)
- Contribution to the ARLEM 2016 Report on Climate and Energy (September 2016)
- Approval of the modular interreg Med Project Sherpa, led by Catalonia and first activities (27th september-November 2016)
- Meeting of the Task Force on Energy Renovation in Med Buildings in Valencia and exchange of regional experiences (17 October 2016)
- Participation in the 24th Annual Conference of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC) on “Resilient policies for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development” (20th October 2016)
- Meeting of the WG and Conference on Water and Renewable Energies in Valencia. Exchange of experiences coming from regions, universities and enterprises (18th of October 2016) and approval of a political position on Water and Energy.
- Participation in the kick off of Sherpa project and public event (15/16 December 2016)

C. Communication, membership and partnerships

- Intermediterranean Commission old Web site regular update
- Support to the CPMR Communication/Newsletter (articles on IMC main activities)
- Contribution to the setting up and launch of the new web platform of CPMR where the Intermediterranean Commission site has been integrated and to its new visual image
- Boosting of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Twitter Account @IMC_CPMR (today 714 followers, please spread it up) and Med Maritime projects @MedMaritimeProj (today 541 followers, please spread it up).
- Creation and promotion of the EU Project’s twitters accounts Co-Evolve and Sherpa
- Frequent use of videoconference or skype for meetings (in particular using the new system Gotomeeting, purchased by CPMR but also via the systems of the regions, e.g. webex)
- Relation with the wide range of external stakeholders and new MoUs (Med Cities, UfM etc.)
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation the current ones (Morocco, Turkey, Croatia, Tunisia).

II. UPCOMING INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

(From February 2017 to the end of the year)

A. Internal organization and institutional meetings

- **Political Bureau of the IMC** (Barcelona, 1st February 2017, tbc)
 - ➔ Debate and approval of the Draft Action Plan 2017-2018 and a Political declaration
 - ➔ Monitoring of the WG's action plans updating process
 - ➔ Internal issues (including projects, financial issues and calendar)
 - ➔ Back to back internal meetings : WG on "Territorial cooperation and macro-regional strategies"
 - ➔ Event to be organized back to back with West Med initiative stakeholder conference (Barcelona, 2nd February 2017)
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Gozo, Malta, 10th of March 2017 - Participation of Intermediterranean Commission Presidency/Secretariat)
 - ➔ IMC participation in several sessions
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Stavanger, Norway, 22nd of June 2017 - Participation of Intermediterranean Commission Presidency/Secretariat)
 - ➔ IMC participation in several sessions
- **General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Campania, 6-7 July 2017 tbc)
 - ➔ Debate and approval of political messages
 - ➔ Approval global and sectoral action plans for 2017-2018
 - ➔ Monitoring of WGs Activities
 - ➔ Internal issues (including projects, financial issues and calendar)
 - ➔ Meeting to be organized back to back with IMC WGs or EU projects activities tbc
- **CPMR General Assembly and Plenary Meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Helsinki, Finland, 18-20 October 2017)
- **Political Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Murcia, December 2017 tbc)

B. Key political and technical activities by theme (Events, key projects etc.)

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

- Update of the Working Groups' Action Plans for 2017-2018 (before the 2017 General Assembly).
- Synergies with the European Parliament Intergroup SEARICA. E.g: CPMR and SEARICA meeting on coastal data/Coastal Mapping project (7th February 2017) or future events and with CPMR Maritime Working groups (25-26 April 2017).
- IMC Task Force on Fisheries and Aquaculture (Transport & IMP Working Group) back to back with CPMR-DG Mare meeting on fisheries (8th February 2017).
- Implementation of 2 horizontal projects selected by MED INTERREG Programme: InnoBlueGrowth on Innovation & Blue Growth and PANACEA (PANACEA team meeting on January, kick off on March 2017) on Environment protection and joint events e.g Community Event – InnoBlueGrowth Project (Roma, 30/31 March 2017); capitalization Seminar InnoBlueGrowth (December 2017).
- Future actions in the frame of the Western Med initiative and cooperation with the UfM working Group on Blue Economy (e.g. participation in Western Med Conference the 2nd of February 2017 Back to Back with the IMC Political Bureau, 3rd meeting of the UfM Working Group on Blue Economy in May 2017, support to the organization of the MED regional stakeholder forum on blue economy in October 2017).
- Participation and contribution to the CPMR works on maritime investments (mapping, study etc.) in synergy with the follow up of Blue.Invest and DG MARE - Forthcoming Maltese EU presidency works (April 2017).
- Next meetings of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Group and its Task Forces (e.g. Bologna Charter Coordination Board, Task Force on Fisheries) and other related activities in link with the CPMR Maritime Agenda (MSP, Coastal Defence, Marine Data, Marine industries, ...) (January 2017).
- Monitoring with CPMR General Secretariat of the implementation of the MSP and MSFD Directives and the issues at MED level (e.g. joint implementation of the project on MSP presented by the SHOM with CPMR on West Med: SIMWESTMED, works connected with Bologna Charter etc.).

- Conception of new cooperation projects in the frame of other calls (e.g. MED 2nd call for proposals) / programmes on maritime issues.
- Participation in the CPMR intergroup on transport (contribution to the follow-up of the works on accessibility, monitoring of CEF calls, contribution to the Detailed Implementation Plan for the Motorways of the Sea, neighbourhood dimension of transports corridors etc.) (27th January 2017).
- Monitoring of corridors actions plan affecting the MED, and of MoS/CEF.
- Participation in UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (14-15 March 2017).
- Participation in the European Maritime day meetings (18-19 May 2017).

