



INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION

Activity report (June 2023) and upcoming actions

INTRODUCTION AND AIM OF THE REPORT

This report aims at providing an executive (but detailed) overview of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission activities of the current mandate (for the mandate 2016-2018 please refer to this [other report](#)).

The activities are presented under 3 main categories: “Internal organization and institutional meetings”, fine-tuned to each of the “Working Groups” and “Communication, membership and partnerships.” Each group is subdivided into two sub-categories, namely the Key political and technical activities and the upcoming ones. More precise information about several of the activities mentioned in this document can be found in the news on our [website](#), as on our [Twitter](#), in the Intermediterranean Commission extensive report on projects, as on the working documents and plans of each Intermediterranean Commission Working Group and internal Task Forces. This report is updated before each statutory meeting of the organization and will constitute the base for the final narrative report of the mandate 2022-2024.

The Presidency and the Secretariat of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission wish to thank all the members and its external partner organizations and institutions for their constant efforts towards the improvement of cooperation and synergies towards sustainable development and multilevel governance in the Mediterranean.

For any additional information, please ask the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Secretariat.



CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION

Internal organization and institutional/Statutory meetings

1. Past meetings over the mandate
2. Upcoming activities

Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

1. Key political and technical activities (Events, projects, etc.)
2. Upcoming activities

Territorial Cooperation & Macroregional Strategies (Including activities on Migration)

1. Key political and technical activities (Events, projects, etc.)
2. Upcoming activities

Economic & Social Cohesion

1. Key political and technical activities (Events, projects, etc.)
2. Upcoming activities

Water & Energy

1. Key political and technical activities (Events, projects, etc.)
2. Upcoming activities

Communication, membership and partnerships

1. Achievements
2. Upcoming activities

This section provides a global summarized **overview of the activities** of the **CPMR Intermediterranean Commission** during the current mandate.

The activities are presented under 3 main categories:

- **Internal organization and institutional meetings** (with past and upcoming milestones)
- **Each working group's key political and technical activities** (including projects and events) and **upcoming initiatives**
- **Communication, membership and partnerships**, with the previous achievements and the forthcoming activities as well.

Sectoral policies are addressed by the four-permanent thematic Working Groups of the organization: **Transports & Integrated Maritime Policy**, **Territorial Cooperation & Macroregional Strategies (including activities on Migration)**, **Economic and Social Cohesion**, **Energy & Water**. Colors for subcategories within the working groups have been assigned in order to facilitate the identification of the working group in question.

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION & INSTITUTIONAL/STATUTORY MEETINGS

Past meetings over the mandate

- **Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau** (9 February 2022, **online**)
 - Approval of the conclusions of the Plenary Assembly (October 2021)
 - Presentation and endorsement of the [WINTERMED Policy Paper](#)
 - Update on the Economic and Social Cohesion WG – Mediterranean Youth Council: synergies and next steps, Tourism Task force and UfM Capacity building
 - Update on the Territorial cooperation and macro-regional strategies WG - MedCoopAlliance, ETC Programs, report to the COTER of the European Committee of Regions
 - Update on the Water & Energy WG – SolaQua project, AGRIMED TF (Region Sud)
 - Update on the Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy WG – Transport updates with CPMR activities, restoration of lagoons in the Mediterranean, Zero plastic initiative
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (25 March 2022, Barcelona)
- **Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly** (9-10 June 2022, Sevilla)
 - Approval of the conclusions of the Political Bureau (February 2022)
 - Election of the new Political Bureau & of the New President of the IMC
 - Presentation of the first [MYC Political Declaration](#)
 - Presentation and endorsement of the [Blue Growth Report on Circular Blue Economy](#)
 - Presentation of the updated WG Action Plans
 - Update on the Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy WG – “Champion Regions” initiative, POSBEMED2 project (Charter of Commitment), cooperation projects on plastics, synergies with CPMR on Fisheries and Common Fisheries policy
 - International seminar on “Innovative Governance and Circularity of Economies”
 - First edition of the Mediterranean Awards

- **CPMR Political Bureau** (16 June 2022, Helsingborg Skåne)
- **CPMR General Assembly** (26-28 October 2022, Crete)
- **Intermediterranean Commission Plenary Meeting** (27 October 2022, Crete)
 - Approval of the conclusions of the General Assembly (June 2022)
 - Reflections on the CoR Report “Towards a macro-regional strategy in the Mediterranean” and the relevant amendments tabled, Reflection on the lobbying strategy for Regions and EU Council
 - Presentation of the draft Political Statement on desertification
- **Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau** (22-23 February 2023, Palma)
 - Approval of the conclusions of the Plenary Meeting (October 2022)
 - Dialogue with the Youth from the MYC ‘For a greener future’ event
 - Presentation and ratification of the Declaration on Desertification by the Political Bureau
 - IMC & IC joint dedicated seminar to reflect on the Nature dimension of our territories and the upcoming “Nature Restoration Law”
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (9-10 March 2023, Cartagena)
 - Seminars on Youth and Transport (9 March 2023)
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (8-9 June 2023, Florence)
 - Seminar on Gender with participation of the MYC (8 June 2023)

Upcoming meetings

- **Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly** (29-30 June 2023, Calabria)
- **CPMR General Assembly** (15-17 November 2023, Saint Malo)
- **Intermediterranean Commission Plenary Meeting** (16 November 2023, Saint Malo)

TRANSPORTS & INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY

1. Key political and technical activities (events, projects...)

Further information available [HERE](#)

General Policies and CPMR synergies

- Monitoring with CPMR General Secretariat of the implementation of the MSP and MSFD Directives and the issues at MED level (e.g., through joint implementation of the project on MSP presented by the SHOM with CPMR on WestMed: SIMWESTMED (2017-2018), works connected with Bologna Charter, REGINA MSP, etc.).
- Contribution to the CPMR work in relation with the CEF2 post 2020, and synergies with CPMR works on transports (CEF review, amendments for the new regulation, participation in CPMR intergroups meetings etc.), including the monitoring of TEN-T and RTAP.
- WG activities in connection with the CPMR Maritime Agenda (MSP, Coastal Defence, Marine Data, Marine industries, marine litter, marine energy ...) and Climate - e.g., Climate TF meetings (January, April, October 2021, February, June 2022).
- Participation and contribution to the CPMR Transport WG (December 2020, March, September 2021 and January, April 2022) and seminars (24 March 2022, Barcelona). Meetings of the IMC Working group on Transport and IMP on the Restoration of Mediterranean lagoons (15 June 2021) on the Mediterranean Corridor (20 January 2023).
- IMC Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy WG meeting on the impact and the territorial dimension of the EU Nature Restoration Law (22 February 2023), held back-to-back the IMC PB in Palma (February 2023).

