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### *Activity report July 2016-February 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.

The document is structured in two main sections concerning the main activities implemented from July 2016 to February 2018 and the upcoming ones until the end of 2018.

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 & Macroregional 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 2017-2018.

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.

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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***

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

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***4. Energy & Water***

C. Communication, membership and partnerships

## I. MAIN ACTIVITIES (Detailed report - July 2016/February 2018)

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

### A. Internal organization and institutional/statutory meetings

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- **General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Venice 30<sup>th</sup> of June and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- **Political Bureau of the IMC** (Barcelona, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017)
  - Debate and approval of the Draft Action Plan 2017-2018 and a Political declaration
  - Monitoring of the WG's action plans updating
  - Internal issues (including projects, financial issues and calendar)
  - Back to back internal meetings : WG on "Territorial cooperation and macro-regional strategies"
  - Event organized back to back with West Med initiative stakeholder conference (Barcelona, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017)

Documents available [here](#)

- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Gozo, Malta, 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 - Participation of Intermediterranean Commission Presidency/Secretariat)
  - IMC participation in several sessions
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Stavanger, Norway, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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)
  - Internal session and international political seminar
  - Debate and approval of political messages
  - Approval global and sectoral draft action plans for 2017-2018, monitoring of WGs Activities
  - Internal issues (including projects, financial issues and calendar)

- ➔ back to back WGs IMP & TRAN (Focus on Bologna Charter TF and UfM Blue Economy Agenda) and Economic and Social Cohesion (Focus on Tourism & Culture TF) and EU projects activities

Documents available [here](#)

- **Team building/management meeting CPMR Secretariat** (Rennes, 13-14 September 2017)
  - ➔ Work on CPMR services to the members and improvement of the organization
- **CPMR General Assembly and Plenary Meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Helsinki, Finland, 18-20 October 2017)
  - Update on past and current activities, forthcoming calendar
  - Contribution to the CPMR final declaration
  - Participation of IMC members in the CPMR GA session and technical meetings

Final declaration available [here](#)
- **CPMR “vision group” meeting** (Brussels, 5-6 February 2018)
  - Coordination among Geographical Commissions
  - CPMR management coordination and improvement

## 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 Tanger 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 (23<sup>rd</sup> 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 (27<sup>th</sup> 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 (27-29<sup>th</sup> 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-July 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-June 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, 13/14 December)
- Participation of Intermediterranean Commission in the 2016 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in 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 (24 January 2017).
- IMC Task Force on Fisheries and Aquaculture back to back with CPMR-DG Mare meeting on fisheries (8th February 2017).
- Participation in meetings of European Parliament Intergroup SEARICA: CPMR and SEARICA meeting on coastal data/Coastal Mapping project (7<sup>th</sup> February 2017) and event on Ocean Literacy (25 April 2017).
- Participation in CPMR maritime meetings and specific meeting on Fisheries in coordination with the IMC TF Fisheries (25-26 April 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 events e.g Community Event – InnoBlueGrowth in Rome (6-7 April 2017).
- Implementation of the maritime projects addressing tourism and participation in several activities and events (see the details under “Economic and Social Cohesion” section (February – June 2017).
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2017 Back to Back with the IMC Political Bureau, support to the organization of the MED regional stakeholder forum on blue economy to be organized at the end of 2017).
- Participation and contribution to the CPMR works on maritime investments (via questionnaire) in synergy with the follow up of Blue.Invest and DG MARE - Maltese EU presidency works and the launch of the new TF on the follow up of the UfM Blue Economy agenda in the Med regions (April-June 2017).
- 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). (February-October 2017)
- Involvement in SUPREME-SIMWESTMED joint launching conference in Rome (27 February 2017)
- Conception of new cooperation projects in the frame of other calls (e.g. MED 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals) / programmes on maritime issues (February-June 2017).
- 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.) (27<sup>th</sup> January 2017).
- Monitoring of corridors actions plan affecting the MED, and of MoS/CEF and call for proposals for amendments annex I (April-June 2017).
- Involvement in UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (14-15 March 2017).
- Synergies and participation in Bluemed international conference in Malta (18-19 April 2017).
- Participation in the Conference “Blue Economy project” UNEP MAP – PAP RAC in Marseilles (30-31 May 2017).
- Participation in Go-Sump project kick off in Málaga (3-5 April 2017).
- Full involvement and participation in “We are Med” Event and side meetings with the horizontal projects, Interreg MED (16-17-18 May 2017).
- Participation in the CPMR Transport intergroup (6 June 2017).
- Definition of the ToRs for the new Task force on the “follow up at regional level of the UfM Blue Economy Agenda” (February-June 2017), and update of the TF Bologna Charter Coordination Board (February-June 2017).
- Presentation of the Bologna Charter in the hub meetings of the Atlantic Arc Commission (June 2017)
- Participation in the event “A sea of dialogue” promoted by IAMB Bari in Tricase (29-30 June 2017)
- Update of the WG action plan for 2017-18 (May-June 2017)
- Contribution to the CPMR survey on aviation (July – September 2017)
- Participation in Western Med Workshops the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the UfM Working Group on Blue Economy on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017, support to the organization of the MED regional stakeholder forum on blue economy in November 2017.
- IMC Working Group meeting with its Task Forces in Naples on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July (Bologna Charter Coordination Board, TF UfM Agenda Blue Growth) and other related activities in link with the CPMR Maritime Agenda (MSP, Coastal Defence, Marine Data, Marine industries...).
- Official submission for UfM labelling of the project Med Coast 4 Blue Growth (MC4BG) and monitoring of the process (July 2018)