2. Territorial Cooperation & Macroregional Strategies (including activities on Migration)

- Update of the Working Group Action Plan for 2017-2018 (before the 2017 General Assembly).
- Next meeting of the Working Group in Barcelona (1st of February 2017).
- Development of capacity building activities in the field of territorial integrated development in the southern rim in cooperation with Platforma and Med Networks: follow up of the seminar on territorial integrated development organized in Sousse in September 2016, implementation of Platforma training module with the support of the selected expert and dissemination of the manual for capacity building (February 2016 - 2nd semester of 2017). Other related works (Possible synergies with ARLEM project on urban development, debate on a proposal for a possible ENP “territorial hub brunch” for the forthcoming programming period.
- Monitoring of the EU Neighbourhood policy south and the ENI, possible synergies with EEAS and its delegations in the Med (follow up of previous meetings), and drawing up of an enlargement strategy for the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission in the MED (1st semester 2017).
- Participation in the ARLEM 8th Plenary meeting foreseen in Malta (22-23rd of February 2017) and in the ARLEM commission meeting (November 2017).
- Specific monitoring of ENPI CBC Med, ADRION, IPA/CBC/MED Programmes and future calls & possible implementation of selected project presented to the first calls and conception of new projects (2017).
- Future contribution to the works on governance of the axis 4 of MED INTERREG and ADRION transnational programmes (CPMR IMC will be participating as associate/observer).
- Final implementation of MED SPRING project (2017).
- Monitoring of EUSAIR Strategy and its governance (e.g. Technical Steering Committees, participation in meetings to be organized by the EC and the Intermediterranean Commission Involved regions, other synergies, participation in the dedicated CPMR Task Force in 2017).
- Coordination with CPMR Task Force on Macro-Regions for future joint actions and in particular for the forthcoming policy position (March 2017).
- Monitoring of the governance aspects concerning the set-up of the maritime initiative for the Western Mediterranean and participation in its future events in connection with the Working Group on IMP & Tran (e.g. consultations, stakeholder forum etc.).
- Possible set-up of high level meetings of the Intermediterranean Commission political representatives in the frame of the Road Map for Macro-Regional and Sea basin Strategies (tbc. E.g. meeting within SEARICA intergroup and back to back meeting with MED States REPER, “tour of capitals” of a delegation of Intermediterranean Commission representative to have specific talks with EU MED States Ministries).
- Follow-up of the synergies with ARLEM, UFM, ARCO LATINO, COM MED UCLG, PLATFORMA, CMI, EURORÉGION Pyrénées-Méditerranée, MedCities, MED PAN etc.
- Contribution to CPMR Task Force on Migrations and technical follow-up (e.g. political documents, best practices exchange, reflections on the adaptation to migration issues of ESIF funds and territorial cooperation programmes in the new programming period, events, support to MIPEX-R etc.).
- Participation of IMC members in the EU Development Days (7-8 June 2017).
- Participation of IMC members in the Assises of the Decentralized Cooperation (10-11 July 2017).

3. Economic and Social Cohesion

- Update of the Working Group action plan for 2017-2018 (before the 2017 General Assembly).
- Next meeting of the Working Group in Montpellier (tbc 2017).

- Follow-up of the partnership and dossier(s) of the project Vasco da Gama MED (with the different programs and interlocutors. In particular with the UfM (2017 - e.g. next projects to be submitted under Erasmus + KA2 call with UNIMED network, results from ADRION Call).
- Implementation of CO-EVOLVE and Mitomed+ projects on sustainable tourism, synergies with the HP BleuTourMed and related meetings (2017).
- Conception, presentation and implementation of further projects and events in the frame of the IMC Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture (2017, e.g. possible events in the frame of the MED Interreg projects, joint events with Arco Latino).
- Future actions of the Working Group on Youth mobility/inclusion, Social Solidarity Economy etc. (tbc e.g. on the base of the update of the WG action plan and the results of the prospective report on Social Solidarity Economy and step forwards).
- Contribution to the CPMR core group on cohesion and seminars. E.g : Core Group meeting CPMR (February 2017)
- Participation in the Open Days (9/10 October 2017).
- Possible actions on Med citizenship tbd (End 2017).

4. Energy & Water

- Update of the Working Group action plan for 2017-2018 (before the 2017 General Assembly).
- Follow up of the political position on water and renewable energies through new concrete lobbying actions and concrete cooperation projects and works concerning innovation and research (2017).
- Participation in Water forums by the co-presidency on Water (2017).
- Synergy with the new CPMR TF on Climate (10 March 2017) and participation in MED COP Climate 2017 in Sicily.
- Monitoring of contributions to ARLEM and CoR Reports and new contributions dealing with Energy and Water to EU and Euromed institutions (2017).
- Implementation of the SHERPA Project and synergies with the Intermediterranean Commission Task Force on Energy Renovation in Buildings towards the drawing up of a Joint Action plan on the topic including both transnational projects and major tractor projects at regional level. E.g Sherpa project steering group (June, November 2017) etc
- Participation in the community Events of Med Nice HP project on Energy Efficiency (March 2017).
- Conception, presentation and implementation of new projects on Water/ Energy in the frame of EU cooperation programmes.
- Development of partnerships and cooperation with Universities, private and international entities.

C. Communication, membership and partnerships

- Support to the implementation of the new integrated web platform of the CPMR and use of the new visual image.
- Contribution to CPMR joint Newsletter with news regarding IMC.
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