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*Activity report July 2016-November 2016 and upcoming actions*

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## I. MAIN ACTIVITIES (Detailed report - July 2016/November 2016)

Note: for previous activities, please check the [Report for the Mandate 2014-2016](#)

### A. Internal organization and institutional meetings

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- **General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Venice 30<sup>th</sup> of June and 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2016)
  - ➔ Debate and approval of [Final Declaration](#)
  - ➔ Renewal of Intermediterranean Commission Mandate (2016-2018): election of the new president [Apostolos Katsifaras](#) and [Political Bureau](#).
  - ➔ Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding with Med Cities
  - ➔ 2 Political sessions on territorial development & cohesion and maritime issues
  - ➔ Monitoring of Working Groups Activities and upcoming actions
  - ➔ Internal issues (including projects, financial issues and calendar).
  - ➔ Back to back meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Group IMP & Transport

Documents available [here](#)

- **Plenary meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission in the frame of the global CPMR General Assembly** (Azores, 3 November 2016)
  - ➔ Intermediterranean Commission Contribution to the Final CPMR declaration
  - ➔ Internal issues (including projects, process for the update of action plans, WGs, calendar, financial issues)
  - ➔ Participation in CPMR Task Force: Migrations, Macro-Regions...
  - ➔ Participation of Intermediterranean Commission Members in the General Assembly Sessions on Transport, Maritime Affairs, Cohesion, Future of the EU, etc.

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

#### **1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy**

- Meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Group in Venice, back to back with the Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly, focus on maritime affairs. Proposal for the setting up of a new Task Force on fisheries (30 June 2016) and update on further actions and projects linked to Bologna charter, monitoring of directives, transport etc.
- Update of the ToRs on fisheries and call for interest of the regions (July-November 2016).
- Organisation by Working Group Co-Presidency of a workshop during Med Cop Climate Tanger on Decarbonisation of Maritime Transport in the MED (July 2016)
- Participation in COAST event in Ferrara in connection to the Bologna Charter, the Italian coordination board on coastal erosion and future UfM activities on Blue Economy (23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016)
- Approval of 2 new horizontal projects in the frame of the calls of the MED INTERREG Programme on Innovation & Blue Growth and on Environment protection and firsts activities (27<sup>th</sup> September 2016-November 2016)
- Participation of the WG co-presidency for Transport in the CPMR intergroup on Transport (October 2016)
- Monitoring of Western Med initiative: possibility to organize back to back event during the West Med stakeholder conference foreseen in Barcelona at the beginning of 2017 (July 2016-November 2016)
- Conception of new projects in the frame of open and future calls and for UfM labelling (July-November 2016, e.g. on the Bologna Charter themes)
- Synergies with UfM for the implementation of the UfM declaration on Blue Economy (July-November 2016)
- Participation in the Coast day 2016 organized by UNEP Map (PAP/RAC) – UfM in Barcelona and to the consultation on the Regional Framework on ICZM and linkages with MSP (27-29<sup>th</sup> September 2016)
- Participation in the conference “Shaping the future of the European core network corridors in Milan (24/25 October 2016)

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

- West Med and EUSAIR Monitoring in connection with CPMR Task Force (July-November 2016)
- Monitoring of cooperation programmes in the Mediterranean (MED Interreg, Eni Cbc Med, Adrion and others), conception of projects ideas (July-November 2016)
- Platforma Strategic partnership with EC activities: monitoring and start up of the activities in the MED in connection with CPMR External WG (July-November 2016)
- Preparation, launch and dissemination of a call (ToRs) for expert linked to Platforma Strategic partnership and the implementation of a training for Local and Regional authorities on integrated territorial development (September-October 2016)
- Preparation of a workshop on Territorial Integrated Development during the UCLG MED Workshops event in Sousse, Tunisia (22-23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016) - See the [conclusions](#)
- Monitoring of Migration policy issues (trust fund for Africa etc.) and support to the start-up of Mipex Reg project (July-November 2016)
- Contribution to the ARLEM Report 2016 on CBC Cooperation (September 2016)
- Participation to the Interreg MED Program thematic workshop on a first evaluation of the 1<sup>st</sup> call of proposals, and on the orientations, strategies, and project ideas for the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> call (October 2016)
- Participation in the General Assembly of Unimed network in Rome for synergies among regions and universities (21 October 2016)
- Relations with other Med networks: ARLEM, MED CITIES, Arco Latino, Unimed, CMI, MED Pan, Avitem... (July-November 2016)
- Contribution to CPMR technical paper on Macro Regions (October 2016)

