

CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION

Activity report July 2018-October 2018 and upcoming actions

INTRODUCTION AND AIM OF THE REPORT

This report aims at providing a global summarized but at the same time detailed (not exhaustive) overview on the activities of the CPMR IMC during the current mandate (for the mandate 2016-2018 please refer to this other [report](#)).

The document is structured in two main sections concerning the main activities implemented from July 2018 to October 2018 and the upcoming ones.

The activities are presented under 3 main categories: “Internal organization and institutional meetings”, “Key political and technical activities by theme” (Events, projects, etc.), and “Communication, membership and partnerships”.

The key activities by theme are organized upon the sectoral policies addressed by the four-permanent thematic Working Groups of the organization: Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy, Territorial Cooperation & Macroeconomic Strategies (including activities on Migration), Economic and Social Cohesion, Energy & Water.

More precise information about several of the activities mentioned in this document can be found in the news and twitter on our [website](#), in the extensive report on projects of the IMC, as on the working documents and plans of each Working Group and internal Task Force of the Intermediterranean Commission. This report is updated before each statutory meeting of the organization and will constitute the base for the final narrative report of the mandate 2018-2020.

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 the cooperation & the synergies for the sustainable development and the multilevel governance in the Mediterranean.

For any additional information please ask the CPMR IMC Secretariat.

CPMR Intermediterranean Commission



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I - MAIN ACTIVITIES (Detailed report: July 2016 – February 2018)

A. Internal organization and institutional/Statutory meetings

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

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

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

3. Economic and Social Cohesion

4. Energy & Water

C. Communication, membership and partnerships

II - UPCOMING INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (from February 2018 to the end of the year)

A. Internal organization and institutional/statutory meetings

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

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

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Main Activities (detailed report July 2018-October 2018)

This section aims at providing a global summarized but at the same time detailed **overview of the activities** of the **CPMR IMC** during the current mandate.

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- **Internal organization and institutional meetings**
- **Key political and technical activities by the theme (Events, projects, etc.)**
- **Communication, membership and partnerships**

The key activities by theme are organized upon the sectoral policies addressed by the four-permanent thematic Working Groups of the organization: **Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy, Territorial Cooperation & Macroregional Strategies (including activities on Migration), Economic and Social Cohesion, Energy & Water.**

Internal organization and institutional/statutory meetings

- **General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission (Patras 28th and 29th June 2018)**
- Debate and approval of [Final Declaration](#) and two policy documents on the [Future of Territorial Cooperation](#) in the Mediterranean and [Sustainable Tourism](#).
- Renewal of [Intermediterranean Commission Mandate \(2016-2018\)](#): election of the president [Apostolos Katsifaras](#) and [Political Bureau](#).
- Political sessions on the added value of cohesion policy, future of territorial cooperation, emerging strategies and governance in the Mediterranean.
- Synergies with the project Spotlight on Cohesion and organization of a joint political session
- 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 Economic and Social Cohesion.

Documents available [HERE](#), article available [HERE](#).

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

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

- Participation in the CPMR intergroup on Transport, internal survey to IMC members and contribution to CPMR amendments proposals for the new regulation (July – October 2018)
- Monitoring of Western Med initiative and participation in the West Med Steering Committee in Algiers (October 2018)
- Follow up of Med Coast for Blue Growth and Co-Evolve4BG, organization of a joint meeting with CO-EVOLVE (Interreg MED) to be held in Barcelona at the end of October and support for the launch of a UfM Technical Assistance linked to MC4BG (July-October 2018)
- Several synergies with UfM for the implementation of the UfM declaration on Blue Economy (e.g. VKC, newsletter, circulation of information, Bluemed monitoring etc.) (July 2018-ongoing)
- Update of the Bologna Charter's JAP (July 2018-ongoing)
- Coordination with the co-presidencies for the future update of the WG Action Plan (July 2018-ongoing)
- Implementation of the activities of PANACeA and InnoBlueGrowth, in particular in view of their respective forthcoming events planned in Barcelona, Rome and Bruxelles (see calendar) in October-December (July 2018-ongoing)
- Monitoring of PANORAMED, PHAROS4MPAs and MISTRAL where the IMC is associated and participation in meetings (July 2018-ongoing)