- Participation in the Workshop on the "Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the western Mediterranean" (Brussels, 9 October 2017)
- Contribution to CPMR works on the future of maritime policies in the post 2020 period (End 2017)
- Monitoring of corridors actions plan affecting the MED, and of MoS/CEF, contribution to the reflections on the indicators for accessibility (End 2017-February 2018)
- Update of the Bologna Charter and its Joint Action Plan (July – February 2018)
- Community Event Go-Sump horizontal project Interreg Med on sustainable urban transport in Torre Vedras (25-26 September 2017) – Report and materials [here](#)
- Lobbying towards the re-store of cross-boarder’s meetings on transport and improvement of the participation of the Regions in the Med Corridor Forum (October 2017)
- Participation in the CPMR maritime meeting in Helsinki (18 October 2017)
- Meetings with General Fisheries Committee of the Mediterranean (GFCM) and the UfMS (September-November 2017)
- Participation in the Meeting of the CPMR Transport working group in Brussels (28 November 2017)
- Support to the CPMR work on the revision of the directive Eurovignette (28 November 2017)
- Participation in the call for workshop of UfMS and EC-DG MARE for the Stakeholder conference on Blue Economy and partnership in several applications (led by IMC regions and partners), selected by the UfMS (July-October 2017)
- [BlueSeaLand](#) in Sicily (28 September – 1 October 2017)
- Conference “[Our Ocean, an ocean for life](#)” in Malta (5-6 October 2017)
- Participation in a [publication](#) of the UfMS on Sustainable Consumption and Production and Blue Economy (September – October 2017)
- Participation in the last phase of submission of the projects HERIT-DATA, MD.net, MISTRAL (September-October 2017)
- [PANACeA](#) Capitalization/Community building event in Barcelona (23-25 October)
- Participation and organization of several workshops on maritime issues in the framework of the UfM Stakeholder [conference on Blue Economy](#) in Naples (29-30 November 2017) and organization of the IMC TF on Blue Economy (28 November 2018).
- [InnoBlueGrowth](#) event on Yachting and Steering committee in Marseilles (10-12 October 2017). Preparation of forthcoming capitalization workshop on marine energies to be held in Naples (27-28<sup>th</sup> November 2017).
- Participation in Development of the infrastructures and railway offers on the North Sea – Mediterranean corridor” Conference coorganised by [FERRMED](#) and Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur Region (Marseille, 12 December 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.) (End 2017-January 2018)
- SIMWESTMED meeting and regional framework ICZM Barcelona convention (Aix-en-Provence, 29 January 2018)
- Participation in [SEARICA Conference](#) on Ocean Governance and CPMR Meeting (Brussels, 10 January 2018)
- CPMR Working Group Meeting on Fisheries, aquaculture and marine litter (Brussels, 30-31 January 2018)
- Synergies and participation in Bluemed Platforms Event (Athens 1-2 February)
- Support to the conceptualization and setting up of a new ENI project connected to Co-Evolve under the umbrella of MC4BG (August-December 2017) and presentation to the call of proposal (January 2018).
- Update of the Bologna Charter and its Joint Action Plan (July – February 2018)