Programmes, projects, members' events and external stakeholders

- Monitoring of future calls for projects (e.g., MED 3rd call for proposal) / programmes on maritime issues (e.g., H2020/HEurope), selection of the most relevant projects and participation in preparatory meetings, follow-up on proposals (2018-2022).
- Conclusion of the 1st biannual EASME agreement with UfMS and dialogue for a new one during 2019-2020 in view of next ministerial on Blue Economy.
- Joint work with IMC regions and external stakeholders for the presentation of project proposals to the 3rd call of Interreg MED (12 projects supported) and Blue Careers (2 projects). Follow-up of the elaboration of the programmes for 2021-2027 EuroMED and NEXT MED.
- Implementation of the 2 horizontal projects InnoBlueGrowth (2016-2019) on Innovation & Blue Growth and PANACEA (2016-2019) on Environment Protection and events.
- Participation to the debates of the EU Tourism Convention and to EU Commission's Seminar "What Future for the Blue Economy?" (October 2020) and support to promote the «Méditerranée du Futur» event (December 2020, Marseille).
- Presentation of ESMI project (H2020 CSA) on geohazards in the Mediterranean (March 2020). Presentation of the Horizon Europe PREP4Blue project (2021) and kick-off on 19-20 May 2022 (to confirm).
- Follow-up of the BlueMed initiative for a plastic-free Mediterranean (January 2020, November 2020, Final conference 22-24 February 2021) and follow-up initiatives under Mission Ocean from 2021 on. Organization of the IMC WG gathering the regions for a plastic-free Mediterranean Sea - meeting in February, April 2022.
- Participation to the Intergroup Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (SEArICA) conferences and online events -e.g., on the blue dimension of the Green Deal (January 2021), on building a Sustainable Tourism for EU Coastal Regions (October 2021), on implementing circular economy action plan in coastal and insular

regions (April 2022), on Blue skills (23 May 2022), on the opportunities and challenges for blue SMEs and maritime regions (25 January 2023, online).

- Participation to the European Maritime Day (EMD) Conference (Den Helder NL, 20-21 May 2021 and Ravenna, 19-20 May 2022).
- Participation to the IUCN World Conservation Congress Forum in Marseille 2020 edition - postponed to 3-11 September 2021 - to Les assises de l'économie de la mer 2021, 14-15 September 2021 in Nice and 8-9 November 2022 in Lille, to the Blue Eco Forum "towards sustainable blue food in the Mediterranean", 22 October 2021, online and to the 2020 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean - 28 November-01 December 2021, Monaco / online, Participation to the 20th Anniversary of IUCN Med, Malaga, September 2022.
- Participation and contribution to the International Blue Economy Congress (20 October 2022, Alicante)
- Monitoring of the COP26 (1-12 November 2021, Glasgow) results. Online participation and monitoring of the COP 27 Mediterranean Pavilion (6-18 November 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh) results.
- Participation to the Mediterranean World Forum, organized at the initiative of the President of the French Republic, 07- 08 February 2022 Marseille.
- Participation to the One Ocean Summit as follow-up of the One Planet Summit initiative, 09-11 February 2022, Brest and to the Coastal Regions' Forum, organized in this framework by the CPMR, 11 February 2022.
- Participation to the International Forum of MARLICE on Marine Litter and Circular Economy (18-20 May 2022, Sevilla), and to the first-ever annual forum of the EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030" (17 February 2023, Brussels).
- [BlueMissionMed, kick-off meeting, 26-27 January 2023, Venice \(Italy\) and "1st BlueMissionMed Stakeholder Forum", 30 May 2023, Palermo \(Italy\).](#)

Interreg Med / Interreg Euro-MED

- Implementation of the horizontal projects InnoBlueGrowth (2016-2019) and Blue Growth Community project (2019-ongoing).
- Participation to the Blue Growth steering committee meetings (e.g., March 2021, online), to its information meetings on Marine Renewable Energy activities and tools (e.g., 8 February 2021), to the transfer/training event on MRE (BLUE LABS) 22 April 2021, online, and its Annual Assembly/Blue economy event in synergy with CPMR Maritime affairs strand (October 2021). Participation to its capitalization events - e.g., Fostering Circular Blue Economy in the Mediterranean event 10-11 May 2022, Barcelona.
- Implementation and monitoring of the 2 horizontal projects Blue Growth Community (BGC) on Innovation & Blue Growth and Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community on Environmental protection and events - participation and contribution to the Blue Growth Community Annual Assembly (14-15 June 2022, Kotor) and BGC Final event (28-29 September 2022, Lisbon)
- Conception and presentation of the Dialogue4Innovation (D4I) project on innovative and sustainable Blue economy and kick-off on 14 February 2023.
- Follow-up on the implementation of the PANACeA declaration, submitted for approval at the IMC PB (December-February 2019).
- Implementation of the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community (MBPC) for nature conservation and management (2019-2022) and follow-up - participation in its steering committees (e.g., June 2021, January December 2022). Participation to the MBPC webinar on the effective governance of Mediterranean wetlands and MPAs, 29 October 2021, online. Contribution to the Interreg Euro-MED Academy with modules on MBPC. MBPC Project final event in collaboration with SEARICA, (2-4, November

2022, Brussels). Participation to the MBPC technical workshop on cetacean conservation in the Pelagos Sanctuary (18 November 2022, online).

