



Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION OF THE CPMR

Activity report September 2014 – July 2015 and upcoming actions

(For the CPMR IMC General Assembly in Nafplio, 3rd of July 2015)

I. MAIN ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2014 – JULY 2015

A. Internal organization and institutional meetings

- **Plenary meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Umea, September 2014)
 - Balance of the previous mandate 2012-2014
 - Election of the new President and the new Political Bureau for the period 2014-2016
 - Internal issues-calendar
 - Contribution to the Final Statement of the CPMR
- **Political Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Marseille, 10 December 2014)
 - Approval of the IMC global action plan and the reorganization of the IMC Working Groups
 - Debate and approval of the IMC positions on Migrations, Water, Climate (joint position with COM MED UCLG)
 - Update of the road map on macro-regional and sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean
 - Internal issues and calendar
- **Enlarged management committee CPMR** (Bruxelles, 12-13 January 2015)
- **Coordination meeting with the Presidency, the 1st Vice-presidency and the delegate for macroregional and sea-basin strategies** (Barcelona, January 2015)
- **Political Bureau of the CPMR** (Nantes, 27 February 2015)
 - Participation in the debate on Cohesion Policy
 - Following of the rest of debates
- **Meeting of the technical representatives of the IMC Political Bureau** (Barcelona, 20 March)
 - Update on the definition of the action plans of the new 4 IMC Thematic Working Groups (integrating some specific Task Forces)
 - Preparation of the General Assembly 2015 in Nafplio (Greece) based on the key principles and priorities included in the new [IMC Action Plan 2015-2016](#)
 - Calendar and other issues
- **Political Bureau of the CPMR** (Crete, 12 June 2015)
 - Organization and moderation of the debate on migration and presentation of the “we are all med” campaign
 - Presentation of the IMC political position on the review of the White Paper on Transport
 - Following of the rest of debates

B. Key political and technical activities by theme (events, projects etc.)

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

- III Forum on CEF Corridors (Bruxelles, October 2014)
- 1st MarInA-Med COM&CAP seminar on fisheries in the Adriatic-Ionian basin (Termoli, 29-30 October 2014)
 - ➔ [Main conclusions](#)
- MSSD review meeting (Sophia Ant., 19-21 November 2014)
- IV Forum on CEF Corridors (Bruxelles, November 2014)
- Meeting with Eurisy on geospatial and maritime information (Bari, 20-21 November 2014)
- 2nd MarInA-Med COM&CAP seminar on blue energies (Marseilles, 10-11 December 2014)
 - ➔ [Main conclusions](#)
- Intergroup Transport of the CPMR (Bruxelles, 23 January 2015)
- [Mid-Term conference](#) of the project MarInA-Med and Steering Committee (Brussels, 3-5 March 2015)
- Presentation meeting on the updated COASTGAP [Joint Action Plan on “Developing conditions for the Blue Growth in the Med”](#) (linked to the Bologna Charter) to the relevant DGs of the EC (Brussels 23 March 2015)
- Meeting of the IMC WG on Transport and Integrated Maritime Policy (Málaga, 13 April 2015)
 - ➔ Discussion on the new action plan and in particular on Transport: the participation in the Forums of the corridors, the review of the White Paper on Transport, Accessibility issues, The MOs, new projects etc.
- MarInA-Med COM&CAP event on smart ports and accessibility (Málaga, 14 April 2015)
 - ➔ [Main conclusions](#)
- Interact workshop on EU territorial cooperation in the field of maritime affairs (Málaga, 15 April 2015)
 - ➔ Participation on behalf of MarInA-Med COM&CAP in the
- CPMR Seminar on Accessibility with the participation of IMC Members (Málaga, 16 April 2015)
- CPMR Maritime Working Groups with the participation of IMC Members (Brussels, 21/22 April 2015)
- Working group of the Union for the Mediterranean on Transport and bilateral meetings with the different areas of the UfM (Barcelona, 28 April 2015)
- [MarInA-Med COM&CAP final conference](#) on the challenges for the IMP in the MED and Steering committee (Barcelona, 25-27 May 2015)
 - ➔ Presentation of the final draft Policy Paper
- Stakeholder conference of the UfM in view of the ministerial on Blue Economy (in the frame of the EMD in Athens, 27 May 2015)
- [IMC answer](#) to the consultation on the White paper on Transport (12 June 2015)

