**THEMATIC SEMINAR ON WATER MANAGEMENT & DESERTIFICATION**

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**9.30-9.45:** WELCOME ADDRESS AND OPENING SESSION

**9.45-11.00:** PART I | WATER MANAGEMENT FOR WATER RESILIENCE IN MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS

**11.00-11.30:** Coffee break

**11.30-13.00:** PART II | DESERTIFICATION AND CARBON FARMING IN MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS

**13.00-14.30:** Lunch for participants of the morning session and welcome coffee for participants joining for the afternoon session

**14.30-16.00:** MEETING I | REVISION OF THE BOLOGNA CHARTER INITIATIVE

Introduction & moderation by Maria Garcies, Acting Executive Secretary of the IMC and Giuseppe Sciacca, CPMR Director for Maritime Affairs & Climate

Since its creation in 2007, the Bologna Charter has served as a guiding framework for regional collaboration on coastal protection in the Mediterranean, driven by the collective vision of EU Regions and Mediterranean coastal Administrations. This working session marks a pivotal moment in the effort to revitalize this key initiative. It will specifically address the current state of play of project initiatives outlined in the latest Joint Action Plan (JAP), which translates the Charter’s principles into actionable strategies. Moreover, this session will initiate discussions towards updating the political document of the Bologna Charter towards a revised JAP, capitalizing on new project opportunities and initiatives and projecting advocacy actions on the post 2027 programming period, linking up with the reflection on the emerging Mediterranean Macro-regional strategy.
• Diagnosis of the Bologna Charter implementation: state of play by Regions
  ✓ Presentation of main achievements and progress made in the 2019-2023 period by involved Regions
• Revision and update of the political document and future Joint Action Plan
  ✓ Key challenges for the future
  ✓ Proposal for a revised political document
  ✓ Exchange with regions and ideas for the new JAP
• Wrap up by Davide Strangis, CPMR Deputy Secretary General

16.00–16.30: Coffee break

16.30-18.00: MEETING 2 | STATE OF PLAY AND FUTURE COOPERATION WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Introduction & moderation by Maria Garcies, Acting Executive Secretary of the IMC

Since its creation back in 2022 and following the impetus given by the former and current IMC Presidency, reflected in the document "Global Action Plan 2020-2022" and in past IMC Final Declarations (2021, 2022 and 2023) adopted by the all Members, the IMC has involved the Mediterranean Youth Council (MYC) in the CPMR and IMC’s strategic works, meetings and events to consolidate and strengthen interactions between youth and policymakers, while boosting intercultural dialogue. This working session aims to update the state of play of the MYC and explore a new strategy for a mid-term support.

• Retrospective of the MYC’s two years of life: cooperation with the IMC and its members by the Mediterranean Youth Council
  ✓ Brief presentation of the main works since the 2022 IMC General Assembly
  ✓ Suggestions for improvement

• Future cooperation actions, by the Mediterranean Youth Council
  ✓ Interreg NEXT MED MED-Y.C.I project proposal
  ✓ Key elements of the new MYC Political Declaration
  ✓ Upcoming events and meetings

• Establishing a mid-term support strategy: proposal of a co-financing scheme for the MYC
  ✓ Proposal by the IMC Secretariat and leading regions
  ✓ Exchange with regions and wrap up

20.00: Official dinner at the invitation of the Generalitat Valenciana (venue tbc)
INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Draft Agenda

INTERNAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(For members and invited guests only)

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2023

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9.00-9.40: INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME & OPENING SESSION

Facilitation by Maria Garcies, Acting Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission

- Carlos Mazón, President of the Generalitat Valenciana
- Roberto Occhiuto, President of the Intermediterranean Commission & President of Calabria Region
  - Welcome address
  - Adoption of the conclusions of the last IMC Political Bureau meeting (March 2024) and adoption of the 2024 IMC General Assembly Agenda
  - Reporting the 2023-2024 mandate of the Intermediterranean Commission
- Loïg Chesnais-Girard, President of the CPMR & President of Brittany Region (Video message)
- Fernando López Miras, President of the Region of Murcia

9.40-11.15: THEMATIC SESSION 1 | TOWARDS A RENEWED INITIATIVE FOR CLIMATE ACTION IN MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL ZONES