- Implementation of the maritime projects on sustainable tourism CO-EVOLVE (2017-2019), HERIT-DATA, MITOMED+ (2017-2019), DESTIMED+ (2020-2022), WINTERMED (2020-2022) - participation to the WINTERMED steering committees (e.g., steering committee and study visit 27-28 April 2022, Mallorca) and HERIT-DATA steering committee, HD workshop and training capacity building seminar (December 2021).
- Participation to BEST MED and DestiMED PLUS joint policy conference and DestiMED PLUS Final event (20-21 June 2022, Rome)
- Participation in several activities and support to the organization of events/project meetings related to the maritime projects on sustainable tourism (e.g., WINTERMED transnational policy exchange workshops in 2021; DESTIMED+ policy training workshop “Integrating sustainable tourism and conservation in marine and coastal planning” 07 July 2021; HERIT-DATA technical seminar on capitalization, 14 September 2021).
- HERIT-DATA final conference 7 April 2022 in Madrid; WINTERMED final capitalization conference 31 May-1 June 2022 in Rhodes; DESTIMED+ final event in May 2022.
- Interreg MED Programme annual capitalization and preparation meeting (Greece, March-October 2019), annual event and preparation of the future of the programme and governance in the Med (6 November 2020). Participation to the launch of the 2021-2027 EuroMED programme (December 2021).
- Monitoring of [PANORAMED](#) (2018-April 2022), [PHAROS4MPAs](#) (2018-2019) and [MISTRAL](#) (2018-2022) where the IMC is associated partner and participation in their meetings - participation to the PANORAMED final evaluation meeting (7 July 2021, online) to estimate its effective contribution in relation to the INTERREG MED 2014-2020. Participation and contribution to the PANORAMED high-level event 23 March 2022, Zagreb
- PANORAMED final event 6 April 2022, Madrid; MISTRAL final event 8 April 2022, Rome.
- Implementation of the [Interreg MED Blue Bio Med](#) strategic project (2020-ongoing); participation to the BlueBioMed’s steering committee (11 February 2021, online) and to the sounding board meetings (January, July 2021), training course (19-22 March 2021), online workshops (February 2022), elaboration of the [Manifesto/Call for Actions](#). Planification for a presentation and endorsement of the Manifesto by the CPMR-IMC. Participation to the Blue Bio Med Innovation Alliance's co-design workshops (from February 2022).
- Participation to the Interreg MED Blue Deal Transferring Lab in Cyprus / online 14-17 June 2021.
- Participation to the [POSBEMED2](#) steering committee 12 May 2022 and final event 31 May-2 June 2022, Sardinia.
- Implementation of the strategic projects on sustainable tourism [BESTMED](#) (2020-ongoing), [SMARTMED](#) (2020-ongoing). Participation in several activities and meetings (e.g., their steering committees, as in November, December 2021, May 2022) and their joint transferring seminars BESTMED and SMARTMED in April and December 2021).
- Monitoring of BESTMED and SMARTMED (January 2020-ongoing) and participation to several activities/project meetings (e.g., joint event BESTMED and DESTIMED+ 20-21 June 2022, Rome). BESTMED and SMARTMED Final events 14-15 September 2022, Granada.
- Implementation of the Interreg Euro-MED Governance projects Dialogue4Innovation (D4I) on innovative sustainable Blue economy and Community4Tourism (C4T) on sustainable tourism, and participation to activities and project meetings (e.g. Programme Launched event and kick off meeting of C4T in Marseille in January 2023, several online meetings with the JS).
- Dialogue4Innovation Innovation Camp, in the framework of the 8th EUSAIR Annual Forum, 23-24 May 2023, Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina).

MC4BG (2018-2020) & Co-EVOLVE4BG (2019-ongoing)

- Follow-up of Med Coast for Blue Growth and [Co-Evolve4BG](#), organization of a joint meeting with Interreg MED CO-EVOLVE held in Barcelona on 29-31 October and support for the launch of a UfM Technical Assistance linked to MC4BG (October 2018), then Montpellier (April 2019), with a follow-up in Barcelona in June 2019.
- Presentation of MC4BG, Co-Evolve and Co-Evolve4BG in the UfM Task Force on the Environment, Brussels (April 2019). Presentation of MC4BG, Co-Evolve and Co-Evolve4BG in the INTERACT Med Lab Group on Sustainable Tourism in Palermo (May 2019).

Bologna Charter

- Update of the [Bologna Charter's](#) Joint Action Plan (ongoing).

WestMed

- Monitoring of Western Med initiative and participation in the West Med Steering Stakeholder Conference (December 2018, Algiers). Coordination and active participation in labs about sustainable tourism, biodiversity and blue skills.
- WestMed Steering Committee (February 2019, Paris - October 2019, Rabat - October 2020, March 15 2023), Stakeholders' Conference (May 2019, Palermo and 9 November 2021, Roma, Malta 22-23 June 2023).

