



CPMR Intermediterranean Commission

Summary of the Plenary Session's main conclusions and decisions

24 September 2014 – Umeå (Västerbotten - Sweden)

1. President and new Political Bureau elections

Following the rules established by the Intermediterranean Commission procedure, and its candidature submission, Mr Michel Vauzelle, President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region has been elected by the Plenary Assembly as President of the Intermediterranean Commission.

Following his election, President Vauzelle presented the main ideas and cross-cutting areas on which the Intermediterranean Commission could work: to work towards the creation of a macro-regional strategy in the Mediterranean based on an operational approach, to replace the Mare Nostrum in the heart of the European and global agenda, to develop a real "Mediterranean of Projects", to mobilise partners from the southern shores, to encourage a dialogue between civil society and the emerging Mediterranean citizenship.

To view the presentation explaining the main lines of action of the new mandate, please refer to the [Intermediterranean Commission website](#).

Furthermore, Intermediterranean Commission Member Regions have elected their new Political Bureau Members for the 2014-2016 period and have appointed the new Vice-Presidents:

- Joana Ortega, Vice-President of the Generalitat de Catalunya – First Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission;
- Konstantinos Karpetas, Regional Councillor of Dytiki Ellada, in charge of European and International affairs - Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission;
- Mohamed Sadiki, Vice-President of Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaer, Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission;

For a complete list of the Political Bureau, please refer to the [List of Members of the Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau](#), available on the Intermediterranean Commission website.

Note: At the next Political Bureau meeting, a Vice-President still needs to be appointed as well as the second Moroccan Region that will hold a seat in the Political Bureau.

2. Results of the 2012-2014 mandate

During the Plenary Assembly, the Intermediterranean Commission Member Regions took into account the comprehensive results of the 2012-2014 mandate presented by the Region of Catalunya. They congratulated each others for the work that has been carried out the last two years, and the spirit of cooperation that has prevailed in the Commission. The presentation of the results mainly focused on future perspectives: strengthening the action and effectiveness, improving the organisation of the working groups, concrete projects such as [COM&CAP MarInA-Med](#), and prospects for developing thoughts on macro-regional strategies launched with the Arlem report on a Cohesion Policy for the Mediterranean and the roadmap for macro-regional strategies.

3. Internal issues, calendars and working groups

The Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly approved:

- **The minutes of the Venice General Assembly (June 2014);**
- **The Activity Report for the 2012-2014 mandate;**
- **The financial documents** of the Intermediterranean Commission: comparison between 2013 and 2014 accounts, with a progress report on the current budget and the 2015 forecast budget.

The issue of the upcoming membership of the following regions in the CPMR and its Intermediterranean Commission was also discussed. They will formally become members after approval by CPMR General Assembly in Umeå and this has to be ratified shortly by the Intermediterranean Commission bodies:

- **Molise (Italy);**
- **Laâyoune-Boujdour-Sakia El Hamra (Morocco).**

On the basis of the CPMR and Intermediterranean Commission's current contacts, consideration should be given to the membership, in 2014 and 2015 in both the CPMR and its Intermediterranean Commission, of new authorities from various Euro-Mediterranean countries, such as Scutari (Albania) or the Governorate of Tunis, that have expressed their interest regarding this issue.

The Members of the Intermediterranean Commission have been informed about the schedule of activities for the Commission, the Working Groups and cooperation projects.

For the calendar, the next meetings of the Intermediterranean Commission decision-making bodies are:

- **Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission in Marseille** (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur-France) – 10 December 2014;
- **General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission in Peloponnese** (Greece) – End of June 2015.

The Political Bureau meeting will be held in parallel to a capitalisation seminar of the COM&CAP MarInA-Med project about blue energy in the Mediterranean (10 December). Followed (on 11 December) by an important joint event held by the Intermediterranean Commission, UCLG and its political Council on local and regional authorities' contribution to the strategic thinking on sustainable development goals, to climate challenges and to the post-2015 agenda with a view to the COP 21. During this next Political Bureau meeting, the Commission's action plan and the activities of its working groups need to be updated.

Others important meetings, initiatives and relevant events will be integrated in the draft calendar that has been sent to the Members of the Intermediterranean Commission and that is regularly updated on the Intermediterranean Commission website.

Three particularly notable events are scheduled for the last trimester of 2014: MarInA-Med seminar on the future of fisheries in the Mediterranean (Termoli 29-30 October), Mediterranean Cooperation Days (Rome, 10-11 November) and the final seminar of the Elihmed project (Brussels, 28 November).

Concerning the working groups, two meetings are scheduled for the Water Group (Alicante, 23 October) and for the Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency Group (Barcelona, 29-30 October within the framework of the final conference of the MARIE project).

4. Intemediterranean Commission contribution to the Final Declaration of the CPMR General Assembly

The Intermediterranean Commission Members presented amendments to the CPMR General Assembly in Umeå concerning specific items dealing with the future development of macro-regional strategies in the Mediterranean. These propositions have been integrated into the final version of: [CPMR final declaration - Umeå 2014](#).