- Implementation of the maritime projects addressing tourism, CO-EVOLVE, MITOMED+ and HERIT-DATA and participation (see calendar) in several activities and events/project meetings (e.g. MITOMED + Steering Committee in Poreč in September 2018) and support to the preparation of the future ones in Brussels, Barcelona and Montpellier.
- 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 West Med: SIMWESTMED, works connected with Bologna Charter etc. questionnaires). (July-October 2018)
- Monitoring of future calls for projects (e.g. MED 3rd call for proposal) / programmes on maritime issues (July – October 2018).
- Preparing the involvement in UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Change to be held in the last trimester (October 2018)
- ARLEM meeting with association and suggestion to address Blue Economy with a specific report in 2019 (September 2018)
- Co-organization and participation in the VdG Summer School 2018 held in Taranto with the University of Bari, including a strong focus on Blue Growth (July 2018)

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

- Wide dissemination of IMC position and contribution to CPMR proposal for amendments on the future of Territorial Cooperation, ad hoc meetings with authorities etc. (July 2018-October 2018)
- West MED maritime initiative and EUSAIR monitoring in connection with CPMR Task Forces, including participation in meetings with the EC (July 2018-October 2018)
- Monitoring of cooperation programmes in the Mediterranean (Interreg MED, ENI CBC Med, Adrion and others), conception of projects ideas (July 2018-October 2018)
- Final publication of the manual on public services with an integrated territorial development approach (July 2018-October 2018)
- Preparation of a seminar on emerging strategies to be held in Barcelona in 2019 back to back with the IMC PB (July 2018-October 2018)
- Synergies with ARLEM: meeting with association, preparation of the plenary, future reports, participation in the Commission meeting in Brussels (July 2018-October 2018)
- Participation in the General Assembly of MedCities in Barcelona (October 2018) 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 (July 2018-October 2018)
- Synergies with UNEP MAP and MSSD (July 2018-October 2018)
- Monitoring of the EU Neighbourhood policy south and the ENI (July 2018-October 2018)
- Monitoring of Migration policy issues in connection with the CPMR Migration TF (July 2018-October 2018)
- Co-ordination with the Co-Presidencies of the WG in view of the update of the Action plan for 2019-20 (July 2018-October 2018)
- Monitoring of AI-NURECC and future reflections for synergies and replication (July 2018-October 2018)
- Synergies with INTERACT and participation in an event dealing with the future of ETC and emerging strategies in the Mediterranean in Palermo (September 2018)

3. Economic and Social Cohesion

- WG meeting in Patras back to back with the GA focus on Social and Solidarity Economy and Youth Policies, follow up (July 2018-October 2018)
- Preparation of a IMC report and contribution to ARLEM report on youth entrepreneurship (July 2018-October 2018)
- Co-organization and participation in the VdG Summer School 2018 held in Taranto with the University of Bari, including a strong focus on Blue Growth (July 2018)

- 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 (July 2018-October 2018)
- Implementation of CO-EVOLVE, MITOMED+ and HERIT-DATA projects on sustainable tourism, synergies with the HP BleuTourMed and Coasting projects, including participation and organization of events (July 2018-October 2018)
- Synergies with CPMR reflections and works on the future of Cohesion Policy and DG Regio project Cohesion Spotlight, including a session organized during the GA in Patras (July 2018-October 2018)
- Co-ordination with the Co-Presidencies of the WG in view of the update of the Action plan for 2019-20 (July 2018-October 2018)

4. Energy & Water

- Organization and participation in the WG meeting in Sevilla, including a workshop on the administrative aspects of water management and the participation in the H2Orizon international expo in September 2018. Synergies with projects and external stakeholders, dissemination of information and capitalization (July 2018-September 2018)
- SHERPA activities implementation, including events (e.g. preparation of Steering Committees) and future definition of a Joint Action Plan on energy efficiency in Mediterranean Buildings (July 2018-October 2018)
- Meeting of the TF Energy Renovation in MED buildings back to back with SHERPA's Steering Committee in Marseille (July 2018)
- Contribution to CPMR works on Climate and paper on Low Carbon Strategy (July 2018-October 2018)
- Co-ordination with the Co-Presidencies of the WG in view of the update of the Action plan for 2019-20 (July 2018-October 2018)
- Synergies with MED NICE community Interreg Med on Energy efficiency (July 2018-October 2018)