UfM

- Several synergies with UfM for the implementation of the UfM declaration on Blue Economy, BlueMed and UfM Working Group Meetings on Blue Economy March 2019 in Brussels, contribution to an online survey for the UfM Stakeholders Conference on BE (March 2020, June and November 2021, March 2022). Participation to the UfM Blue Finance conference "Investing in a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean" (22 June 2022, Barcelona), to the UfM webinar "Financing Innovation Ecosystems for the Mediterranean Sustainable Blue Economy (30 January 2023, online)
- Follow-up and participation to the UfM Task Force on the Environment (November 2020) and the UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (March 2022).
- Participation to the UfM/WestMed Webinar "Digitalization skills in the aquaculture and tourism sectors in the Mediterranean region" (9 June 2021) and UfM webinar on "Wetlands' restorations as nature-based solutions in the Mediterranean" (16 November 2021, online).
- Participation and contribution to the CPMR works on maritime investments in synergy with the follow up of Blue.Invest and DG MARE works and IMC TF on Blue Economy Agenda (2018-2019). Specific dissemination support to Blue Invest in the Mediterranean 2019 (24 January 2019, Malta).
- Synergies with [UfM Blue Finance Conference](#) (20 June 2022, Barcelona) and participation to [DG MARE Brokerage event on Coastal and Maritime Tourism](#) (15-16 June 2022, Helsingborg), [DG MARE follow up event on Smart Specialisation for a Sustainable Blue Economy](#) (25 October 2022, Crete/Online)
- Participation to the [Medthink 5+5](#) thematic seminar "Tapping the Potential of the Sustainable Blue Economy in the Western Mediterranean" (7-8 November 2022, Lisbon).
- UfM seminars, conferences, and events, including UfM Working Group and TF meetings focusing on Blue Economy, Environment, and Climate Change. 13th UfM Working Group meeting on Blue economy (14th March 2023, Brussels).

EMFAF

- Implementation of the EMFAF REBOOT MED project aiming at Recovering, Experiencing and Boosting eco-tourism in the WestMed area and participation to activities and project meetings (Kick-off meeting in October 2022, 1st transnational living lab and partners meeting 3-4 May in Tanger-Tetouan-Al-Hoceïma).

Internal management

- Discussions on the update of the WG Action Plan and TFs (2022-2024) and implementation thereof.

2. Upcoming activities

- Contribution to the CPMR work in relation with the CEF and upcoming MFF mid-term review, etc.
- WG activities in connection with the CPMR Climate Agenda (EU Green Deal, Just Transition Mechanism, Climate Law, etc.) and Maritime Agenda (MSP, Coastal Defence, Marine Data, Marine industries, marine litter, marine energy, fisheries and aquaculture, etc.).
- Implementation and monitoring of Dialogue4Innovation project on innovative sustainable Blue economy and Community4Tourism project on sustainable tourism.
- Follow-up of initiatives under Mission Ocean (2021-ongoing). IMC contribution through the BlueMissionMed project (in the framework of PREP4BLUE) and implementation of BlueMissionMed.
- Follow-up of the IMC WG gathering the regions for a plastic-free Mediterranean Sea for potential partnerships.
- WestMED Steering Committee and Stakeholders Conference & High Level Political Event (Malta), 21-24 June 2023.
- Interreg Euro-MED Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission Online Launch Event, 6 July 2023, online
- “Sectorial Workshops” to define the operational implementation of the BlueBioMed roadmap, one in July and one in September (tbc)
- “Compass workshop” with the Ocean’s Mission to present the draft of the operational roadmap, 28 September 2023 (tbc.).

TERRITORIAL COOPERATION & MACROREGIONAL STRATEGIES

1. Key political and technical activities (events, projects...)

Further information available [HERE](#)

General Policies and CPMR synergies

- Wide dissemination of IMC position and contribution to CPMR proposal for amendments on the future of Territorial Cooperation, Interreg, *ad hoc* meetings with authorities etc. (October 2018-ongoing).
- Monitoring and participation/contribution to CPMR TF on macro-regional strategies (September 2020, September 2021, September 2022) and organization of the WG meeting on territorial cooperation and macro-regional strategies (June 2021, March 2022, February 2023).
- Monitoring of Migration policy issues in connection with the CPMR Migration TF (October 2018-ongoing) - last meeting 17 May 2022, online.
- Contribution to the TF Migration works (issue paper on external dimension, REGIN project, etc.) and participation in virtual TF meetings (September 2020, January, October 2021, May 2022). Participation to the REGIN Final Conference 23-24 February 2022, Brussels / Online.
- Contribution to the CPMR Seminar: Economic Development and mobility in the Mediterranean: a contribution from the Regions (January 2019).
- Reflections with and contribution to the CPMR Secretariat's activities on the implementation of structural funds over CPMR Member regions, in particular following the pandemic aftermath (ongoing).

WestMed

- WestMed maritime initiative and EUSAIR monitoring in connection with CPMR Task Forces, including participation in meetings with the EC (October 2018-ongoing). Participation to the Annual EUSAIR Forum, 16-18 May 2022, Tirana.
- Organization of a Seminar on emerging strategies and Blue Growth held in Barcelona on 4 February 2019 back-to-back with the IMC PB in cooperation with the UfM and other relevant networks (October 2018-February 2019).
- WestMed Steering Committee and stakeholder conference (February 2019, May 2019, December 2020, November 2021, Roma).

Programmes, projects, members' events and external stakeholders

- Monitoring of cooperation programmes in the Mediterranean (Interreg MED, ENI CBC Med, ADRION, and others), conception of projects ideas (October 2018-ongoing).
- Specific monitoring of ENPI CBC Med (2014-2020) (1st call and future ones), ADRION (2nd call), IPA/CBC/MED Programmes and future calls & project presented to the 1st calls and conception of new projects (October 2018-ongoing).
- Monitoring of the EU Neighborhood policy south and the ENI (October 2018-ongoing).
- Preparation and synergies with the Mediterranean Catalonia Forum 2019 on the future of the Mediterranean Region, specifically discussing the future of Cohesion, Neighbourhood and Development policies and the perspectives for ETC post-2020, back-to-back with the IMC PB in February, in Barcelona.
- Synergies and participation to the Catalonia EU Regions and Territorial Agendas workshop (October 2020).