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

- West Med and EUSAIR Monitoring in connection with CPMR Task Forces (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 (22-23<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> call of proposals, and on the orientations, strategies, and project ideas for the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> call (October 2016)
- Participation in the General Assembly of Unimed network for synergies among regions and universities (Rome ,21 October 2016 – Paris, 30-31 October 2017) – See the details [here](#) and [here](#)
- Meeting MC2CM UCGL Project on migration (November 2016)
- Participation in the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016)
- Interreg MED meeting of MED NICE HP and Modular projects in Nice (8/9<sup>th</sup> 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 (30<sup>th</sup> 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 (23-24<sup>th</sup> January 2017)
- Working Group CT & MRS meeting in Barcelona (1 February 2017) back to back with the IMC PB
- Participation in West Med Stakeholder conference (2 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, first inception report for a training module, need analysis, questionnaire (February 2016 – June 2017).
- Monitoring of the EU Neighbourhood policy south and the ENI and contacts with EEAS and HRVP cabinet (February – June 2017)
- Participation in the ARLEM 8th Plenary meeting in Malta (22-23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2017)
- Specific monitoring of ENPI CBC Med, ADRION, IPA/CBC/MED Programmes and future calls (February-June 2017) and participation in the info day of MED Interreg in Barcelona (22-23 February 2017) and the Interreg Europe Communication Seminar in Barcelona (30 May 2017)
- Synergies with PANORAMED, axis 4 platform Project under MED Interreg (IMC confirmed as formal observer/associate), and ADRION (February-June 2017)
- Monitoring of the final implementation of MED SPRING project (February-June 2017).
- Monitoring of EUSAIR Strategy and its governance and Fora in coordination with the AI CPMR Task Force and contribution to the AI-NURECC network proposal (February – June 2017).
- Coordination with CPMR Task Force on Macro-Regions for future joint actions and in particular for the policy position of the PB (March 2017).
- Participation in InnoBlueGrowth community launch in Rome (April 2017)
- Monitoring of the governance aspects concerning the set-up of the maritime initiative for the Western Mediterranean (June 2017).
- Follow-up of the synergies with ARLEM, UFM, ARCO LATINO, COM MED UCLG, PLATFORMA, CMI, EURORÉGION Pyrénées-Méditerranée, MedCities, MED PAN etc. (February – October 2017)
- Contribution to CPMR Task Force on Migrations and technical follow-up (support to MIPEX-R, support planning, search for expert, support in other projects and to the rapporteur for the CPMR PB etc.). (April – June 2017)
- Participation in “We are Med Event”, Interreg MED (17 May 2017)

