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CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION

Thursday 28 and Friday 29 June 2018 - Patras (Dytiki Ellada-EL)

Venue: [Astir Hotel](#)
Agiou Andreou,16 - Patras

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Thursday 28 June 2018

Working Group and Internal Session of the General Assembly

9.30: Arrival of participants

10.00-13.00 - Working Group on Economic and Social Cohesion

- Welcome by **Christos Bounias**, Deputy of the Governor of Western Greece Region in charge for EU and International Affairs and introduction by **Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission
- Overall update on the implementation of the WG work plan by the co-presidency, by **Guy Esclopé**, Regional Councillor, Region Occitania
- Focus on the actions on Social and Solidarity Economy
 - **Guy Esclopé** and **Laure Lhermet**, Region Occitania on events, mechanism of support for the SSE, projects and EU initiatives.
 - Debate and exchange of information and experiences with participants
- Focus on the initiatives on youth, MED/EU citizenship, training/ education in the maritime sector
 - **Carmela Cotrone**, Regione Campania on the project laboratory for MED/EU Citizenship
 - **Davide Strangis**, IMC Executive Secretary on the Vasco da Gama Summer School in Taranto and the forthcoming ARLEM report on youth and entrepreneurship
 - **Elodie Nunes**, IMC Programme and Policy officer on UfM coordination initiatives on youth employability and education and IMC first draft internal report
 - **José Manuel Chirivella**, Deputy Director - Valencian Institute for Youth on the JOOP (Jove Oportunitat) project and its potential for replication
 - Debate and exchange of information with participants
- Update on the Intermediterranean Commission projects and political agenda on sustainable tourism by the Secretariat and Crete, coordinating region of the IMC Task Force on Tourism and Culture.
- Conclusions and next steps by the co-presidency of the WG and the IMC Secretariat

13.00-14.30: Light networking lunch on site

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14.30-18.30: General Assembly - First part for Intermediterranean Commission members only -

14.30 - Welcome speech and report of the mandate 2016-2018 by **Apostolos Katsifaras**, President of the Region Dytiki Ellada and President of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission

15.00-16.00 - **Election of the new Political Bureau of the CRPM Intermediterranean Commission for 2018-2020** (President and Political Bureau) - Moderation by the Executive Secretariat

- Approval of the correction measure for the balanced assignation of the posts in the Political Bureau
 - Constitution of the Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau: nomination of the delegations of the Regions within the Bureau per country
 - Candidacy for the Presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission for 2018-2020
 - Vote for the election and short intervention of the new President
- Nomination and short intervention by the new Vice-Presidents of the Political Bureau

16.00-16.30: Coffee break

16.30-17.30 - Debate on the Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly policy messages

- Presentation of the Policy Position on the future of territorial cooperation in the Mediterranean, on the Final Declaration Patras 2018 and on the Political Agenda on Sustainable Tourism (updated version) by the Presidency and the Secretariat
- Debate with members on the amendments and approval on the modifications

17.30-18.30 - Internal issues of the Intermediterranean Commission by **Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission

- Update on the activities of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Groups by the co-presidencies (40 minutes)
 - Territorial Cooperation and Macro-Regional Strategies: Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and Catalonia
 - Transport and Integrated Maritime Policies: Murcia and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
 - Social and Economic Cohesion: Occitania and Campania
 - Water and Energy: Generalitat Valenciana and Rabat-Salé-Kénitra

- Intermediterranean Commission activities report, cooperation with networks and future calendar
- Financial report
- New members
- Information on the implementation of cooperation projects where the Intermediterranean Commission is directly involved
- Information on the process of definition of the new CPMR Strategic Plan

18.30 - Conclusions of the Internal Session of the General Assembly by the Presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission

19.00-20.00: Guided visit organised by the Region Dytiki Ellada from Hotel Astir until St Andrew's Cathedral (25/30 minutes walk) and transfer by bus to the venue of the dinner from St Andrew's Cathedral

20.30: Institutional dinner

at the invitation of the Region Dytiki Ellada at Deck Restaurant in Patras Port



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2nd Part - Political Seminar (open to invited stakeholders)

“The added value of EU Cohesion policy and cooperation in the Mediterranean”

This event has the financial support of the European Union in the framework of the EU project:
“Spotlight on Cohesion policy: Europe’s regions at the forefront”

Friday 29 June 2018

Venue of the meeting: [Astir Hotel](#) - Agiou Andreou,16 - Patras

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8.30-9.00: Arrival and registration of participants

9.00-9.45: Institutional welcome and introductory session

❖ Welcome address by

- **Apostolos Katsifaras**, President of the Region Dytiki Ellada
- **Venetsana Kyriazopoulou**, Rector - University of Patras
- **Georgios Papanastasiou**, President of the Regional Union of Municipalities of Western Greece & Mayor of Agrinio Municipality

❖ Keynote speech on the future of the EU and the CPMR action by **Rui Bettencourt**, Deputy Regional Secretary for External Relation of the President of the Government of the Azores, Presidency of the CPMR

❖ Speech of the new President of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission on the priorities of the Presidency for 2018-2020

❖ Speech by **Nasos Anagnostopoulous**, Regional Councillor - Region of Attiki, and signature of the [Bologna Charter](#) for the sustainable development of Mediterranean Coasts