- Co-organization with Emilia-Romagna of an event on the added value of Big Data for Territorial Policies in the Mediterranean Region on 18 December 2019, in Bologna.
- Monitoring of AI-NURECC and future reflections for synergies and replication (October 2018-Final Conference 04 December 2019, Brussels). Launch of AI-NURECC PLUS initiative (CPMR acts as partner) focused on the multilevel cooperation, especially as a response to the pandemic (2 July 2021).
- Participation in an event on SDGs and the role of the regions in Barcelona (18 January 2019), in a masterclass on territorial diplomacy and cooperation (31 January 2019, Barcelona), and the Summit of the two shores (Marseilles, June 2019).
- Synergies with UNEP MAP and MSSD (October 2018-ongoing).
- Participation to the EU Week of Regions and Cities (from 2018-ongoing 2023 tbd.). Specific seminars organized to promote the MedCoopAlliance and the role of multi-level governance in a sustainable economy.
- Participation to the MedCatDays, Barcelona (Spain), 12-14 June 2023.

Interreg Med

- Contribution to the works on governance of the project PANORAMED axis 4 of MED INTERREG and ADRION transnational programmes (IMC-CPMR is participating as associate/observer) e.g., meetings with PANAROMED and associated partners (December – January 2019, in Roma and Brussels), PANORAMED steering committee meetings (March 2021), PANORAMED Dialogues (Fall 2021).
- Preparation of the 1st Interreg EURO-MED call on governance projects, participation to its specific workshops/seminars (January, February 2022), conception and presentation of the new Dialogue4Innovation project (kick-off on 14 February 2023) and Community4Tourism project.
- Participation to the Interreg event “Towards a more sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean: Three Interreg Programmes joining forces”, Florence (Italy), May 2023.

ARLEM/CoR

- Meeting with association, preparation of the plenary, future reports, participation in the Commission meetings and coordination meeting with networks, co-organization of side events in view of the Plenaries.
- 10th Plenary Session of ARLEM, adoption of the report on Governance and Transparency in the Mediterranean region and CPMR contribution to the report on the Youth entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean (February 2019). Organization of the “Migration across the Mediterranean: towards a multi-level governance approach” side event (February 2019).
- 11th Plenary Session of ARLEM and side-meetings, adoption of the draft reports on Blue economy in the Mediterranean region and on Regional Integration in the Med Region, together with recommendation for 2020 and upcoming activities (Barcelona, 22-23 January 2020).
- 12th Plenary Session of ARLEM and adoption of the report on the Impacts of Climate change on Mediterranean agriculture with the contribution of the CPMR-IMC and presented by A. Rampal / Region Sud (22 February 2021).
- 13th Plenary Session of ARLEM and adoption of the report on A macro-regional Strategy for the Mediterranean with the contribution of the CPMR-IMC and the MedCoopAlliance, presented by N. Drobroslavic / Dubrovnik-Neretva (13 October 2022).
- Participation to the 20th European Week of Regions and Cities, November 2022. Specific seminars organized to promote the MedCoopAlliance and the role of multi-level governance in a sustainable economy. Follow-up of the report on a Macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean to the COTER and CoR, participation to the EUWRC 2022 with a specific session on the Mediterranean macro-region. Follow-up of next steps with the European Parliament’s report (ongoing).

- Participation to the 8th meeting of the ARLEM Commission, 7 February 2022, Marseille / online; coordination meetings with the Regions representing the IMC.

MedCoopAlliance

- Participation in the General Assembly and Dialogues of [MedCities](#) in Barcelona (October 2018, 2022, 2023) and further synergies in the frame of the existing MoU.
- Relations with other Med networks: Arco Latino, UNIMED, EURORÉGION Pyrénées-Méditerranée and Adriatic-Ionian, including coordination meetings (October 2018-ongoing).
- Set-up of the Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance with the main Mediterranean networks of regional and local authorities (ongoing), implementation of the objectives of the MedCoopAlliance regarding multi-level governance and territorial cooperation (ongoing). Addition of a signatory organization through COPPEM (October 2019, Palermo).
- Follow-up of various dossiers linked to the Mediterranean macro-regions notably (see above list).

Internal management

- Discussions for the update of the WG Action Plan for 2022-2024.

2. Upcoming activities

- Wide dissemination of IMC position and contribution to CPMR proposal for amendments on the future of Territorial Cooperation, *ad hoc* meetings with authorities, etc. (October 2018-ongoing). Follow-up of the CPMR Position on macro-regions (September 2022).
- Participation/contribution to the CPMR TF on macro-regional strategies, support to the TF Migration works along with the participation to its future meetings.
- 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 continuation of the drawing up of an enlargement strategy for the IMC in the MED including information on the decentralisation of possible partner countries.
- Set-up of high-level meetings of the Intermediterranean Commission political representatives in the frame of the follow-up of the IMC “Road Map for Macro-Regional and Sea Basin Strategies” (e.g., meetings within SEArca intergroup and back-to-back meetings 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, PLATFORMA, CMI, EURORÉGION Pyrénées-Méditerranée, MedCities, MED PAN etc.
- Specific monitoring of ADRION, IPA/CBC/Euro-MED Programmes and future calls & possible implementation of selected project presented to the first calls and conception of new projects; monitoring for synergies and potential replication/adaptation in the West MED area.
- Implementation and monitoring of the newly approved governance projects Dialogue4Innovation and Community4Tourism of Interreg EURO-MED programme.
- Monitoring of the AI-NURECC PLUS initiative.
- Implementation of a Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance with major Mediterranean networks of local and regional authorities; lobbying to institutions and organizations (January-February 2020, ongoing).
- Lobbying on the future of Territorial Cooperation in the Mediterranean (Synergies with CPMR positions, follow up of IMC’s policy papers etc.).
- Replication/Capitalization of the training on Integrated territorial development via the UfM TA.