- Participation of IMC members in the EU Development Days (7-8 June 2017).
- Support to the Future of Europe works, IMC members participation and reflections from the Mediterranean angle (February-June 2017)
- Update of the WG action plan for 2017-18 in coherence with the meeting in Barcelona and the last activities (June 2017)
- Monitoring of the governance aspects concerning the set-up of the maritime initiative for the Western Mediterranean and participation in its events in connection with the Working Group on IMP & Tran (e.g. workshop West Med in Brussels, 4 July 2017).
- Organisation of a session on emerging strategies, programs and synergies with the territories for a better Mediterranean governance in the frame of the General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission, Campania (IT) and specific synergies with PANORAMED and IMC partners (7 July 2017)
- Participation in the final conference of MED SPRING project and spreading out of the White Paper (6-7 July 2017).
- PLATFORMA Steering Committee meeting (Paris, 9 October 2017)
- Meeting of the TF Migration in Brussels, brainstorming on migration issues with EU-International institutions on migration and neighbourhood related matters (6 September 2017). Contribution to the survey on multilevel governance and the role of the regions on migration management and other reflections.
- Participation in the workshop on development cooperation “Connecting the dots” organized by the ACCD - Catalonia (22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2017)
- Synergies and participation in the EU Cooperation day in Rome “Territorial cooperation and cohesion policy: between results and perspective” (21 September 2017). Involvement of the IMC with its regions and contribution to the reflections on ETC and PANORAMED.
- Synergies with PANORAMED and participation to its kick-off in Seville (27 September 2017). Participation of the IMC alongside its regions and the Horizontal projects where it participates.
- Participation in the Working Group of the WestMED initiative in Brussels (9 October 2017) focused on the future governance of the initiative towards the informal ministerial meeting foreseen on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November in Naples.
- Participation in info days on ENI CBC MED in Marseilles and Barcelona (July-October 2017) and support to the presentation of 6 projects to the 1<sup>st</sup> call (October 2017-January 2018)
- Coordination with CPMR Task Force on Macro-Regions, in particular for the TF meeting in Helsinki (18 October 2017).
- Participation in seminars of the Horizontal projects Interreg Med where the IMC is involved: Barcelona [PANACeA](#) Capitalization/Community building event (23-25 October) others etc.
- ARLEM-Political Bureau & 3rd meeting of the Commission for Sustainable Territorial Development Brussels (24 October 2017)
- Participation in the EUSAIR friends [meeting](#) (Brussels, 8 November 2017)
- Participation in the [IPA Adriatic Final events](#) in Brussels (8 November) and L’Aquila (4 December 2017)
- Organization of several workshops and active participation in the UfM Stakeholders Forum on Blue Economy in the Mediterranean, Italy (29-30 November)
- Monitoring of EUSAIR Strategy and its governance in synergies with CPMR AI TF and AI-NURECC (2017-2018)
- IMC contribution to CPMR Task Force on Migration and technical follow-up (e.g. questionnaires, political documents, best practices exchange, publications, 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.). CPMR Task force on migration in Helsinki (18 October 2017) and Brussels (7 February 2018).
- Meeting with the Euro-Region Pyrénées-Méditerranée (January 2018)
- Preparation of a background reflexion paper and debate on the future of territorial cooperation in the Mediterranean, synergies with INTERACT etc. (January 2018)
- Development and advancement on the CPMR IMC – Platforma training module for LRAs on territorial integrated development (August 2017-January 2018)

### **3. Economic and Social Cohesion**

- Set-up of a Vasco da Gama spin-off action for the Mediterranean for possible labelling of the Union for the Mediterranean and conception of specific proposals for calls for proposals/cooperation programmes of the basin (bilateral meetings with potential partners, UfMS, 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. Projects unfortunately not selected)

