



## Report of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission 2016 -2018 Mandate

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The present document aims to provide an non exhaustive **summary** of the activities developed and the results achieved by the **CPMR Intermediterranean Commission (IMC)** during the 2016 -2018 mandate, began in **July 2016** (General Assembly 2016, Venice) with the Political Bureau led by the IMC President, **Mr Apostolos Katsifaras**, Regional Governor of the Region **Dytiki Ellada**.

The report with its annexes includes an overview of the activities carried out as well as the ones planned until the end of the year and beyond.

*Wishing you a good read, we warmly thank all the IMC Vice-Presidents, the co-presidencies of the IMC Working Groups and all the members, as well as our external partners for their active and fruitful contribution to the organization's work!*

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## SUMMARY OF THE 2016-2018 MANDATE

### Introduction

The Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) is one of the 6 Geographical Commissions of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions ([CPMR](#)). It is active as think tank, group of interest and platform for technical and political cooperation from 1990 and currently gathers 44 Regions of 9 Mediterranean Countries (Albania, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia), having strong ties with many other subnational administrations and public and private actors, universities and centers of research, institutions and organizations all over the Mediterranean basin. Its internal structure foresees a General Assembly, a Political Bureau, thematic Working Groups and a Secretariat that supports the functioning and the overall activities, linking with the global action at CPMR level.



The biannual **2016-2018** [CPMR Intermediterranean Commission's political mandate](#) started in July 2016 with the election of the IMC [Political Bureau](#) and the IMC President, Mr. **Apostolos Katsifaras**, Regional Governor of the Region **Dytiki Ellada** (Western Greece) during the IMC General Assembly 2016 held in the Region of Veneto. It was a particularly dense and profitable period of activities that witnessed the current complex geo-political, socio-economic situation both in Europe and in the Mediterranean context, which – coupled with the environmental

and migration challenges - affected inevitably the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and the organization's activity, as the first political declaration of the mandate pointed out ([Final Declaration of Venice 2016](#)).

With this in mind, the action of the **CPMR - Intermediterranean Commission** – through its advocacy activity and concrete projects – has strongly enlightened the added value that regions can bring to the sustainable development, the territory and its citizens, and more in general to the cooperation in the Mediterranean. During the mandate the IMC also fruitfully contributed to the global CPMR works on the future of Europe and Cohesion, Accessibility and Maritime issues, among other policy areas.

## 1. Global Action plan & priorities 2016-2018

The **Intermediterranean Commission** plays an active, substantial and leading role in the wider region, promoting focus and convergence to the Med area, through active **political dialogue, concrete actions, programs and synergies** in all crucial policy sectors for Mediterranean maritime and peripheral regions. In this sense, after the annual GA in Venice, between the second half of 2016 and the beginning of 2018, the Political Bureau and the General Assembly defined the **IMC Action plan 2017-2018**,



which took into account the previous experience and updated its priorities towards the future, giving a **global framework** to the more specific sectoral policy action of IMC Working Groups. The process of definition of the Plan culminated in the debates of the **Political Bureau 2017 of Barcelona**, which was hosted by Catalonia at the premises of the Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat, back to back with the Stakeholder Conference of the emerging maritime initiative for the Western Mediterranean.

The **Action Plan 2017-2018** defined 4 transversal priority themes that are linked to the IMC sectoral policy priorities developed by the IMC Working Groups:

- ➔ Encourage the emergence of sea-basin and macro-regional strategies in the Mediterranean towards an integrated strategy
- ➔ Increase the involvement of the Regions in the decision-making process regarding the management of migration and support their actions
- ➔ Develop a “Mediterranean of projects” and mobilize partners from the non-EU shores of the Mediterranean and especially the South
- ➔ Foster the emergence of Mediterranean citizenship