- Follow-up WestMED initiative steering committee and participation to the stakeholder conference.
- Interreg Euro-MED programme event, Ljubljana (Slovenia), 21-22 November 2023.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COHESION

1. Key political and technical activities (events, projects...)

Further information available [HERE](#)

General Policies and CPMR synergies

- Meeting of the IMC WG on Economic and Social cohesion in Montpellier (April 2019) and Rome (November 2019).
- Preparation of an IMC report & contribution to ARLEM report on youth entrepreneurship (October 2018-February 2019).
- Ratification of the [Social and Solidarity Economy Declaration](#) by the IMC Members during the IMC Plenary in Palermo (framework of the CPMR GA) – October 2019.
Dissemination of the Social and Solidarity Economy Declaration and mobilization of IMC members follow-up of the [RESET](#) project results.
- General monitoring and support of the activities connected to the Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture in synergy with the WG PMI&TRAN and CPMR maritime intergroup (October 2018-February 2020).
- Organization of the TF on Culture and Sustainable Tourism and WINTERMED 1st engagement forum (16 July 2021). Organization of the TF on Culture and Sustainable Tourism (25 May, 12 July, 2022 online).
- Preparation and synergies with the MedCat Week 2019 on the future of the Mediterranean Region, specifically discussing the future of Cohesion, Neighborhood and Development policies and the perspectives for ETC post-2020, back-to-back with the IMC PB in February 2019, in Barcelona.
- Participation and contribution to the organization of the [MedCat Days](#), March 2022, June 2023, Barcelona.
- Synergies with CPMR reflections and works on the future of Cohesion Policy (October 2018-ongoing).
- Creation of the IMC Youth Council and implementation over 2020, following the Santa Severa event of December 2019, and continuous follow-up of its activities. Synergies with the AJCM to create the Mediterranean Youth Council and co-ordination of activities e.g. Mediterranean Youth Council Plenary organized back-to-back the 2022 IMC GA (9-10 June 2022, Sevilla), MYC working session organized in parallel with the WG meeting focused on Youth issues (7-8 October 2022, Santa Severa), participation of the MYC to the Med Action Festival in Marseilles (21-23 October 2022), the CPMR General Assembly in Crete (27-28 October 2022), the Day of the Mediterranean (28 November 2022) and to the Méditerranée du Futur 2022 (December 2022), IMC PB (22-23 February 2023, Palma) and CPMR PB (9-10 March 2023, Cartagena), MedCatDays (June 2023, Barcelona), etc.
- Celebration of the Mediterranean Awards Ceremony in Seville, March 2023, with the awarding of the MYC with the Prize for the Mediterranean identity.

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- Follow-up of the “Méditerranée du Futur Acte IV” and Mediterranean Youth Assembly in Marseille (December 2020, December 2022).
- Participation and follow-up of the Catalan Youth Climate Forum (December 2020, November 2022).
- Support to the conception of new projects under Interreg Euro-MED calls for proposals and Horizon Europe calls for proposals. Participation to the Horizon Results Platform (HRP) webinar (24 January 2023)
- Synergies with the INTERACT Med Lab Group on Sustainable Tourism and participation to the conference (May 2019, Palermo) and follow-up.
- Participation to the debates of the EU Tourism Convention (12 October 2020), to the SEArca event on building a sustainable tourism for EU coastal regions (1 October 2021), and activities with the Travel Foundation.
- Participation to the ENI-CBC webinar in occasion of the world tourism day (27 September 2021).
- Participation to the UfM/WestMED webinar on “sustainable tourism innovation” and UfM webinar on “driving sustainable production and consumption through eco-labelling”, November 2021 online.
- Co-creation with the UfM of the handbook “Social and Economic Regeneration in the Mediterranean after the crisis”, 2021.
- Participation to the UfM/UNIDO Women Business Forum focused on the MENA region (20-21 July 2021, Barcelona)
- Participation to the 16th edition of the MedaWeek (16,18 November 2022, Barcelona)
- Participation and contribution to the UfM/Anna Lindh event “Youth for a more sustainable, prosperous and integrated Mediterranean 2030” (23 November 2022, Barcelona/online)

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- Implementation and closing of [CO-EVOLVE](#) (2017-2019), [MITOMED+](#) (2017-2019) and [HERIT-DATA](#) (Final conference 7 April 2022, Madrid) projects on sustainable tourism, synergies with the HP Sustainable Tourism projects, and support to the preparation of the ones in Brussels, Dubrovnik and Montpellier.
- Follow-up of DESTIMED+ project (2020-ongoing) and dialogues for the Mediterranean Ecotourism Community (MEC). Participation to the DESTIMED+ policy training workshop “Integrating sustainable tourism and conservation in marine and coastal planning” 7 July 2021.
- Monitoring of the strategic projects on sustainable tourism BESTMED and SMARTMED, and participation in several activities and events/project meetings – SMARTMED steering committee (November 2021 and 17-18 May 2022, Lisbon tbc.) and their joint transferring seminars on “good practices exchange and synergies building”(December 2021, online) and on “Perspectives on new models of governance for sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean (April 2022, online)
- Participation to the BESTMED seminar on the development of a network of sustainable tourism observatories in the Mediterranean (December 2021) and BESTMED transferring event in Calabria, 23-24 May 2022.
- Implementation of the maritime projects on sustainable tourism DESTIMED+, HERIT-DATA, WINTERMED and participation/capitalization of several activities and events/project meetings.
- Monitoring of the strategic projects on sustainable tourism BESTMED and SMARTMED, and participation in several activities and events/project meetings (e.g., joint event BESTMED and DESTIMED+ 20-21 June 2022, Rome)
- Co-organization of BESTMED and SMARTMED Final events in Granada, 14-15 September 2022.
- Participation to the Interreg MED Sustainable Tourism Community (2020-2022); participation in the 2nd community building workshop (2021) and to the 1st associated partners & other stakeholders meeting

(2021). Participation to the MED sustainable tourism days, 14-17 December 2021 and MED 2nd Sustainable Tourism Convention 8-9 June 2022, Barcelona.