Communication, membership and partnership

- Intermediterranean Commission Web site regular update until the launch of the new one
- Support to the CPMR Communication/Newsletter (articles on IMC main activities)
- Boosting of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Twitter Account @IMC_CPMR (today more than 1500 followers), Med Maritime projects @MedMaritimeProj (today more than 800 followers, please spread it up) and management and promotion of the EU Project's twitters, facebook, linkedin accounts and web sites: CO-EVOLVE, SHERPA, MITOMED+, HERIT-DATA (Twitter account already created, website coming soon), InnoBlueGrowth, PANACeA (please spread them up)
- Frequent use of videoconference or skype for meetings (in particular using the system Gotomeeting, purchased by CPMR but also via the systems of the regions, e.g. webex, bluejeans)
- Relation with the wide range of external stakeholders and implementation of MoUs (Med Cities, UfM, Arco Latino, University of Bari etc.)
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation of the current ones (Morocco, Turkey, Croatia, Tunisia, Slovenia, Algeria...).
- Contribution to CPMR joint Newsletter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter with news regarding IMC.
- Set up and contribution to the development of the web sites of the projects where the IMC is involved

Upcoming Intermediterranean Commission Activities (From June 2018 to the end of the year and beyond)

Internal organization and institutional/statutory meetings

- **CPMR General Assembly and Plenary Meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Madeira, October 2018)
 - Contribution to the CPMR final declaration and CPMR Strategic Plan
 - Update on activities, Med cooperation and internal matters
 - Finalisation of the election of the PB Vice-presidents
 - Participation of IMC members in the CPMR GA political session and technical meetings (e.g. CPMR Strategic Plan, Task Force on Migration...)
- **1st Political Bureau of the new mandate of the Intermediterranean Commission** (tbc February 2019, Barcelona)
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (tbc 1st Trimester 2019)
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (tbc June 2019)
- **General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission** (tbc June-July 2019)

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

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

- Contribution to the CPMR work in relation with the CEF2 post 2020 etc.
- Monitoring of TEN-T and R-TAP
- Participation in GO-SUMP event in the last trimester of 2018
- 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 (Malta 24 January 2019)
- WG activities in connection with the CPMR Maritime Agenda (MSP, Coastal Defence, Marine Data, Marine industries, marine litter, marine energy ...) (2018).
- Implementation of the 2 horizontal projects InnoBlueGrowth on Innovation & Blue Growth and PANACEA on Environment protection and events e.g steering committees and capitalization seminars of both projects foreseen in the last trimester of 2018
- Workshop SIMWESTMED on MSP (2018)
- Synergies with BLUEMED Week (End October 2018) and MEDAWEEK (End November 2018)
- Final Conference SIMWESTMED, back to back with the Final Conference SUPREME, Venezia (December 2018)
- GFCM Fish Forum (December 2018)
- Implementation MC4BG and cross fertilization with other maritime projects (2018)
- Update of the WG Action Plan and TFs (2018-2019)

2. Territorial Cooperation & Macroregional Strategies (including activities on Migration and cross cutting topics)

- Stakeholder Conference of WestMED in Algiers (December 2018)

- Possible meetings back to back with the UfM /other events dealing with cooperation and macro-regional strategies, in cooperation with other networks (2019), in particular one seminar already foreseen in Barcelona back to back with IMC PB (1st week of February)
- 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 (2018).
- 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 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.
- Specific monitoring of ENPI CBC Med (1st call and futures), ADRION (2nd call), IPA/CBC/MED Programmes and future calls & possible implementation of selected project presented to the first calls and conception of new projects.
- Contribution to the works on governance of the project PANORAMED axis 4 of MED INTERREG and ADRION transnational programmes (CPMR IMC is participating as associate/observer)
- Participation in ARLEM Plenary in Seville (February 2018)
- AI-NURECC monitoring for synergies and potential replication/adaptation in the West MED area.
- Contribution to the TF Migration works (external dimension)
- Event on BIG Data for territorial policies in Bolonia (tbd end 2018)
- Update of the WG Action Plan (2018-2019)

3. Economic and Social Cohesion

- Follow up and possible replication of the Summer School VdG Taranto 2018 (2019)
- Mitomed + capitalization workshop (Brussels, November 2018)
- Co-Evolve Steering Committee and training, back to back with Med Coast for Blue Growth (Barcelona, End October 2018)
- High Level International Conference on Sustainable Development & Tourism in the Mediterranean, to be held in Athens (end November 2018)
- 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 (2018).
- Meeting of the IMC WG on Economic and Social cohesion (tbd-early 2019)
- Monitoring of MD.net project (2018-2019)
- Update of the WG Action Plan and TFs (2018-2019)