## 2. Highlights on IMC functioning: Working Groups addressing sectoral policies



In order to increase the impact of its action, the IMC set-up 4 permanent **Working Groups (WGs)**, already in the mandate 2014-2016 and as a result of the merging of the previous ones active from the nineties to 2014. The WGs, being supported in the deployment of their activities by the IMC Secretariat, were reconfirmed in the 2016-2018 period with updated action plans that were coherently defined, in parallel to the process of elaboration of the global IMC Action Plan. The WGs, each one co-led by a tandem of active regions, set-up **internal and more focused Task Forces**, coordinated by specific regions and produced many results such as **specific**



initiatives and projects at political and technical level, capitalising past experiences, developing synergies (with CPMR intergroups on Transport, Cohesion, Maritime Affairs, External Cooperation, CPMR Task Forces on Macro-Regions, Adriatic Ionian, Migration and Climate; external interlocutors, partners, strategies etc.) and increasing both the participation of the members and the impact and efficiency of the IMC action at all levels.

Namely, the IMC Working Groups active in the 2016-2018 mandate are the followings. The detail of all their meetings, projects and activities can be found in the respective action plans, in the annex of this report, and on the CPMR IMC web site.

- ➔ **Territorial cooperation & macro-regional strategies** (TC & MRs): co-presidencies Catalonia & Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, see specific [Action Plan](#).
- ➔ **Water & Energy** (W&E): co-presidencies Generalitat Valenciana & Rabat-Salé-Kénitra, see specific [Action Plan](#)
- ➔ **Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy** (TRAN & IMP): co-presidencies Region of Murcia & Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, see specific [Action Plan](#)
- ➔ **Economic & Social cohesion** (Eco. & Soc. Cohesion): co-presidencies: Occitania & Campania, see specific [Action Plan](#)

Moreover, during the mandate, and in line with its Action Plan, the CPMR InterMediterranean Commission strongly contributed to the works of the **Migration Task Force**.

### 3. General Assembly 2017 in Naples: a cornerstone of our action in the mandate



After the GA 2016 and the Plenary meeting in the Azores that took place in the framework of CPMR General Assembly at the end of 2016, the second annual **CPMR IMC General Assembly of the mandate**, gathered on the 6th and 7th of July 2017 in **Naples** (Campania), ratifying the consolidated version of the Action Plan 2017-2018 and including technical and political sessions of debate. During the meeting and as a result of fruitful debates, the members of the CPMR IMC transferred a series of strong [political messages](#) to **EU**, **EuroMediterranean** and **International**

**Institutions** as the main **Mediterranean** stakeholders. This list of political messages was conceived as an IMC CPMR contribution to the debates on the future of the European Union, cohesion and the multilevel cooperation at basin level. The [final declaration](#) included reflections on emerging strategies and initiatives, migration, neighbourhood, maritime affairs, climate environment, energy, transport and accessibility, amongst other themes in continuity with the previous Declarations of the **CPMR InterMediterranean Commission (IMC)** ([Barcelona](#) 2013, [Patras](#) 2014, [Venice](#) 2014, [Marseilles](#) 2014, [Nafplio](#) and [Rabat](#) 2015, [Venice](#) 2016, [Barcelona](#) 2017)



Furthermore, during this Assembly, the **CPMR- Intermediterranean Commission** has been presented with a prestigious [Mediterranean award](#) for its work supporting cohesion and regional development in the Mediterranean. The award, which was attributed to the IMC by the network for peace and dialogue, [Fondazione Mediterraneo](#) (FM), has since 1996 been given to eminent people or organisations from the worlds of arts and culture, politics and science and social disciplines, whose actions have contributed to reducing tensions, breaking down cultural barriers and developing shared values in the Greater Mediterranean.



#### 4. Political Bureau 2018 in Cartagena: reflections on the future of Europe



After the GA 2017 and the Plenary meeting in Helsinki that took place in the framework of CPMR General Assembly at the end of 2017, the second Political Bureau of the mandate met in Cartagena (Murcia) on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2018, back to back with two of its Working Groups and PANORAMED meetings. During the [Political Bureau](#), the Intermediterranean Commission Regions, the partners of [PANORAMED](#) and representatives of EU institutions and external stakeholders, discussed several opportunities for