## **3. Economic and Social Cohesion**

- Set-up of a Vasco da Gama spin-off project for the Mediterranean to be submitted for the labelling of the Union for the Mediterranean and to the next calls for proposals of the cooperation programmes of the basin (bilateral meetings with potential partners, the UfM, contacts & work on the dossier, preparation of concept notes, monitoring of the spin of projects submitted on Adrion and Blue Careers etc. – July-October 2016)
- Monitoring of the Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture in connection with the WG PMI&TRAN and CPMR maritime intergroup (July-November 2016)
- Approval of 1 project proposals for the MED INTERREG programme on Sustainable Tourism together with the Lead Partner Region (Region East Trace and Macedonia). CO-EVOLVE, linked to Bologna Charter and MSP-ICZM (September 2016)
- Active participation to the RESUME project first Conference organized by UNIMED, on “Filling the gap between education and the labor market” (September 2016)
- Collaboration in the update of the dossiers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> evaluation phase of other 2 projects under Interreg Med with the LPs, Tuscany, Catalonia (October 2016)
- Elaboration/translation of a draft report on Social and Solidarity Economy and synergies with external specialized stakeholders and med networks as Arco Latino (July-October 2016)
- Capitalization of some experiences on youth inclusion and employment in the Med for the workshop on the topic organized by Arco Latino in Sousse, during UCLG MED Workshops (22-23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016)

## **4. Energy & Water**

- Dissemination of MED COP 22 Tanger (conclusions, info etc.) and participation in the event.
- Participation of the Valencian co-presidency in several EU fora on water and in particular presentation of proposals for the CoR opinion on water management and innovation (28<sup>th</sup> of September 2016)
- Drawing up of the new political messages on water and energy for the WG and approval (July-18<sup>th</sup> October 2016)
- Contribution to the ARLEM 2016 Report on Climate and Energy (September 2016)
- Approval of the modular interreg Med Project Sherpa, led by Catalonia and first activities (27<sup>th</sup> september-November 2016)
- Meeting of the Task Force on Energy Renovation in Med Buildings in Valencia and exchange of regional experiences (17 October 2016)

- Meeting of the WG and Conference on Water and Renewable Energies in Valencia. Exchange of experiences coming from regions, universities and enterprises (18<sup>th</sup> of October 2016) and approval of a political position on Water and Energy.
- Participation in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC) on “Resilient policies for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development” (20<sup>th</sup> October 2016)

### C. Communication, membership and partnerships

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- Intermediterranean Commission old Web site regular update
- Support to the CPMR Communication/Newsletter (articles on IMC main activities)
- Contribution to the setting up of the new web platform of CPMR where the Intermediterranean Commission site will be integrated and to its new visual image
- Boosting of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Twitter Account (today 628 followers, please spread it up)
- Frequent use of videoconference or skype for meetings (in particular using the new system Gotomeeting, purchased by CPMR but also via the systems of the regions, e.g. webex)
- Relation with the wide range of external stakeholders and new MoUs (Med Cities etc.)
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation the current ones (Morocco, Turkey, Croatia, Tunisia).

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## II. UPCOMING INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (From November 2016 to the end of the year and beyond)