- Follow-up and monitoring of the Interreg MED Sustainable Tourism Community BleuTourMed, e.g., participation in the 2nd capitalization workshop (27-28 March 2019, Dubrovnik) and the 3rd one (June 2019, Barcelona). Conception and presentation of new Community4Tourism project on sustainable tourism.
- Monitoring of MD.net project (2018-2019) and participation to the European Week of Regions and Cities with MD.Net (October 2019, Brussels). Synergies with the InnoBlueGrowth Summer School in Kotor, Montenegro, July 2019.
- Follow-up and monitoring of the ENI CBC Med MEDUSA project for the development and promotion of Mediterranean sustainable adventure tourism (IMC acts as associate) - participation to its 1st advisory board meeting February 2021.
- Monitoring of the Interreg MED LABELSCAPE project on tourism and participation to the networking event (11 May 2022, Brussels) with a contribution on the future of Sustainable Tourism in the post Covid period.

MC4BG (2018-2020) & Co-EVOLVE4BG (2019-ongoing)

- Follow-up of Med Coast for Blue Growth and Co-Evolve4BG, organization of a joint meeting with CO-EVOLVE held in Barcelona on 29-31 October 2018, setting up of the meeting in Montpellier in April 2019, with a follow-up in Barcelona in June 2019.
- Presentation of MC4BG, Co-Evolve and Co-Evolve4BG in the UfM Task Force on the Environment, Brussels (April 2019).
- Follow-up, co-organization and participation in the Vasco da Gama Summer School 2019 with the University of Bari, with a spin-off in the framework of InnoBlueGrowth in Kotor – July 2019.

Internal management

- Shift of the co-Presidency of the working group from Occitanie to Andalusia (June 2022).
- Reflections for the update of the WG Action Plan and TFs (2022-2024) with a focus on Intercultural dialogue and Youth policies.

2. Upcoming activities

- Follow-up of the Mediterranean Games organization with Apulia Region (to be further developed through actions and a final event in the coming years) - Mediterranean Games will be hosted by Taranto in 2026.
 - Future actions and projects of the Working Group on Youth mobility/inclusion, Social Solidarity Economy, Med Identity and Med Citizenship according to the new action plan of the Group, meeting of the Working group (15 November 2019, Rome – ongoing).
 - Continuous follow-up of the IMC Mediterranean Youth Council's activities, e.g. IMC GA in Calabria (June 29-30, 2023).
 - Building up of a Management model for Maritime and Coastal Tourism in the Mediterranean (dissemination and mainstreaming (2020-ongoing).
 - Follow-up and monitoring of the upcoming Sustainable Tourism Community of Interreg Euro-MED programme (2022-2027) and implementation of the Community4Tourism project on sustainable tourism.
 - Partner meeting of the Community4Tourism, Volos (Greece), 5-6 July 2023.
 - Organization of a meeting of the Task Force Culture and Sustainable Tourism to keep the regions updated on the latest initiatives and activities (date tbd.).
- 1st Joint Annual Forum of the Mission Sustainable Tourism from Interreg Euro Med programme in the framework of the programme event in Slovenia (November 2023).

WATER & ENERGY

1. Key political and technical activities (events, projects...)

Further information available [HERE](#)

General Policies and CPMR synergies

- Contribution and participation to CPMR Task Force on Climate (e.g., 6 February 2019 in Brussels, 8 February, 8 June 2022 online) and follow-up of activities.
- IMC Task Force on Energy Renovation in Med Buildings back-to-back with the SHERPA project (May 2019), organization of the TF meeting on Energy Renovation in Med Buildings (3 October 2022, online).
- Follow-up of the political position on water and renewable energies through new concrete lobbying actions and works concerning innovation and research (2019).
- Follow-up of the workshop on the administrative aspects of water in the framework of an international conference on water and Technology (2019).
- IMC Water & Energy Working Group Meeting (July 2020, online).
- Launch of the AGRIMED Task Force (July 2021) and follow-up - 2nd AGRIMED TF meeting, December 2021.
- Co-organization of the 1st Interregional Mediterranean Forum to fight against Desertification (4-5 July 2022, Murcia), aiming at setting up a common roadmap for action and drafting the relative Political Declaration for enshrining Regions' formal commitment to tackle this issue.

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- Follow-up of the seminar on water management held in Sevilla in September 2018.
- Synergies with [ECOMONDO](#) (November 2018- ongoing). Co-organization of the workshop on the "[Commitment to the Mission Charter to contribute to healthy pollution free MED](#)" in the framework of ECOMONDO Fair (8-11 November 2022, Rimini)
- Presentation of the [SolaQua](#) project (H2020) on solar irrigation (December 2019) and approval (March 2020) in which the IMC is involved as full partner. Kick-off of the SolaQua project (H2020) in October, 2020 and continuous follow-up of the project; participation to the SolaQua semester meeting (14-15 April 2021, online) and steering committees (e.g., 16-17 March 2022, Madrid). Presentation of the SolaQua project (H2020) and updates during the IMC AGRIMED TF in July 2021 - along with the presentation of the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ([PRIMA](#)) programme. Contribution and participation to the SolaQua mid-mandate steering committee (22-23 September 2022, Sassari, Madrid March 2023).

SolaQua application "Leveraging CAP funds in order to decarbonize irrigated agriculture" sent to the European Sustainable Energy Week of June 2023.

Follow up, of the workshop cycle "Mais sol, Mais energia" organized by CER-UE). Online workshop on the SolaQua Financial Instrument (3 March 2023), SolaQua project partner's meeting in Calarasi (Rumania), 5 April 2023, SolaQua's project workshop & IMC Working Group "Water & Energy" meeting, 15 & 16 June in Valencia Villena / Online.

- Follow-up and contributions to the ARLEM [report](#) on Climate and agriculture (2020-2021). Adoption of the report in February 2021.
- Monitoring of the [COP26](#) event of the 1-12th November 2021, Glasgow. Online participation and monitoring of the [COP 27 Mediterranean Pavilion](#) (6-18 November 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh) results.