concrete action on sustainable tourism, maritime and transport issues, as well as emerging strategies. Thus, the Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau strengthened the need for a more ambitious European project that should count on a reformed Cohesion policy for all the EU regions and trigger the potential of innovation, culture, young and older generations, while paying specific attention to climate, environment, maritime issues and other structural challenges, such as migration that entail a multilevel governance dimension. In this perspective, the IMC asked the EU to further exploit the potential of the Mediterranean and its Regions as well as the cooperation with Mediterranean partner countries and its Local and Regional authorities. For this reason, the IMC Political Bureau expressed the need to build up a sound Mediterranean alliance for sustainable development, based on innovation and research (e.g. Big Data) and with the regions at its core. After an intense session of exchanges with external stakeholders, where many experiences and instruments (e.g. planning tools, decision support systems etc.) coming from projects (e.g. Interreg MED, H2020, ENI CBC MED), the Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau unanimously approved a [Political Agenda for the promotion of Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean](#), which pays a special attention to the added value that the regions and territorial cooperation can provide in this field and send specific messages to the EU and





Euro-Mediterranean Institutions. In coherence with its global action, the IMC also endorsed the [UNIMED Petition for a Mediterranean Erasmus Generation](#) and the [Cohesion Alliance](#). Finally, the Bureau, decided to work on a strong political position on the future of territorial cooperation in the post 2020 period with a focus in the Mediterranean. This implied a deep internal reflection on its added value, future potential objectives, architecture, geography and management on the base of the experience and the needs of the territorial key players that has been shaped in the policy documents to be discussed in the GA

2018 that will gather in Patras (Western Greece). The exchanges during the meeting were especially reach also due to the very active participation of all the partners of the PANORAMED project (countries and regions) funded by the Interreg MED programme (under its axis 4 on governance) and many other representatives from the European Institutions as DG MARE and NEAR of the European Commission, as well as the Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat and several universities.

## 5. Main Working Groups activities: policy action & strong involvement on projects

During this mandate, several actions have been carried out by the IMC to support and promote the sustainable, inclusive, intelligent socio-economic development in the Mediterranean mostly in the policy framework of the global IMC action plan and the IMC Working Groups. Great efforts have been made also in order to increase the involvement of the organization and the member regions in **EU and international cooperation projects** which are fully integrated in the IMC global action plan and serve the purpose of implementing several action lines of its WGs with the support of the IMC Secretariat.

IMC members directly benefit from the projects' activities and outputs when they participate as partners or associates or when the IMC CPMR canalize the action of its members. Besides, through projects the members can effectively interact, consolidate networks and exploit all connections for feeding their political and technical reflections and policy action on the ground and at EU and Mediterranean level, on various themes of interest.



At budget level, these projects combined represent a total budget of around €35 million for the involved partners. Concerning the projects in which the IMC participates as a full partner, all the total budgets combined amount to around €19 million over the 2017-2022 period, including around €3 million to be managed directly by the organisation. These projects concern mainly: sustainable tourism, coastal management and maritime spatial planning, conservation, blue growth and innovation, biodiversity protection, sustainable mobility, energy efficiency. The higher co-funder of the projects where the IMC is directly involved is the Interreg MED programme. In this sense, IMC Secretariat staff and many regions were involved directly in all the community event launched by the programme during the mandate (e.g. Alicante, Rome).



## Highlights on the Working Groups Activities



The Territorial Cooperation and Macro-Regional Strategies Working Group focused its efforts mainly on reflections on the future of territorial cooperation in the Mediterranean, the monitoring and the support to emerging macro regional and sea basin strategies, such as EUSAIR or West MED (taking stock of previous policy work and including the monitoring and interactions with the main projects, programmes and frameworks of cooperation contributing to a better Mediterranean Governance, such as [PANORAMED](#)), as well as on the Neighbourhood policy and the relations with the main organizations, institutions and networks at Euro-Mediterranean level (Union for the Mediterranean, ARLEM, Med Cities, Med Commission of UCLG, UNIMED, Arco Latino, among others). The WG met two times in plenary, back to back with the Bureau, in Barcelona and Cartagena and its reflection were conveyed into the IMC Political messages included in several IMC Political declarations. The main outputs of the group in the mandate were the concrete synergies activated with the main programmes of cooperation active in the Mediterranean (e.g. Interreg MED, ADRION, ENI CBC MED, MARITTIMO, INTERACT, among others) and other key stakeholders, a technical paper and a policy position on the “Future of Territorial Cooperation in the Mediterranean” and a training module on “public services with an Integrated Territorial Development approach” for Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean, with a focus on Morocco and Tunisia. The training module, which included a specific manual based on a needs analysis and a technical visit, was conceived in the framework of the Strategic Partnership between Platforma and the European Commission on Development, where the CPMR and its IMC are actively involved leading on the “Neighbourhood South” activities and implemented in Casablanca, in April 2018. The organization will support replication in other Mediterranean regions.



The Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy Working Group worked hard to support initiatives for improving accessibility to the Mediterranean area and connections of its territories through the TEN-T/CEF as well as for supporting the development of an integrated maritime approach for Blue

Growth in the Mediterranean, addressing also transversal elements (e.g. monitoring the impacts common to maritime and transport/accessibility policies, promoting land sea interactions in the sectoral priorities of the Mediterranean area, sustainable maritime transport, working on marine data and regions' access to funds).



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European regions Charter for the promotion of a common framework for strategic actions aimed at the protection and sustainable development of the Mediterranean coastal area

(“coordination board” which focused on the update of the Joint Action Plan of the initiative and some key projects), “Fisheries and Aquaculture” (which focused on the EMFF post-2020 and the exchange of practices and views between the regions concerning the future of Fisheries in the Mediterranean), “The follow-up of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Agenda on Blue Economy (BE) in the Mediterranean Regions” (which monitored and promoted specific initiatives, projects and interactions with WestMED, BLUEMED, the UfMS Virtual Knowledge Centre, and the 1<sup>st</sup> UfM Stakeholder conference on Blue Economy held in Campania). The work on transport was dealt in coordination with the CPMR Intergroup meetings on Transport & Accessibility all along the mandate following all the developments of the TEN-T and CEF review, putting forwards the needs of the Mediterranean regions with lobbying activities and monitoring the actions and projects of interest for the WG as well as the developments of the R-TAP in the neighbourhood area.



The WG met in plenary mode in Venice, Naples and Cartagena and its internal Task Forces several times from 2016 to the end of the mandate and the political reflections arising from their activities were integrated in several IMC and CPMR Policy positions or Declarations. Several seminars on specific topics were also organized during the mandate and the IMC was represented in many external events dealing with the core business of the WG and its TFs. The activity of this Working Group has been very rich in the period 2016-2018 and it is extremely difficult to shortly summarize the outputs. Besides, some new issues are raising

the interest of the IMC members for future actions (e.g. marine renewable energies, marine litter, maritime sustainable transport/LNG). At the same time some projects deserve to be mentioned as the IMC is directly involved in the implementation.

Following the example of the positive experience of COM& CAP [MarIna MED](#), the IMC engaged as a full partner in two horizontal projects – [PANACeA](#), setting up a Biodiversity Mediterranean Community aimed at streamlining management efforts in Protected Areas for enhanced nature conservation and [InnoBlueGrowth](#) working on Innovation and Blue Growth (e.g. marine renewable energies, professional yachting, maritime surveillance, clustering etc.), funded by the [INTERREG MED](#) program. The main aim of these projects is to assist the modular projects in the transversal communication and



capitalisation activities towards the key stakeholders, including EU and territorial players, as well as lobbying activities. The IMC is also participating in various other modular projects as an associate partner or as full partner (list available in the annex of this report) several on sustainable tourism (these projects were dealt in connection with the works of the WG Economic and Social Cohesion), some on Maritime Protected Areas and Blue Growth and one concerning maritime spatial planning (SIMWESTMED).

The Water & Energy Working Group focused its efforts on responding to the strategic challenges of the water management in the Mediterranean and the promotion of energy efficiency in the Mediterranean buildings, tackling also water and energy as transversal elements (e.g. promoting the synergies between actions that involve a joint water-energy approach).