### A. Internal organization and institutional meetings

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- **Political Bureau of the IMC** (Barcelona, mid February 2017, tbc)
  - ➔ Debate and approval of political Messages.
  - ➔ Monitoring of the action plans updating process (global and sectoral/Working Groups for 2017-2018)
  - ➔ Internal issues (including projects, Working Groups and calendar).
  - ➔ Back to back meeting tbc (e.g. Task Force on fisheries)
  - ➔ Event to be organized back to back with West Med initiative stakeholder conference (Barcelona, mid February 2017, tbc)
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Gozo, Malta, 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 - Participation of Intermediterranean Commission Presidency/Secretariat)
  - ➔ IMC participation in several sessions
  - ➔ Back to back seminar (tbc)
- **General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission** (tbc 2017, before the summer break)
  - ➔ Debate and approval of political messages
  - ➔ Approval global and sectoral action plans for 2017-2018
  - ➔ Monitoring of WGs Activities
  - ➔ Internal issues (including projects, financial issues and calendar).
  - ➔ Meeting to be organized back to back with IMC WGs or EU projects activities tbc
- **CPMR Political Bureau (Political Bureau in Stavanger, Rogaland, 8th of June 2017 - Participation of Intermediterranean Commission Presidency/Secretariat)**
  - ➔ IMC participation in several sessions

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

## **1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy**

- Update of the Working Groups' Action Plans for 2017-2018 (before the 2017 General Assembly)
- Participation and contribution to the CPMR works on maritime investments (mapping, study etc.) in synergy with the follow up of Blue.Invest and DG MARE - Forthcoming Maltese EU presidency works (2016-2017)
- Synergies with the European Parliament Intergroup SEARICA (specific activities to be confirmed, e.g. seminar in the EU Parliament in 2017)
- Next meetings of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Group and its Task Forces (e.g. Bologna Charter Coordination Board, Task Force on Fisheries-monitoring of the FEAMP and future of Common Fishery Policy) and other related activities in link with the CPMR Maritime Agenda (MSP, Coastal Defence, Marine Data, Marine industries, ...)
- Monitoring with CPMR General Secretariat of the implementation of the MSP and MSFD Directives and the issues at MED level (e.g. joint implementation of the project on MSP presented by the SHOM with CPMR on West Med: SIMWESTMED, works connected with Bologna Charter etc.).
- Implementation of 2 horizontal projects selected by MED INTERREG Programme: InnoBlueGrowth on Innovation & Blue Growth and PANACEA on Environment protection. Conception of new cooperation projects in the frame of other calls / programmes on maritime issues (2016-2017)
- Future actions in the frame of the Western Med initiative and cooperation with the UfM working Group on Blue Economy (e.g. Presentation of IMC CPMR Secretary on the Bologna Charter in the frame of the UfM Working Group on Blue Economy meeting foreseen for the 8<sup>th</sup> of November in Brussels, participation in Western Med Conference in February 2017, support to the organization of the MED regional stakeholder forum on blue economy in October-November 2017)
- Collaboration with external partners as MED PAN (e.g. participation of Intermediterranean Commission in the Forum on marine protected areas at the end of November 2016 with synergies on the socio-economic benefits of ecosystem services and future projects), Ocean Energy, EMBRC on different topics of interest.
- Participation in the CPMR intergroup on transport (contribution to the follow-up of the works on accessibility, monitoring of CEF calls, neighbourhood dimension of transports corridors etc.)
- Possible decentralized events of the transport corridors to be organized in the Med Regions (Eg. the concerning the Med corridor) and monitoring of corridors actions plan affecting the MED, and of MoS/CEF.
- Contribution to the Detailed Implementation Plan for the Motorways of the Sea (2016-2017).

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

- ➔ Update of the Working Group Action Plan for 2017-2018 (before the 2017 General Assembly)
- ➔ Next meeting of the Working Group to be defined back to back with external partners activities (tbc beginning 2017)
- ➔ Development of capacity building activities in the field of territorial integrated development in the southern rim in cooperation with Platforma and Med Networks: follow up of the seminar on territorial integrated development organized in Sousse in September 2016, selection of an expert and elaboration of a manual for capacity building, delivery of the training in 2017. Other related works (Possible synergies with ARLEM project on urban development, debate on a proposal for a possible ENP "territorial hub brunch" 2016-2017...).
- ➔ Monitoring of the EU Neighbourhood policy south and the ENI, Synergies with EEAS in Brussels and its delegations in the Med (follow up of previous meetings), and drawing up of an enlargement strategy for the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission in the MED (Early 2017)
- ➔ Participation in the meeting of ARLEM commission on sustainable territorial development that will take place in Marrakech, back to back with COP22 and side events (14-15 November) and in the Plenary meeting foreseen in Malta (22-23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2017)
- ➔ Specific monitoring of ENPI CBC Med, ADRION, IPA/CBC/MED Programmes and future calls & possible implementation of selected project presented to the first calls (2016-2017) and conception of new projects (2016-2017).