- Participation to the webinar “Food: the new frontiers” organized by the Institute de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques (IRIS) to discuss the DEMETER Report (2022) on the new frontiers of agriculture, 10 February 2022 online.
- Organisation of the meeting of the IMC Task Force on Energy Renovation in Mediterranean Buildings on October 3, 2022, online.
- Monitoring of projects dealing with data interoperability for renovation buildings (EN-TRACK) and with “services locaux énergie-climat” (SLEC) (2023).
- Participation to the “[Méditerranée du futur](#)” event on climate change adaptation, organized by the Sud Region (6 December 2022, Marseilles) to promote the IMC initiative on Desertification (represented by Murcia).
- Participation and contribution to the UfM 2nd online Conference on the Restoration of Mediterranean Wetlands (1 December 2022).

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- SHERPA activities implementation, including national seminars and events (e.g., in Greece, Valencia) and set up of the structure of the future Joint Action Plan on Energy Renovation in Mediterranean buildings (January- February 2019).
- Implementation and closing of the SHERPA Project, capitalization and mainstreaming of the SHERPA projects results (EN-TRACK, etc.). 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. Co-organization and participation to the final event in Brussels – January 2020, back-to-back to IMC Energy TF.
- Synergies with InnoBlueGrowth (Final conference on September 2019, Brussels) and with Interreg MED Renewable Energy Community (2019-2022) on marine renewable energies and circular economy.
- Synergies with Interreg MED Community CESBA MED and MED NICE on energy efficiency in buildings (2019).
- Monitoring of the reIMPULSE project dealing with Reaching new territories in the use of Integrated Management Support for Energy efficiency in Mediterranean Public buiLdings.

UfM

- Follow-up and monitoring of the [UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Change](#), e.g., participation in the GSO 2nd Meeting, 12-13 November, Barcelona. Participation to the UfM WG on Environment and Climate Change meetings (15-16 March 2022, 3 November 2023)

Internal management

- Co-ordination with the Co-Presidencies of the WG in view of the update of the Action plan for 2022-24.

2. Upcoming activities

- Conception, presentation and implementation of new projects on Water/Energy in the frame of EU cooperation programmes and development of partnerships and cooperation with universities, private and international entities.
- Synergies with CPMR TF on Climate (2019-ongoing) on EU Green Deal, Climate Law, Just Transition Fund, etc. and follow-up.
- Synergies with inter-commissions TF on Mediterranean Islands and issues on circular economy and energy.
- Follow-up and monitoring of the [UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Change](#).

- Follow-up of the Blue Growth Community with topics on marine renewable energies and circular economy (February 2020, November 2020, February 2021, May 2022).
- Co-ordination with the Co-Presidencies of the WG in view of the update of the Action plan for 2022-24 (February 2020-ongoing). Follow-up of the AGRIMED TF (2nd meeting December 2021) and monitoring of the SolaQua project results.
- Follow-up of the meeting of the IMC WG on Water & Energy (14 October 2022, focusing on a common regional approach to fight desertification) and the meeting of the TF on Energy Renovation in Med Buildings (3 October 2022 + survey to members January 2023).
- SolaQua Final Meeting, Marrakech (Morocco), 25-27 September 2023 (tbc.).

COMMUNICATION, MEMBERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS

1. Main achievements

- Regular updates of the IMC [website](#) and [TeamUp Calendar](#).
- Support and contribution to the CPMR communication activities with news regarding the IMC (newsletter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter).
- Support to the implementation of the integrated web platform of the CPMR and use of the new visual image. Development new internal area of CPMR site.
- Boosting of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Twitter account [@IMC_CPMR](#) (today more than 2600 followers), and Med Maritime projects Twitter account, [@MedMaritimeProj](#) (today almost 1000 followers).
- Set up and contribution to the development of the websites of the projects where the IMC is involved.
- Management and promotion of the EU Project's Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn accounts and websites: [@CoEVOLVEmed](#), [@SherpaMED](#), [@MITOMEDplus_](#), [@heritdata](#), [@InnoBlueGrowth](#) and [@BlueGrowthCom](#), [@MEDCommunity3_2](#), [@BlueBioMed](#), [@med_winter](#), [@PanoraMed](#), [@SmartMedProject](#), [@BestMedProject](#), [@BlueMissionMed](#), [@Dialogue4Innov](#) and [Community4Tourism @InterregEuroMED](#), etc.
- Frequent use of videoconference for meetings (in particular using Microsoft Teams purchased by CPMR but also via the Regions' systems, e.g., Webex, BlueJeans).
- Relation and synergies with the wide range of external stakeholders and implementation of MoUs (Med Cities, UfM, University of Bari, etc.).
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation of the current ones (Morocco, Turkey, Croatia, Tunisia, Slovenia, Algeria, ...) and contribution to the CPMR membership strategy.
- Publication of wrap-up articles on the IMC projects to advertise them better and give easy access to compile key documents of interest for the members.

2. Upcoming activities

- Update of the IMC visual image and WG Action plans presentations for members following the update of the actions plans for the new mandate, especially for co-presidencies but also members.
- Contribution and regular updates to CPMR joint newsletter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter accounts with news regarding the IMC.
- Boosting of the Intermediterranean Commission and Projects Twitter Accounts.
- Set up and contribution to the development of the websites of projects in which the IMC is involved.
- Publication of wrap-up articles on the IMC projects to advertise them better and give easy access to compile key documents of interest for the members.
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation the current ones (possible meetings tbc.).
- Relation with the wide range of external stakeholders and possible new MoUs (MedPan, UNIMED, etc.).
- Use of videoconference or skype for meetings (GoToMeeting, Zoom or Teams).
- Organisation of informative virtual meetings on IMC CPMR activities for IMC members.
- Support in the implementation of the new members' area within the CPMR website.
- Contribution to the organization of the CPMR internal Training for projects (Fall 2023).

EU COOPERATION RUNNING PROJECTS in which the IMC is currently involved

For more information on the **ongoing projects** and to learn more about the **results achieved by past projects** as well as its plan we invite you to take a look at the [projects section on our Website](#) and at **the Internal report of the IMC Secretariat** (updated until June 2023): “Participation of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission in EU Cooperation Projects”.