The WG also constituted a specific Task Force on Energy Renovation. Concerning the “water pillar”, the WG developed exchanges of best practices, a series of policy messages included in positions on water management, several project proposals (e.g. H2020, ENI CBC MED) and relations with the main frameworks of cooperation on water at EU and Mediterranean level, also contributing to policy positions of the EU Committee of the Regions.



Concerning the Energy Efficiency work, the WG focused its efforts on the implementation of a specific project arising from the experience of previous ones (ELIHMED, MARIE, PROFORBIOMED etc.): SHERPA that aims to improve the energy efficiency of public buildings in regions across the Mediterranean. This project contributes to the application of the EU Directive on Energy Efficiency in Buildings and aims to reach its 20% energy efficiency target by 2020

(among other EU directives and connected policies) and in fact - based on its results - the IMC was able to contribute to the EP and CoR reports addressing the review of the directive. One of the key aims of the project is the setting-up of 200 project proposals for Energy Renovation in Public Buildings (100 in regional buildings and other 100 in buildings from the municipalities of the partner Regions). Their implementation will draw on public-private investment and will create thousands of jobs. At the end of the project, a joint action plan on energy retrofitting in Mediterranean buildings will be adopted and the IMC is already contributing to this objective towards its internal Task Force that will also try to address the private buildings. The activities of the project are advancing well and the IMC CPMR is facilitating the involvement of more of its regions and their municipalities, also beyond the eligible area of the programme (in the southern part of the Mediterranean).



The WG met in Valencia at the beginning of the mandate to discuss both water and energy efficiency issues and will meet again in July 2018, focusing on Energy Efficiency and in September 2018 focusing on water, in the framework of an international event on water and technology. All the political reflections of the WG were included in the IMC policy papers during the mandate and contributed to other papers of the CoR regarding Water, Climate and Energy, as well as to the Med Cop Climate.

The IMC WG Social & Economic Cohesion focused its attention the support and promotion of initiatives for a sustainable, inclusive and smart socio-economic development in the Mediterranean. In this context a strong attention was given to Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) and a new line of work was started on entrepreneurship. The WG also worked for the promotion of specific actions in favour of democracy and citizenship, youth and intercultural dialogue and to foster a EU Cohesion policy that can tackle properly the Mediterranean Regions’



challenges. The WG also set up 2 Internal Task Forces on Sustainable “Sustainable Tourism and Culture” and on “Vasco da Gama” regarding education and mobility in the maritime sector. The WG met in plenary mode in Naples, Montpellier and will meet again in Patras, back to back with the IMC GA. Several other meetings took place concerning the projects on sustainable tourism and the synergies with external partners. All the policy relevant messages arising from the WG were conveyed in the IMC declarations.

Concerning SEE the WG promoted exchange of best practices among the regions and produced a [specific IMC prospective report on the Social Solidarity Economy \(ESS\)](#) including a summary of the legislation, experiences and the vision of the regions on the topic, which fuelled the debate among regional authorities, institutes, networks and key players of the sector. It also produced synergies that led to the presentation of several projects (e.g. under ENI CBC MED calls or specifically led by regions). The group also kept monitoring the policy developments in the area and contributed to the reflections of the UfM.



Concerning Sustainable Tourism (ST) & Culture, an IMC Political Agenda on ST was approved as a contribution of the IMC to the Euro-Med institutions and emerging strategies and as a road map for the action of the Mediterranean regions, promoting the capitalization for policy use of the most interesting project’s results in the basin. Several synergies were put in place with external stakeholders and networks like NECSTouR. The list of projects where the IMC and its regions actively cooperate in this field is very wide: CO-EVOLVE, on sustainable tourism and integrated coastal management and its extension to the non-EU



Mediterranean area that was labelled by the UfM, Med Coast for Blue Growth; MITOMED+ on sustainable maritime and coastal tourism, indicators and green beach model; HERIT DATA on sustainable mass tourism and open data, BLEUTOURMED, horizontal project issuing the Sustainable Tourism community of the Interreg MED project, CIVITAS on sustainable mobility and tourism, MD.net on the promotion of the Mediterranean Diet, PANORAMED on governance with a focus on Sustainable Maritime and Coastal Tourism. Several projects were also supported for the 1st call of the ENI CBC MED programme.