2. Territorial Cooperation & Macroregional Strategies (including activities on Migration)

- Meeting on the ARLEM Capacity building project (Bruxelles, 25 September 2014)
- [ARLEM ECOTER Commission meeting](#) (Malaga, 20 October 2014)
 - ➔ Discussion on the Migration report and the road map for MRS-SBS and a Cohesion Policy in the MED
- [Med cooperation days](#) (Rome, Lazio, 10-12 November 2014)
 - ➔ Joint event with Platforma,
 - ➔ III COM&CAP seminar MarInA-Med
 - ➔ Final conference of COASTGAP project
- EUSAIR kick-off event and first informal steering committees (Bruxelles, 18 November 2014)
- EESC conference on Macro-Regions (Bruxelles, 26 November 2014)
- Med Week of Economic Leaders (Barcelona, 26-28 November 2014)
- ITAN ESPON capitalization conference (Barcelona, 27 November 2014)
- Political Council of the MED Commission of UCLG (Marseilles, 11 December 2014)
- Next Med: annual event of ENI CBC Med Programme (Rome, 12 December 2014)
- [Plenary Meeting of the ARLEM](#)
 - ➔ Renewal of the ARLEM PB and discussion on ARLEM Reports (Antalya, 14-15 December 2014)

- Exploratory meetings with CMI, ANIMA, OCEMO (14-15 January 2015)
- Meeting of a IMC Political and technical delegation (Presidency, 1st VP and delegate for MRs-SBs) with the Secretary General of the Union of the Mediterranean (Barcelona, January 2015)
 - ➔ Discussion on political priorities
 - ➔ Brainstorming for future partnerships in projects
- Annual Event of the Med Spring Project (Berlin, 23-24 February 2015)
- Meeting of the IMC WG on Territorial Cooperation and Macro Regional Strategies (Barcelona, 20 March 2015)
 - ➔ Discussion on the new action plan addressing the road map for the emerging macro-regional and sea basin strategies, the Neighbourhood Policy, Migration issues, ETC projects and programmes in the MED
- Final Capitalization Event of the Med Programme (Brussels, 24-25 March 2015)
 - ➔ Presentation of the experience of MarInA-Med COM&CAP and taking stock from other experiences
- Political Council and Steering Committee of Platforma (Brussels, 9-10 April 2015).
 - ➔ Set-up of the forthcoming activities in the frame of the strategic partnership and in the frame of the Neighbourhood policy south in particular
- Kick-off of the Task Force Migrations of the CPMR (Skype, 27 April 2015)
- Bilateral meeting and press conference on Migration PACA-Sicily (Palermo, 21 April 2015):
 - ➔ open letter to the EU Council
- IMC meeting on Migration with Med Regions (Palermo-Sicily, 18-19 May 2015):
 - ➔ launch of the campaign “We are all Mediterranean” and exchange of best practices
- Meeting with IMC Presidents and the President of the EU Parliament, Schulz on Migration (Strasbourg, 20 May 2015)
 - ➔ support to the campaign/petition from the President of the EP
- Contribution/amendments of the IMC Regions to the CoR resolution on Migration (May 2015. Resolution post posed)
- COPPEM conference on Migrations (Palermo, 8 June 2015)
- Monitoring of the Neighborhood Policy and ARLEM activities (including a future ARLEM-UfM project on capacity building in the field of integrated urban development in the south Med).
- Constant networking for the presentation of new projects in 2015-2016 and with partner networks for new synergies
- INTERREG Med kick-off events and seminar on EU Med networks (Marseille, 22-24 June)
 - ➔ Participation and conception of new projects, networking with potential partners for new opportunities of cooperation
 - ➔ Presentation of MarInA-Med experience to other networks and fostering of synergies with INTERREG MED Technical Secretariat
- Drawing-up of a response on behalf of CPMR to the consultation on the new EU Neighbourhood Policy (30 June 2015)