- Monitoring 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-November 2016)
- Approval of 2 projects proposals for the MED INTERREG programme on Sustainable Tourism CO-EVOLVE and MITOMED + (End 2016-Beginning 2017)
- 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 (22-23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016)
- Participation to the Arco Latino Conference on Social and Solidarity Economy with Occitanie (Perpignan, 12/13 December 2016)
- 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. (23-24<sup>th</sup> January 2017)
- Follow-up of the partnership and dossier(s) of the action Vasco da Gama MED (with the different programs and interlocutors. In particular with the UfM) and reconceptualization of spin off projects (February – June 2017).
- Implementation of CO-EVOLVE and Mitomed+ projects on sustainable tourism, synergies with the HP BleuTourMed and IMC TF Sustainable Tourism and Culture (February 2017 – June 2017).
- Kick off Mitomed+ in Florence (2-3 March 2017)
- Kick off BleutourMed HP in Marseille (16-17 March 2017)
- Steering committee of Co-Evolve in Split (10-11 April 2017)
- Steering committee of Mitomed + in Larnaca (18-19 May 2017)
- Participation in Replicat conference on ESS in Barcelona (May 2017)
- Update of the Report on SSE (June 2017)
- Synergies with CPMR reflections and works on the future of Cohesion Policy (May-June 2017)
- Update of the WG “Economic and Social Cohesion” action plan for 2017-18 (June 2017)
- Participation of the IMC members in the Cohesion Forum (26-27 June 2017)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting in the new mandate of the IMC WG Economic and Social Cohesion in Naples, back to back with IMC GA with a focus on the TF on Sustainable Tourism and Culture (6 July 2017)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the IMC Working Group Eco. & Soc. Cohesion in Montpellier: focus on social and solidarity economy and youth (19 September 2017).
- Publication of the IMC report on Social and Solidarity Economy (End September 2017)
- Interreg MED platform project PANORAMED kick off (one of its WG is on sustainable tourism) in Sevilla (27 September 2017).
- BleuTourMed community event on methodology in Athens (4-5 October 2017).
- Open Days/ European Week of Regions and Cities 2017 : Cohesion Alliance and other meetings where IMC / COPMR regions actively participated (9-12 October 2017).
- Steering committee of [Mitomed+](#) in Girona (10-11 October 2017)
- Follow-up of the partnership and dossier(s) of the project Vasco da Gama MED (with the different programs and interlocutors) and participation in the CPMR group in Helsinki (18 October 2017)
- Implementation of CO-EVOLVE and Mitomed+ projects on sustainable tourism, synergies with the HP BleuTourMed and related meetings (Athens, 4-5 October 2017).
- Participation in [MedaWeek](#) (Barcelona, 22-24 November 2017)
- Conception, presentation and implementation of further projects and events in the frame of the IMC Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture (2017-2018).
- Participation in event PIMEC-UfM on Social and Solidarity Economy in Barcelona (3 November 2017)

- Participation in Co-Evolve info day in the frame of ECOMONDO 2017 in (Rimini, 7 November 2017) and conference on bio-economy (Rimini, 8 November 2018). Event [here](#)
- Participation in [Co-Evolve](#) Steering committee in (Valencia, 16-17 November 2017)
- Seminar Project Catalonia: Youth Women & Social and Solidarity Economy in (Barcelona, 20-24 November 2017)
- Event on [entrepreneurship in EU regions](#) in Patras (13-15 December 2017).
- Contribution to the CPMR core group on cohesion and seminars (2017-2018) for instance during the Core group in Helsinki (18 October 2017)
- [Mitomed+](#) 4<sup>th</sup> Project Meeting in Florence (January 2018)
- Starting up of HERIT-DATA project (January – February 2018)
- Support to the submission of CESS MED, MEDUSA, Co-Evolve 4BG and other proposals to the 1<sup>st</sup> ENI CBC Med proposal (January 2018)
- Preparation of the Summer School VdG in Bari (June 2017-January 2018)

#### **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 (28<sup>th</sup> of September 2016)
- Drawing up of the new political messages on water and energy for the WG and approval (July-18<sup>th</sup> 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 (27<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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” (20<sup>th</sup> October 2016)
- Meeting of the WG and Conference on Water and Renewable Energies in Valencia. Exchange of experiences coming from regions, universities and enterprises (18<sup>th</sup> of October 2016) and approval of a political position on Water and Energy.
- Participation in the kick off of the Sherpa project and public event in Barcelona (15/16 December 2016)
- Synergies with Med Nice community event Interreg Med on Energy efficiency in Marseille (7-8 March 2017)
- 1<sup>st</sup> MEDNICE Annual Congress “Choosing the route to Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings in the Med Area: a pathway to policies and practices (Nice, 4-6 December 2017)
- Participation in 1<sup>st</sup> UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Change in Barcelona (14-15 March 2017)
- Participation in PANACEA kick off meeting in Marseille (15-16 March 2017)
- Participation in the launch of the TF Climate in Brussels (30 March 2017)
- Participation in the second Steering Committee Sherpa and Associated partner Forum in Rome (14-15 June 2017)
- Participation of the IMC Regions in the TF on Climate of the CPMR : focus on Adaptation (28 June 2017)
- Follow up of the political position on water and renewable energies through lobbying actions (e.g. CoR consultations in Spring 2017 etc.) and cooperation projects proposals (several submitted by the co-presidency under Interreg Europe, H2020, UIA etc. )
- Implementation of the SHERPA Project and synergies with the Intermediterranean Commission Task Force on Energy Renovation in Buildings (February – June 2017)
- Participation in the community Events of Med Nice HP project on Energy Efficiency (March 2017).
- Conception of new projects and cooperation activities on Water/ Energy in the frame of EU cooperation programmes and development of partnerships and cooperation with Universities, private and international entities (1<sup>st</sup> semester 2017).
- Update of the WG Water & Energy action plan for 2017-18 (June 2017)