Introduction and moderation by Giuseppe Sciaccia, CPMR Director Maritime Affairs & Climate

Keynote speech by a representative of Emilia Romagna Region, leading Region of the Bologna Charter Coordination Board

MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL LEADERS AT THE FOREFRONT OF CLIMATE ACTION IN COASTAL AREAS

- Salomé Pradas, Regional Minister for the Environment, Water, Infrastructures and Territory of the Generalitat Valenciana
- Marcos Ortúñio, Regional Minister of the Presidency, Spokesperson and Foreign Action of the Region of Murcia and CPMR Vice-President on Climate and Energy
- Marinos Kritsotakis, General Director of Sustainable Development - Crete Region
- Omar Moro, President of the Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceima Region
STRENGTHENING SUPPORT AND DEFINING SYNERGIES FOR A REVISED FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

- Representative of the new European Parliament
- Representative of the Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat
- Tatjana Hema, Coordinator of the UNEP-MAP
- Representative of the Med Youth Council

Debate with Regions

11.15-11.45: Coffee break and official photo

11.45-12.30: THEMATIC SESSION 2 | TOWARDS A FUTURE MEDITERRANEAN MACRO-REGION

Introduction and moderation by Davide Strangis, CPMR Deputy Secretary General

- The Mediterranean Macro-Region: state of play, draft action plan and future advocacy actions
- Roberto Occhiuto, IMC President and President of Calabria Region
- Representative from Catalunya
- Bruno Genzana, Regional Councillor for the Sud Region and Chairman of the Youth, Student Life and Intergenerational Relations Committee

- Exchange with members and way forward

12.15-13.00: INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION 2024 FINAL DECLARATION

Presentation and moderation by Roberto Occhiuto, President of the Intermediterranean Commission & President of Calabria Region

- Presentation of the Final Declaration
- Voting session

13.15-14.30: Lunch


Moderation by Maria Garcies, Acting Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission

- Approval of the corrective measure, and election of the Political Bureau 2024-2026
- Declaration of the candidate for the new Presidency and 2024-2026 mandate
- Election of the new President of the Intermediterranean Commission by the Members
- Brief speeches by the new Vice-Presidents of the Intermediterranean Commission

15.30-16.00: REORGANISATION OF THE IMC WORKING GROUPS AND TASK FORCES & UPDATE OF THE IMC 2024-2026 ACTION PLAN

Moderation by Maria Garcies, Acting Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission

- Presentation of the proposal of the reorganization of the IMC Working Groups and the updated 2024-2026 IMC Global Action Plan
Discussion with members & validation

**16.00-16.30**: Coffee break

**16.30-16.45**: PROPOSAL OF A REINFORCED COOPERATION WITH THE UNEP-MAP

*Moderation by Maria Garcies, Acting Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission*

- Presentation of concrete opportunities to cooperate with the UNEP-MAP: the IMC as MAP partner and/or Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development member.
- Discussion with members and way forward

**16.45-17.15**: POLICY DOCUMENTS:

*Moderation by Maria Garcies, Acting Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission*

- Presentation of the “Mediterranean regions’ political position in view of a new cycle of European leadership on water resilience, soil and carbon farming”
- Presentation of a Co-financing scheme for the Mediterranean Youth Council: establishing a mid-term support strategy
- Vote

**17.15-18.15**: UPDATE ON IMC WORKING GROUPS BY THE CO-CHAIRS

*Moderation by Maria Garcies, Acting Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission*

- Economic and Social Cohesion by co-chair Regions, Andalucía and Lazio
- Transport and Integrated Maritime Policy by co-chair Regions, Sud and Murcia
- Territorial cooperation and macro-regional strategies by co-chair Regions, Catalunya and Sud
- Water and Energy by co-chair Regions, Valencia and Rabat

**18.15-18.30**: UPDATE ON INTERNAL ISSUES BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

*Facilitation by Maria Garcies, Acting Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission*

- European projects update
- Financial documents
- Update on members
- 2024/2025 Calendar of the Intermediterranean Commission

**18.30**: WRAP-UP AND CONCLUDING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION

**19.30**: Cultural visit organised by the Generalitat Valenciana