- Future contribution to the works on governance of the axis 4 of MED INTERREG and ADRION transnational programmes (CPMR IMC will be participating as associate/observers).
- Interreg MED meeting of HP and Modular projects in Marseilles (November 2016)
- Final implementation of MED SPRING project (2016-2017)
- Possible set-up of high level meetings of the Intermediterranean Commission political representatives in the frame of the Road Map for Macro-Regional and Sea basin Strategies (tbc. E.g. meeting within SEARICA intergroup and back to back meeting with MED States REPER, “tour of capitals” of a delegation of Intermediterranean Commission representative to have specific talks with EU MED States Ministries)
- Monitoring of EUSAIR Strategy and its governance (e.g. Technical Steering Committees, participation in meetings to be organized by the EC and the Intermediterranean Commission Involved regions, other synergies, participation in the dedicated CPMR Task Force in 2017)
- Coordination with CPMR Task Force on Macro-Regions for future joint actions
- Monitoring of the set-up of the maritime initiative for the Western Mediterranean and participation in its future events in connection with the Working Group on IMP & Tran (e.g. consultations, stakeholder forum etc.)
- Follow-up of the synergies with ARLEM, UFM, ARCO LATINO, COM MED UCLG, PLATFORMA, CMI, EURORÉGION Pyrénées-Méditerranée, MedCities, MED PAN etc. (e.g. Participation in Med Cities General Assembly the 1/2 of December 2016)
- Participation in the Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Med organized by UCLG with MED Network in Tangier (30<sup>th</sup> of November 2016)
- Participation in UfM Med stakeholder forum (Early 2017)
- Contribution to CPMR Task Force on Migrations and technical follow-up (e.g. political documents, best practices exchange, reflections on the adaptation to migration issues of ESIF funds and territorial cooperation programmes in the new programming period, events, support to MIPEX-R etc.).

### **3. Economic and Social Cohesion**

- Update of the Working Group action plan for 2017-2018 (before the 2017 General Assembly)
- Med Economic weeks, Marseille and Barcelona (November 2016)
- Participation in the Arco Latino conference on ESS (12/13<sup>th</sup> December 2017)
- Next meeting of the Working Group in Montpellier (tbc 2017)
- Continuation of the setting-up of the partnership and the dossier(s) of the project Vasco da Gama MED (to the different programmes and interlocutors. 2016-2017 - e.g. next projects to be submitted under Erasmus + KA2 call with UNIMED network)
- Implementation of CO-EVOLVE project and possible implementation of Marine Villages and Mitomed+
- Conception, presentation and implementation of further events and cooperation projects in the frame of the Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture (2016-2017, e.g. possible events in the frame of the MED Interreg projects, joint events with Arco Latino)
- Future actions of the Working Group on Youth mobility, Social Solidarity Economy, Entrepreneurship, Diaspora (tbc e.g. on the base of the results of the prospective report on Social Solidarity Economy and step forwards)
- Contribution to the CPMR core group on cohesion and seminars (2016-2017)

### **4. Energy & Water**

- Update of the Working Group action plan for 2017-2018 (before the 2017 General Assembly)
- Participation in Water forums by the co-presidency on Water (2017)

- Participation in COP22 in Marrakech and MED COP Climate 2017 in Sicily
- Monitoring of contributions to ARLEM and CoR Reports and new contributions dealing with Energy and Water to EU and Euromed works (2016-2017)
- Follow up of the political position on water and renewable energies through new concrete lobbying actions and concrete cooperation projects and works concerning innovation and research (2017)
- Implementation of the SHERPA Project and synergies with the Intermediterranean Commission Task Force on Energy Renovation in Buildings towards the drawing up of a Joint Action plan on the topic including both transnational projects and major tractor projects at regional level.
- Conception, presentation and implementation of new projects on Water/ Energy in the frame of EU cooperation programmes
- Development of partnerships and cooperation with Universities, private and international entities.

### **C. Communication, membership and partnerships**

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- Support the setting up and implementation of the new integrated web platform of the CPMR and use of the new visual image
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