4. Energy & Water

- Task Force on Energy Renovation in Med Buildings back to back with the Sherpa forthcoming activities
- 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.
- Synergies with CESBA MED and MED NICE Interreg MED Community on Energy Efficiency in Buildings (2018-2019)
- 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 (2018-2019).
- Follow up of the political position on water and renewable energies through new concrete lobbying actions and works concerning innovation and research (2018).

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- Follow up of the Workshop on the administrative aspects of water in the framework of an international conference on water and Technology (2018-2019)
 - Participation in MED COP Climate 2018/Climate House activities (2018-2019).
 - Synergies with CPMR TF on Climate (2018-2019)
 - Update of the WG Action Plan and TFs (2018-2019)

Communication, membership and partnership

- 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, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter with news regarding IMC.
- Boosting of the CRPM Intermediterranean Commission and Projects Twitter Accounts.
- Set up and contribution to the development of the web sites of the projects where the IMC is involved
- 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 (Med Pan, Unimed etc.).
- Use of videoconference or skype for meetings (in particular using the new system GoToMeeting, purchased by CPMR).
- Organisation of informative virtual meetings on IMC CPMR activities for IMC members

Eu cooperation running projects in which the CPMR Intermediterranean commission is currently involved

This section, with the table below, aims to provide a **general overview** of the current involvement of **the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission** in European cooperation projects.

Project	EU Programme	Role of the CPMR IMC	Website
InnoBlueGrowth (Horizontal Project)	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	https://blue-growth.interreg-med.eu/
PANACeA (Horizontal Project)	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	https://biodiversity-protection.interreg-med.eu/
SHERPA	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	https://sherpa.interreg-med.eu/
CO-EVOLVE	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	https://co-evolve.interreg-med.eu/
MITOMED+	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	https://mitomed-plus.interreg-med.eu/
HERIT-DATA	Interreg MED 2nd Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	<i>Available soon</i>
BleuTourMed (Horizontal Project)	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	https://sustainable-tourism.interreg-med.eu/
GO-SUMP (Horizontal Project)	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	https://urban-transport.interreg-med.eu/
PHAROS4MPAs	Interreg MED 2nd Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	<i>Available soon</i>
MISTRAL	Interreg MED 2nd Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	<i>Available soon</i>
MD.net	Interreg MED 2nd Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	<i>Available soon</i>
PANORAMED	Interreg MED 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	https://governance.interreg-med.eu/
Promoting the Blue Economy in the Med (UfMS Agreement)	EASME/EMFF/2016/1.2.1.1 – Promoting the Blue Economy in the Mediterranean	FULL PARTNER	https://cpmr-intermed.org/projects/
MedCoast4BG	UfM labelling	LEAD PROMOTER	http://ufmsecretariat.org/project/medcoast4bg-med-coasts-blue-growth
PLATFORMA	Strategic partnership with the European Commission DG-International Cooperation	CPMR FULL PARTNER/IMC Leader for the South Neighbourhood activities	http://platforma-dev.eu/ https://cpmr-intermed.org/cohesion/training-on-integrated-territorial-development-in-the-mediterranean/6699/
CIVITAS DESTINATIONS	MOBILITY FOR GROWTH 2014-2015	CPMR FULL PARTNER (synergy with the IMC)	http://civitas.eu/destinations/
SIMWESTMED	EASME/EMFF/2015/1.2.1.3/02	CPMR FULL PARTNER (synergy with the IMC)	<i>Not available</i>

For more information on the **ongoing projects** and to learn more about the **results achieved by past projects**, we invite you to take a look at the [projects section of our Website](#) and at **the Internal report of the IMC Secretariat** : [“Participation of the CPMR-IMC in EU cooperation projects”](#).

The IMC is also involved in other 5 Proposals under evaluation under ENI CBC MED programme’s 1st call on sustainable tourism, Integrated Coastal Zone Management, water management and energy efficiency in buildings and - together with the CPMR TF on migration - in one proposal submitted under the DEAR call on “raising awareness on migrants’ contribution to EU societies”.