Concerning youth, citizenship and intercultural dialogue the WG focused on training and integration for youth employability with a [proposal for the creation of a Euro-Mediterranean school/citizenship laboratory](#), the monitoring of regions' expertise, synergies with other networks (like UNIMED for the [UNIMED Petition](#) for a Mediterranean Erasmus Generation) the ARLEM (e.g. forthcoming report 2018), the organization of political debates on the above mentioned subjects during IMC PB/GAs, also in specific conferences related to Blue growth and a Summer school “Vasco da Gama [2018](#)” on Safety and Navigation – organized in the frame of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by CPMR and the University of Bari that will take place in Taranto in July 2018. The WG also contributed to the global CPMR reflections on Cohesion in the post 2020 period and the IMC reflections on the socio-economic elements linked to emerging Mediterranean strategies.



[Regarding the IMC contribution to the CPMR TF on Migration](#), the organization contributed to several meetings and conferences, projects proposals, synergies with networks and in particular to the 1<sup>st</sup> Survey and mapping work on migration and asylum that produced the [Issue paper Migration & Asylum in the EU Regions: towards a multilevel governance approach](#). This report capitalized many experiences and views of Mediterranean regions and produced specific political recommendations towards the post 2020 period underlining the

innovative experiences, the issues and the needs faced by the regions and concrete messages towards the reform of the Common Asylum System and the funding instruments to cope with the migration challenge in the period 2021-2027. The results were presented in the framework of a [High-level conference held in Brussels](#), being hosted by the Committee of the regions, counting on the participation of many IMC regions ([link news](#)). Besides, the IMC CPMR organized several debates on migration during its own Political Bureaus (e.g. Barcelona, Cartagena) and General Assemblies and contributed with specific reflections to the global CPMR Political Bureaus and General Assembly.

## 6. Agreements & Partnerships

During the 2016-2018 Mandate the IMC kept its good tradition of collaboration with external organizations and partners reinforcing and implementing [a series of agreements and partnerships that are fundamental for triggering synergies and improving cooperation and governance at Mediterranean scale.](#)



We can mention, among others, the new important cooperation agreement signed with the UfM Secretariat on Blue Economy (in the framework of the general MoU signed back in 2013), the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Med Cities that consolidates the cooperation between the networks, or the structured collaboration with the [BLUEMED](#) and the [West MED initiatives](#) (where the IMC is formally involved as observer) as well as the long series of partnerships that were strengthened with networks like UNIMED (Mediterranean Universities), Euro-Regions Pyrenées-Méditerranée and Adriatic-Ionian, Arco Latino, NECSTouR, Agency for Territorial Cohesion (Italy), Med Pan, among others.

The IMC also boosted the endorsements and the direct signatories of the [Bologna Charter](#) for sustainable development of the Mediterranean Coasts which is a strategic initiative for the Med regions. It is finally worthy to mention that the IMC boosted notably its network of contacts during the mandate through the EU projects where it is involved, in particular with centers of research, chambers of commerce, universities, NGOs, local and national Authorities, Institutions, clusters etc.



## Conclusions

This two-year period, already mentioned at the beginning, has been full of **rewarding experiences, activities and positive results for the IMC and its regions**. Nevertheless, the IMC hopes to expand its activities even further in the following two years, counting on the support and full cooperation of its members and partners. On the following pages (annex) you will find a more detailed summary of the **activities** and **projects** carried out by the **CPMR-IMC** during this mandate as well as a list of events and actions to be developed between now, the end of 2018 and beyond. Given that this synthesis is not - and cannot be - exhaustive in order to fully understand all the activities and work carried out by **CPMR Intemediterranean Commission**, we kindly invite you to consult our web site, news, twitter and the documents related to our activities.