- Contribution to ITRE EP report and EC opinion on the review of Energy Efficiency directives and monitoring (June-September 2017)
- Sherpa Management boards (January - September 2017) and preparation of the next SC in Crete (November 2017)
- Support to the co-presidency for water on some possible ENI CBC other projects to be set up regarding water management issues (September-October 2017)
- Participation in the International Conference on Climate Change Agadir (13 September 2017)
- Preparation of a survey on Water in view of the next meeting to be organized in Seville in 2018 (August-October 2017)
- Participation in the community Event / 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Congress “Choosing the route to Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings in the Med Area: a pathway to policies and practices” of Med Nice HP project on Energy Efficiency in Nice (4-6 October 2017).
- Participation in a seminar on Energy Efficiency capitalizing Sherpa and Marie Elihmed during the Open days 2017 (9-10 October 2017)
- [Sherpa](#) 3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee and Associated Partner Forum (Kriti 21-22 November 2017)
- Conference on Water Governance in [MENA](#) and wider Mediterranean region at the UfM (Barcelona, 12-14 December 2017) and participation in other Water forums by the co-presidency on Water (2017-2018).
- Synergy with the new CPMR TF on Climate (Helsinki, 18 October 2017)
- Coordination meeting with the co-presidency in Valencia (October 2017)
- UfM Side Event COP23 – Climate Finance and Energy Transition in the Mediterranean region
- Participation of IMC Regions in PACA-EU-CMI conference on Climate : [the Mediterranean of the future: Act I](#) - Common Commitment towards Climate Agreements in Marseilles (21 November 2017)
- Monitoring of contributions to ARLEM and CoR Reports and new contributions dealing with Energy and Water to EU and Euromed institutions (2017-2018).
- Synergies of IMC members with [Climate House](#) in Tangier (15-16 December 2017-2018)
- Participation in the CPMR Climate Task Force meeting in Brussels (1 February 2018)
- Participation in the info event on PRIMA calls in Barcelona (January 2018)
- Support to the submission of BOREAS and URBAN OASIS to the 1<sup>st</sup> ENI CBC Med proposal (January 2018)

### C. Communication, membership and partnerships

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- Intermediterranean Commission old Web site regular update until the launch of the new one.
- 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 aprox 1200 followers, please spread it up) and Med Maritime projects @MedMaritimeProj (today aprox. 750 followers, please spread it up).
- Creation and promotion of the EU Project’s twitters, facebook, linkedin accounts and web sites: Co-Evolve, Sherpa, Mitomed +, InnoBlueGrowth, PANACeA (please spread them up)
- 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, bluejeans)
- Relation with the wide range of external stakeholders and new MoUs (Med Cities, UfM, Arco Latino, Med Pan etc.)
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation of the current ones (Morocco, Turkey, Croatia, Tunisia, Slovenia).
- Organisation of 4 informative virtual meetings on IMC CPMR Activities in 4 languages

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## II. UPCOMING INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (From February 2018 to the end of the year)