3. Economic and Social Cohesion

- MED Net event on youth inclusion (San Rossore, Tuscany 23-24 September 2014)
- Drafting of the action plan of the new IMC WG and first exploratory meetings via Video Conference (January-February 2015)
- Set-up of a Vasco da Gama spin-off project for the Mediterranean to be submitted for the labellisation of the Union for the Mediterranean and to the next calls for proposals of the cooperation programmes of the basin (bilateral meetings, contacts work on the dossier etc. February-May 2015)
- Set-up of a Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture (Teleconference, February 2015)
- IMC CPMR and Arco Latino joint Workshop on Tourism (Florence, 12 May 2015) and discussion on future projects
- MarInA-Med COM&CAP event on Tourism (Florence, 13 May 2015)
- Participation in the CPMR Seminar on Sustainable Coastal and Maritime Tourism – EUSAIR (Crete, 12 June 2015)

4. Energy & Water

- **Meeting of the former IMC Water Group (Alicante, 23 October 2014)**
 - ➔ Discussion, exchange of best practices and future projects on Water
 - ➔ Approval of the policy position on the Water Framework Directive
- **Final event project Marie in the World Sustainable Buildings Forum 2014 (Barcelona, 29-30 October 2014)**
 - ➔ Chairing of a session on the multilevel governance model for Efficiency Energy in Med Buildings
 - ➔ Participation in the final event
- **Meeting of the former IMC Renewable Energy and Efficiency Energy Group (Barcelona, 30 October 2014)**
 - ➔ Discussion on the possibility to set-up a task force on Energy Renovation in Med Buildings
- **Final event of the project ELIHMED at the European Parliament (Bruxelles, November 2014)**
 - ➔ Participation in a session on Efficiency Energy in Med Buildings and networking with key stakeholders
- **Co-organization with the COM Med of UCGL and participation in the meeting on climate of the officer and the elected representatives of the Med local and regional authorities (Marseilles, 11 December 2014)**
 - ➔ Participation of the IMC members in the debates
 - ➔ Joint elaboration of a political declaration on Climate
- Participation in a webinar on Solutions for water Efficiency in Arid Countries (Online, 14 April 2015)
- Participation in a seminar on Water in Europe – funding new projects (Murcia, 7 May 2015)
- **Meeting of the IMC WG on Water & Energy (Barcelona, 21 May 2015)**
 - ➔ Discussion on the new action plan implying:
 - ➔ new exchange of Best practices and political positions on Water (Water Framework Directive implementation and Water Issues in Arid territories),
 - ➔ the set-up of a Task force for the Energy Renovation in Med Buildings and new possible projects in this field.
- Support to the MED Cop 21 conference in PACA (February-May 2015) and participation (Marseille, 4-5 June)

C. Communication and membership

- IMC Web site regular update, support to the CPMR Communication/Newsletter, work on the MarInA-Med Platform and support to the set-up of the new platform “We are all Mediterranean”
- Creation and boosting of the IMC CPMR twitter account
- Frequent employment of Video Conference or Skype for meetings
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation the current ones

II. UPCOMING IMC ACTIVITIES FROM JULY 2015 TO THE END OF 2015 AND BEYOND

A. Internal organization and institutional meetings

- **General Assembly of the IMC CPMR** (Nafplio, 2-3 July)
 - ➔ Political debates on Migration, Cultural Dialogue, Med Citizenship, Youth Employment, Mobility, Entrepreneurship, Social and Solidarity Economy, Macro-Regions and Sea Basin Strategies (boost the emerging strategies starting from the maritime strategy in the Western Med). Approval of Declarations, Presentation and endorsement of the Policy paper of MarInA-Med, MoU with the Center for Med Integration, Ratification of IMC Action plan and approval of the 4 WG AP, New memberships etc.
- **Plenary of the IMC** (Florence, 5 September)
- **Meeting of the Political Bureau** (Rabat, 26-27 November)