## ANNEX TO THE NOTE – CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

### Main activities (detailed report July 2016- June 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.

The activities are presented under 3 main categories:

- ➔ **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 & Macroeconomic Strategies (including activities on Migration), Economic and Social Cohesion, Energy & Water.**

#### *Internal organization and institutional/statutory meetings*

- **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 (the Azores, 3 November 2016)
  - ➔ Intermediterranean Commission Contribution to the Final CPMR [declaration](#).
  - ➔ Internal issues (including projects, the 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, 1st 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
- **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
  - ➔ See documents [here](#)
- **CPMR Political Bureau (Patras, 8 March 2018)**
  - ➔ Participation of IMC Presidency and Executive Secretary
- **Coordination meeting of the IMC with its Moroccan and new potential Tunisian & Moroccan members (Casablanca, 11 April 2018)**
  - ➔ Participation of IMC Secretariat and several members and potential new regions
- **CPMR Political Bureau (Estonia, 21 June 2018)**
  - ➔ Participation of IMC Presidency and Executive Secretary

## 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 IMC 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 the 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)
- The conception of new projects in the frame of open and future calls and for UfM labeling (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 2017)
- 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)
- The 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, neighborhood 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 kicks 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 the 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 the 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)
- First 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)
  - Preparation of a [policy position](#) on the future of territorial cooperation in the Mediterranean (1<sup>st</sup> semester 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 (11-12 April 2018).
- 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 - West Med Steering committee in Brussels (1 March 2018).



- 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 Rome (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.
- 2nd meeting of the [WestMed Steering Committee](#) in Brussels and presentation of a mapping of initiatives of the IMC CPMR and its regions to capitalize (25 April 2018)
- Workshop on Marine Energies involving IMC Regions and InnoBG in the framework of the European Maritime Day, Burgas (End May 2018)
- Participation in the SEA FUTURE event in Spezia, Liguria (20 June 2018)
- Participation in [Innoblegrowth](#) Transnational Capitalization & Community Building event (Athens, 21 June 2018)
- Synergies with MISTRAL and other projects of interest (1<sup>st</sup> semester 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)
- Interreg MED 2nd Call - Lead Partners Seminar + Coordination meeting with HPs (Marseille, 19/23 February 2018)
- Mid Term event Med Interreg in Rome and meeting of PANORAMED with Associated partners (Rome, 18-20 April)
- High Level Conference on Migration and the role of the Regions (organised by CPMR and Attiki at the Committee of the Regions) in Brussels ( 23 April 2018)
- Reflection and preparation of a policy position on the future of the territorial cooperation in the Mediterranean and contribution to the CPMR analysis on ETC in Europe (May-June 2018)
- Organization of 2 session of debate on ETC, governance and capitalization in the GA 2018 (June 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 – June 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 (2017-2018)
- [Co-Evolve 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee](#) in (Bologna, 6-7 March 2018)
- [Mitomed + transference conferences](#) (Malaga, 4-6 April 2018)
- Planning of synergies between CO-EVOLVE, MC4BG and BLUEMED (June 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)
- 1st 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)
- Participation in the conference "Environment and development in the Mediterranean, yesterday, today and tomorrow" (Paris, June 2018).
- Implementation of the SHERPA Project and synergies with the IMC 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.
- Organization of the next meetings of the WG on water in Seville (September 2018) and Marseilles (July 2018)

## Communication, membership and partnerships

- Intermediterranean Commission old Web site regular update until the launch of the new one (2016)
- 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 1400 followers, please spread it up) and Med Maritime projects @MedMaritimeProj (today more than 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, Algeria).
- Organisation of 4 informative virtual meetings on IMC CPMR Activities in 4 languages
- 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
- Relation with the wide range of external stakeholders and possible new MoUs (Med Pan, Unimed etc.).