### A. Internal organization and institutional/statutory meetings

- **Political Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Murcia, 14-15 February 2018)
  - Technical meetings of the IMC WGs and TFs
  - Back to back meeting with PANORAMED
  - Debate and approval of political messages : political agenda on sustainable tourism, UNIMED Petition for a Mediterranean Erasmus Generation, Cohesion Alliance etc.
  - Internal issues
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Patras, 8 March 2018)
  - Participation of IMC Presidency and Executive Secretary
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Estonia, 7 June 2018)
  - Participation of IMC Presidency and Executive Secretary
- **General Assembly Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Patras, June-July 2018)
  - Technical meetings of the WGs /other meetings back to back
  - Elections/New mandate of the Political Bureau
  - Debate and approval of political messages
  - Internal issues
- **CPMR General Assembly and Plenary Meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Madeira, October 2018)
  - Update on activities
  - Contribution to the CPMR final declaration
  - Participation of IMC members in the CPMR GA session and technical meetings

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

#### **1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy**

- 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).
- Next PMI TRAN WG and Task Forces meetings (IMP & Tran WG) back to back with IMC PB in Murcia (February 2018). In particular TF: Bologna Charter Coordination Board, TF UfM Agenda Blue Growth, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Transport session...
- WG activities in link with the CPMR Maritime Agenda and surveys (MSP, Coastal Defence, Marine Data, Marine industries, ...) (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 2018
- Workshop SIMWESTMED on MSP (2018)
- 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 Steering Committees on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March).
- Seminar InnoBlueGrowth on Maritime surveillance in Athens (April 2018)
- Implementation MC4BG and cross fertilization with other maritime projects (2018)
- Mid Term Event Go-Sump horizontal project Interreg Med on sustainable urban transport in Barcelona (April 2018)
- Future work on marine energies and marine litter (2018)

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

- Preparation of a policy position on the future of territorial cooperation in the Mediterranean (1<sup>st</sup> semester 2018)

- Possible meeting back to back with the UfM Stakeholder Forum dealing with cooperation and macro-regional strategies (End 2018)
- Participation in Arlem Plenary (Giza, 20-21 February 2018)
- Finalisation of capacity building activities in the field of territorial integrated development in the southern rim in cooperation with Platforma and Med Networks: final implementation of Platforma training module with the support of the selected expert and dissemination of the manual for capacity building (end 2017-april 2018). Other related works (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 continuation of the drawing up of an enlargement strategy for the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission in the MED including information on the decentralisation of possible partner countries (2018).
- 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. next Meeting of the West Med Steering committee March 2018).
- Possible 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” (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.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group Territorial Cooperation and Macro Regional Strategies in the new mandate, back to back with the Political Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission and organization of a session on the synergies between emerging strategies and initiatives in the Mediterranean (Murcia 14-15 February 2018)
- Involvement in Mid-Term Review event Med Interreg Programme in Roma (18-19 April 2018)
- 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 will be participating as associate/observer)

### **3. Economic and Social Cohesion**

- 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 (tbc 2017-2018).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the IMC WG on Economic and Social cohesion (tbd 2018)
- Co-Evolve 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee in (Bologna, 6-7 March 2018)
- Mitomed + transference conferences (Malaga, 4-6 April 2018) and in Brussels (May-June 2018)
- Summer School VdG (Bari, Early July 2018)
- Mitomed + capitalization workshop (Brussels, September 2018)
- Co-Evolve Steering Committee (Barcelona, September 2018)

### **4. Energy & Water**

- 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.
- Preparation of the following transference meeting and SC to be organized back to back with the IMC TF on Energy Efficiency in Buildings, in Marseilles (End May 2018)
- 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).
- Follow up of the political position on water and renewable energies through new concrete lobbying actions and works concerning innovation and research (2018).
- Next Working Group with a focus on Water administrative issues to be organized (Sevilla, May 2018).
- Participation in MED COP Climate 2018/Climate House activities (2018).

- Synergies with CPMR TF on Climate (2018)

### **C. Communication, membership and partnerships**

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- 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, FB, 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