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## **General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission**

**2-3 July 2015 – Nafplio (Peloponnese-Greece)**

### **Venue of the meeting:**

Fougaro Nafplio

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## **PROGRAMME**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 (14.00-18.30)**

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### **Working Group Meeting “Economic and social cohesion”**

14.00-15.15: Presentation of the Action Plan by the co-chairs Languedoc-Roussillon and Tuscany

- Debate on key actions to be developed (economic, social and transversal pillars)

15.15-15.45: Synergies between platforms for Youth and Mediterranean Inclusion

15.45-16.00: Coffee Break

16.00-17.00: Task force on Culture and Sustainable Tourism: lobby actions and cooperation projects

17.00-18.00: Presentation of the CPMR's projections on the financial allocations of the Structural Funds in the Mediterranean Regions

- Debate

18.00-18.30: Task force on the launch of the "Vasco da Gama" initiative in the Mediterranean

**20.30:** Welcome dinner in Fougaro



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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 (8.30-18.00)

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8.30: Arrival of participants

9.00: Welcome speeches by **Petros Tatoulis**, President of the Peloponnese Region, **Anastasios Chevidopoulos**, Deputy Governor of Argolida, and **Dimitrios Kostouros**, Mayor of Nafplio

9.20: **Speech** by **Gunn Marit Helgesen**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of CPMR and Councillor for Telemark Fylkeskommune and **Georges Alexakis**, Vice-President of CPMR and Regional Councillor for Kriti (Greece) in charge of European and International Affairs

9.35: **Objective of the meeting, approval of the conclusions of the Plenary meeting held in Umeå and introduction to the geopolitical situation in the Mediterranean** by **Michel Vauzelle**, President of the Intermediterranean Commission and the Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

### TOWARDS A STRENGTHENED REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: SOCIOECONOMIC, TERRITORIAL AND MARITIME SOCIO- ECONOMIC COHESION ISSUES

*All the sessions will be introduced by **Michel Vauzelle**, President of the Intermediterranean Commission and the Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur*

#### 9.45-10.45: SESSION 1 – MIGRATIONS, CITIZENSHIP, CULTURAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Issues (managing migration flows and emergency humanitarian response), territorial divide, proliferation of fundamentalism), measures, and initiatives to promote the integration of migrants, intercultural and interreligious dialogue and genuine coexistence in the Mediterranean, as well as the emergence of a shared sense of Mediterranean citizenship. The session will also provide the opportunity to provide an up-date on the “We are all Mediterranean” campaign.

- Introduction and moderation by **Michel Vauzelle**, President of the Intermediterranean Commission and the Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
- Keynote speaker: **Hatem Atallah**, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation
- The experience of the hosting Region by Dr. **Apostolos Papafotiou**, Regional Councillor of the Region Peloponnese
- Debate with elected representatives of the Intermediterranean Commission and other key stakeholders

10.45-11.00: Coffee Break

## 11.00-12.00: SESSION 2 - ENTREPRENEURSHIP, SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY AND DIASPORA

The session will address the context of socio-economic transitions in the Mediterranean basin and will aim to identify the drivers and flagship initiatives to promote entrepreneurship and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as social economic integration in the Mediterranean. The role and potential of the Social and Solidarity Economy for inclusive and balanced growth and new policies for the investment of diasporas in the Mediterranean will also be discussed.

- Introduction and moderation by **Mohamed Sadiki**, Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission and the Regional Council of Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaer (video-conference)
- Keynote speaker: **Rodérick Egal**, President of iesMed SCEL and cofunder of the MedESS process
- Debate with elected representatives of the Intermediterranean Commission and other key stakeholders

## 12.00-13.00: SESSION 3 - EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND MOBILITY FOR YOUTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Issues and needs, measures, initiatives and regional cooperation activities to promote and improve education, youth vocational training and mobility, employability and inclusion in the Mediterranean.

- Introduction and moderation by **Stefano Rimini**, Political Councilor of Vice-President Gualmini - Region Emilia-Romagna
- Keynote speaker: **Emmanuelle Gardan**, Programme Manager - Union for the Mediterranean (video-conference)
- Presentation of the "Joint Mediterranean History Manual" by **Anne Valat**, responsible for the project in the Villa Méditerranée
- Debate with elected representatives of the Intermediterranean Commission and other key stakeholders

13.00-13.30: Press Point

13.30-14.30: Lunch

## 14.30-15.30: SESSION 4 - MACRO-REGIONAL AND SEA BASIN STRATEGIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Update on the development and governance of such strategies in Europe. Monitoring and implementation of the "Roadmap for macro-regional and sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean", with special attention to monitoring the development of the Adriatic-Ionian strategy and prospects for the development of a maritime strategy for the Western Mediterranean. The debate will address the integrated approach in the Mediterranean Sea and the synergies between the regions in terms of maritime investment, in connection with the smart specialization strategies and strategy for the Blue Growth of the EC.

- Introduction and moderation by **Georges Alexakis**, Vice-President of CPMR and Regional Councillor for Kriti (Greece) in charge of European and International Affairs
- Keynote speakers:
  - ✓ **Jean-Claude Gayssot**, special delegate for the macro-regional and sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Region Languedoc-Roussillon (video-conference)
  - ✓ **Konstantinos Karpetas**, Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission and Deputy President of the Region Dytiki Ellada
  - ✓ **Lucien Chabasson**, President - *Plan Bleu pour la Méditerranée*
- Debate with elected representatives of the Intermediterranean Commission and conclusions by the President of the Intermediterranean Commission

### 15.30-16.00: **Approval of political messages of the Nafplio General Assembly**

- ✓ Final Declaration of Nafplio
- ✓ Ratification of the political positions approved in the framework of the Political Bureau held in Marseille: Joint Climate Declaration, political position on the Water Framework Directive and the Mediterranean Regions, position on migration policy
- ✓ Approval of the policy paper on the revision of the EU policy on neighbourhood
- ✓ Endorsement of the political messages of the MarInA-Med COM&CAP Final Policy Paper
- ✓ Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the CMI (Center for Mediterranean Integration): presentation by **Mr Mourad Ezzine**, Manager of the Center for Mediterranean Integration - World Bank

### 16.00-16.30: **Ratification of the 2014-2016 Action Plan of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission, and brief presentation and approval of work plans of the 4 new working groups:**

- Territorial cooperation and macro-regions by a representative of the co-chairs
- Water and energy by a representative of the co-chairs
- Transport and integrated maritime policy by a representative of the co-chairs
- Economic and social cohesion by a representative of the co-chairs

### 16.30-17.15: **Results, monitoring and outlook of the key projects for the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission**

- COM & CAP MarInA-Med: Communication and Capitalization of the Integrated Maritime Approach in the Mediterranean Sea by the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Secretariat
- Information on other projects (MedSpring), finalized projects to be capitalized on (Elihmed etc.) and possible future projects by the Secretariat of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission (Vasco da Gama for a Maritime Erasmus in the Mediterranean, ARLEM project on capacity building, new projects to submit to the MED Programme and to other cooperation programmes)
- Questions & Answer Session

### 17.15-18.15: **Internal Issues of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission** by **Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission

- ❖ Summary Activity Report and Calendar
- ❖ Approval and introduction of new members:
  - Molise
  - Laâyoune-Boujdour-Sakia el Hamra
  - Tirana
- ❖ Approval of financial documents - Report by the Executive Secretary
- ❖ Other issues

### 18.15-18.30: **Conclusions by the President of the Intermediterranean Commission**

21.00: Transfer by bus to Karathonas for an Evening Entertainment

## Saturday 4 July 2015

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9.00-12.00: Excursion to Mycenae