## 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)
  - Update on activities
  - Contribution to the CPMR final declaration and CPMR Strategic Plan
  - Participation of IMC members in the CPMR GA session and technical meetings (e.g. Task Force on Migration)
- **1<sup>st</sup> Political Bureau of the new mandate of the Intermediterranean Commission** (tbc February 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
- 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).
- 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)
- BLUEMED Week (October 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)**

- Possible meetings back to back with the UfM Stakeholder Forum/other events dealing with cooperation and macro-regional strategies, in cooperation with other networks (beginning 2019)
- 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 will be participating as associate/observer)
- ARLEM Commission for sustainable territorial development and ARLEM Bureau meeting (October 2018)
- AI-NURECC monitoring for synergies and potential replication/adaptation in the West MED area.
- Participation in the conference on International Refugees (Palma, 27th June 2018)
- Contribution to the TF Migration works (external dimension)
- Update of the WG Action Plan (2018-2019)

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

- Summer School VdG (Bari, Early July 2018)
- Mitomed + capitalization workshop (Brussels, November 2018)
- Co-Evolve Steering Committee and training, back to back with Med Coast for Blue Growth (Barcelona, October 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)
- 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 Joint Transferring Seminar and SC (July 2018)
- 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.
- 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).
- Workshop on the administrative aspects of water in the framework of an international conference on water and Technology (September 2018)
- 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)

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## 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
<b>InnoBlueGrowth (Horizontal Project)</b>	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	<a href="https://blue-growth.interreg-med.eu/">https://blue-growth.interreg-med.eu/</a>
<b>PANACeA (Horizontal Project)</b>	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	<a href="https://biodiversity-protection.interreg-med.eu/">https://biodiversity-protection.interreg-med.eu/</a>
<b>SHERPA</b>	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	<a href="https://sherpa.interreg-med.eu/">https://sherpa.interreg-med.eu/</a>
<b>CO-EVOLVE</b>	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	<a href="https://co-evolve.interreg-med.eu/">https://co-evolve.interreg-med.eu/</a>
<b>MITOMED+</b>	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	<a href="https://mitomed-plus.interreg-med.eu/">https://mitomed-plus.interreg-med.eu/</a>
<b>HERIT-DATA</b>	Interreg MED 2nd Call 2014-2020	FULL PARTNER	<i>Available soon</i>
<b>BleuTourMed (Horizontal Project)</b>	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	<a href="https://sustainable-tourism.interreg-med.eu/">https://sustainable-tourism.interreg-med.eu/</a>
<b>GO-SUMP (Horizontal Project)</b>	Interreg MED 1st Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	<a href="https://urban-transport.interreg-med.eu/">https://urban-transport.interreg-med.eu/</a>
<b>PHAROS4MPAs</b>	Interreg MED 2nd Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	<i>Available soon</i>
<b>MISTRAL</b>	Interreg MED 2nd Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	<i>Available soon</i>
<b>MD.net</b>	Interreg MED 2nd Call 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	<i>Available soon</i>
<b>PANORAMED</b>	Interreg MED 2014-2020	ASSOCIATED PARTNER	<a href="https://governance.interreg-med.eu/">https://governance.interreg-med.eu/</a>
<b>Promoting the Blue Economy in the Med (UfMS Agreement)</b>	EASME/EMFF/2016/1.2.1.1 – Promoting the Blue Economy in the Mediterranean	FULL PARTNER	<a href="https://cpmr-intermed.org/projects/">https://cpmr-intermed.org/projects/</a>
<b>MedCoast4BG</b>	UfM labelling	LEAD PROMOTER	<a href="http://ufmsecretariat.org/project/med-coast4bg-med-coasts-blue-growth">http://ufmsecretariat.org/project/med-coast4bg-med-coasts-blue-growth</a>
<b>PLATFORMA</b>	Strategic partnership with the European Commission DG-International Cooperation	CPMR FULL PARTNER/IMC Leader for the South Neighbourhood activities	<a href="http://platforma-dev.eu/">http://platforma-dev.eu/</a> <a href="https://cpmr-intermed.org/cohesion/training-on-integrated-territorial-development-in-the-mediterranean/6699/">https://cpmr-intermed.org/cohesion/training-on-integrated-territorial-development-in-the-mediterranean/6699/</a>



<b>CIVITAS DESTINATIONS</b>	MOBILITY FOR GROWTH 2014-2015	CPMR FULL PARTNER (synergy with the IMC)	<a href="http://civitas.eu/destinations/">http://civitas.eu/destinations/</a>
<b>SIMWESTMED</b>	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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 AMIF call on “raising awareness on migrants contribution to EU societies”.