B. Key political and technical activities by theme (events, key projects etc.)

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

- Large dissemination of the MarInA-Med Policy Paper (July-December 2015)
- Adriplan final conference (10 July 2015)
- Participation in the Conference on MOs in Balearic Islands (Palma de Mallorca, 25 September 2015)

- Decentralized events of the transport corridors to be organized in the Med Regions (2016. Eg. The concerning the Med corridor)
- Participation in the Conference on Blue Investments and contribution to the CPMR Platform on Maritime Investments (22 September 2015 onwards)
- Intergroup Transport CRPM (Bruxelles, 15 October 2015)
- Synergies with the EP Intergroup SEARICA (specific activities tbc)
- Next meetings of the WG and its Task Forces tbc (focusing more on IMP) and other related activities in link with the CPMR Maritime Agenda (MSP, Coastal Defense, Marine Data, Marine industries, Fisheries...)

2. Territorial Cooperation & Macroregional Strategies (including activities on Migration)

- ENP South and Decentralized cooperation
 - ➔ Capacity building activities in the field of territorial integrated development in the southern rim (Seminar on territorial development, decentralisation, public quality services with CGLU and Platforma in Rabat the 27 November 2015. Possible seminar in Tunisia in 2016. ARLEM project on capacity building...)
 - ➔ Monitoring of ENPI CBC Med programme and conception of projects (2015-16)
 - ➔ Synergies with EEAS in Brussels (meeting with the Secretary General the 7 July 2015) and delegations in Med Partner Countries (2015-16)
- INTERREG
 - ➔ Participation in the launch event and 1st call of the ADRION programme (last trimester tbc) and monitoring of IPA/ CBC Programmes
 - ➔ Participation in the launch event of the call for horizontal projects (Marseilles, 22 November 2015) and presentation of several new projects (“modular” and “horizontal”) on the first calls for proposal of INTERREG Med (September/November/January 2016)
- MACROREGIONAL AND SEA BASIN STRATEGIES
 - ➔ High level meetings of the IMC Political representatives in the frame of the Road Map for Macro-Regional and Sea basin Strategies (tbc)
 - ➔ Support to the MEP’s Giuffrida proposal for a preparatory action for a Med Macro Region (iter already started in June 2015)
 - ➔ Monitoring of EUSAIR Strategy and Technical Steering Committees
- MIGRATIONS
 - ➔ New seminars, events and communication actions in the field of the campaign “We are all Mediterranean” on Migrations (Milan 4th July –Med Frontiers, Marseilles and Barcelona tbc + tailored communication action on the social networks etc.)
- SYNERGIES WITH MED NETWORKS
 - ➔ Synergies with ARLEM (Commission for sustainable territorial development in October and Plenary in January 2016), ARCO LATINO, COM MED UCLG, CMI etc.
 - ➔ Participation in the Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Med (2016 tbc)

3. Economic and Social Cohesion

- First meeting of the WG in Nafplio (2nd of July)
 - ➔ Discussion on the new Action Plan and its main axis, TF on Tourism and Vasco da Gama, Synergies among youth inclusion platforms, debate on the cohesion policy financial allocations in view of the mid-term review
- Final set-up of the partnership and the dossier(s) of the project Vasco da Gama MED (to the different programmes and interlocutors. 2015-16)
- Conception and presentation of cooperation projects in the frame of the Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture (2015-16)
- New actions of the WG on Youth mobility, Social Solidarity Economy, Entrepreneurship, Diaspora (tbc)
- Med Economic week, Marseille and Barcelona (November 2015)

4. Energy & Water

- Open Days (Seminars organised by the European Commission on Energy Efficiency in Buildings)

- Exchange of Best practices and meetings (Valencia, 20 October tbc)
- Political position on Water by the end of the year
- Participation in Water forums (2015-16)
- Conception and presentation of projects on Water and Energy in the frame of the Med Coop. Programmes and in particular the TF on Energy Renovation in Med Buildings

C. Communication and membership

- Final dissemination on the MarInA-Med web Platform and Med Maritime Project outputs including the PP
- Support the creation of the new integrated web platform of the CPMR
- Boosting of the IMC CPMR twitter account
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation the current ones (possible missions tbc)