9.45-11.00 - Session I: How EU cohesion policy promotes youth employment, social inclusion, entrepreneurship, citizenship and intercultural dialogue in the Mediterranean while ensuring sustainable development

❖ Introduction on the added value of EU Cohesion Policy in Dytiki Ellada and in the Mediterranean area and moderation by **Apostolos Katsifaras**, President of the Region Dytiki Ellada:

- **Guy Esclopé**, Regional Councillor, Region of Occitania
- **Manuel Pleguezuelo**, Director General UE, External Action and Cooperation - Region of Murcia
- **José Manuel Chirivella**, Deputy Director - Valencian Institute for Youth
- **Christina Mpikou**, President of SOPSY (Club of Mental Health)



- **Estela López-Hermoso**, policy analyst for Cohesion Policy, on the European Commission's budget and legislative proposal for Cohesion Policy and the CPMR analysis and work

❖ **Dialogue between the Intermediterranean Commission members and invited stakeholders**

❖ **Conclusions** by the President of the the Intermediterranean Commission

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-13.30 - Session II: Which future for territorial cooperation within Cohesion policy and the Neighborhood policy and their links to emerging strategies and initiatives in the Med? A political perspective

- ❖ Introduction by the **President of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission**

Focus on the state of play and perspectives for the post 2020 period:

- ❖ **Estela López-Hermoso**, policy analyst for Cohesion Policy, on the EC's legislative proposal for European Territorial Cooperation and the CPMR analysis on the future of Interreg
- ❖ **Peter Bossman**, member of ARLEM and Lord Mayor of Piran (Slovenia) on the ARLEM works and views regarding the future of Territorial Cooperation within Cohesion & Neighborhood policy in the Mediterranean
- ❖ **Raffaele Mancini**, Blue Economy Expert - Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat on the last updates concerning West MED initiative

The needs, the vision and the position of CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Regions:

- ❖ **Agnès Rampal**, Regional Councilor, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur South Region, President of the Euro-Mediterranean Commission
- ❖ **George Alexakis**, Vice-President of the CPMR for maritime affairs and Vice-Governor of the Region Kriti in charge of EU and international affairs
- ❖ **Aouatif Derrous**, Regional Councillor, Rabat-Salé-Kénitra, Vice-president for the regional commission on cultural affairs, education, and scientific research.
- ❖ **Theodoros Galitsatos**, Regional Governor of Ionia Nissia
- ❖ **Isidre Sala y Queralt**, Director General for Multilateral and European Affairs - Generalitat de Catalunya

Moderation and wrap-up by **Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Intemediterranean Commission

13.30-15.00: Lunch on site and family photo // In parallel, Press point (13.30-14.00)

15.00-15.30: PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE POLITICAL MESSAGES OF THE INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY by the President and Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission

- ❖ Final Declaration of the Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly
- ❖ Position on the future of the territorial cooperation in the Mediterranean



15.30-17.30 - Session III: Improving multilevel governance, synergies between territorial cooperation programmes and the capitalization of projects results in the Mediterranean basin - A focus on the maritime issues

Introduction by **George Alexakis**, Vice-President of the CPMR for maritime affairs and Vice-Governor of the Region Kriti in charge of EU and international affairs.

Follow up on of session II focusing in particular on the maritime issues for a better cooperation and multilevel dialogue, optimal capitalization of projects results and improved governance and synergies between cooperation programs at basin scale.

- ❖ **Raffaele Mancini**, Blue Economy Expert - Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat on the work perspectives of the UfM on Blue Economy, Environment and Climate
- ❖ **Nikos Papandroulakis**, Research Director, Institute Marine Biology Biotechnology and Aquaculture, HCMR, leader of the task for the BLUEMED's SRIA consolidation, on the advancements of the BLUEMED initiative
- ❖ **Julien Le Tellier**, Programme Management Officer - Socio-Economic Affairs - UN Environment/MAP Coordinating Unit, Barcelona Convention Secretariat on the role of Local & Regional Authorities in implementing the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD)

Interactive round table with:

- ❖ **Michele Colavito**, Agency for Cohesion (Italy), Chair of the Monitoring Committee - Interreg MED Programme
- ❖ **Stavroula Pelekasi**, Greek Country Coordinator - PANORAMED project
- ❖ **Lodovico Gherardi**, ADRION Interreg Managing Authority, Emilia Romagna Region
- ❖ **Enrico Mayrhofer**, Head of the Brussels Office of the Region Toscana - Managing Authority of the programme MARITTIMO Italy-France
- ❖ **Daríá Terrádez Salom**, Director General for relations with the EU and the State - Generalitat Valenciana, Hosting Authority of the ENI CBC MED Programme Branch Office for the Western Mediterranean
- ❖ **Mercedes Acitores**, Programme Officer, INTERACT programme

Dialogue between Intermediterranean Commission members and stakeholders

Moderation by **Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary CPMR Intemediterranean Commission

Wrap up by **Guillaume Huet**, Director of Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation - Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

17.30: Conclusions by the Intermediterranean Commission Presidency, the hosting Region and the Secretariat and first inputs to the future CRPM Strategic Plan

18.00: End of the session

