



CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION (IMC)

Activity report September 2014-November 2015 and upcoming actions

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A. Internal organization and institutional meetings

- **Plenary meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Umeå - 24 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 Intermediterranean Commission global action plan and the reorganization of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Groups
 - Debate and approval of the Intermediterranean Commission 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** (Brussels - 12/13 January 2015)
- **Coordination meeting with the Presidency, the 1st Vice-presidency and the delegate for macro regional and sea-basin strategies** (Barcelona - January 2015)
- **CRPM Political Bureau** (Nantes - 27 February 2015)
 - Participation of the IMC President in the debate on Cohesion policy
 - Following of the rest of debates
- **Meeting of the technical representatives of the Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau** (Barcelona - 20 March 2015)
 - Update on the definition of the action plans of the new 4 Intermediterranean Commission 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 [Intermediterranean Commission Action Plan 2015-2016](#)
 - Calendar and other issues
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Crete - 12 June 2015)
 - Organization and moderation of the debate on migration and presentation of the “We are all Mediterranean” campaign
 - Presentation of the Intermediterranean Commission political position on the review of the White Paper on Transport
 - Following of the rest of debates
- **General Assembly of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission** (Nafplio – 2/3 July 2015)
 - 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 Final Declaration and the Political Positions of Marseilles, Presentation and endorsement of the Policy paper of MarInA-Med
 - MoU with the Centre for Mediterranean Integration (CMI - The World Bank)
 - Ratification of Intermediterranean Commission Action plan and the 4 WG AP, Internal issues (calendar, update and strategy for cooperation projects, new memberships etc.)
- **Coordination meeting Presidency-Secretariat** (Marseille – 22 September 2015)
 - Preparation of the Plenary in Florence and the Bureau in Rabat
 - Update and coordination on strategic activities and projects
- **Coordination meeting with the Presidency and the 1st Vice-presidency** (Barcelona – 27 October 2015)
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B. Key political and technical activities by theme (Events, projects, etc.)

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

- III Forum on CEF Corridors (Brussels - October 2014)
- 1st MarInA-Med COM&CAP seminar on fisheries in the Adriatic-Ionian basin (Termoli – 29/30 October 2014)
 - ➔ [Main conclusions](#)
- Participation/contribution to MSSD review meeting (Sophia Ant. – 19/21 November 2014)
- IV Forum on CEF Corridors (Brussels - 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](#)
- Contribution/Participation to the Intergroup Transport of the CPMR (Brussels - 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 Intermediterranean Commission Members (Málaga - 16 April 2015)
 - The CPMR Maritime Working Groups with the participation of Intermediterranean Commission Members (Brussels - 21/22 April 2015)
 - The Working group of the Union for the Mediterranean on Transport and bilateral meetings with the different areas of the UfM (Barcelona - 28 April 2015)
 - The [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)
- Large dissemination of the [MarInA-Med Policy Paper](#) on an integrated approach for maritime issues (June-November 2015) and participation to consultations of DG MARE on training and mobility in the field of the blue economy.
- Participation of IMC Regions in the Conference on Blue Investments organized by CPMR and DG MARE (22 September 2015 onwards)
- Conception of 2 new horizontal projects in the frame of the future calls of the MED INTERREG Programme (on Innovation & Blue Growth and on Environment protection)
- Participation in the CPMR Intergroup on Transport (Brussels - 15 September 2015)
- Synergies with events of COP 21 in Paris concerning Bologna Charter and adaptation to climate change in coastal areas (October 2015)

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

- Meeting on the ARLEM Capacity building project (Brussels - 25 September 2014)
- ARLEM ECOTER Commission meeting (Málaga - 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 (Roma -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 (Brussels - 18 November 2014)
- EESC conference on Macro-Regions (Brussels - 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 (Roma - 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 European Neighbourhood Policy, Migration issues, ETC projects and programmes in the Mediterranean region
- Final Capitalization Event of the ECT 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 – 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, Martin 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-July 2015)
- 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

- Support to the MEP's Giuffrida proposal for a preparatory action for a Med Macro Region (iter already started in June 2015 and classed C in July by the EC)
- 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 COM&CAP experience to other networks and fostering of synergies with INTERREG MED Technical Secretariat and other networks
- Drawing-up of a response on behalf of CPMR to the consultation on the new EU Neighborhood Policy based on IMC Members contributions (30 June 2015 and validation by the IMC General Assembly)
- Synergies with EEAS in Brussels (meeting of the IMC President with the Secretary General the 7 July 2015)
- Participation in the launch event of the call for horizontal projects (Marseille - 22 November 2015)
- Participation in the GA of the Euro-Region "Pirineos-Mediterráneo" (Palma de Maiorca, 7 October 2015)
- Meeting of Political representatives of CPMR , CCRE, EUROCITIES on Migration at the EP (Brussels – 14 October 2015)
 - ➔ Discussion and demands of Regions and local authorities to EU institutions
- Participation in the TF on Migration of CPMR and contribution to the debates (Brussels – 14 October 2015)
- Participation in the seminar on the EUSAIR organized by Region Emilia Romagna during the Open Days (Brussels – 15 October 2015)
- Synergies with ARLEM Commission for sustainable territorial development (Brussels – 26 October)
- Synergies with the conference of the Italian Senate (Commission for EU Policies) on "New paradigms for EUROMED cooperation (Florence – 26 October)
- Scouting of opportunities for future EU cooperation projects to be submitted under several Mediterranean cooperation programmes etc. and circulation among the members and external stakeholders of 50 partnership search/project proposals in the frame of the first calls (July-October 2015)

3. Economic and Social Cohesion

- MedNet 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 labelling of the Union for the Mediterranean and to the next calls for proposals of the cooperation programmes of the basin (several bilateral meetings with potential partners, the UfM, contacts & work on the dossier, preparation of concept notes etc. – February/October 2015)
- Set-up of a Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture (Teleconference - February 2015 and further meetings by skype and during the IMC General Assembly of Nafplio)
- 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)
- First meeting of the Working Group in Nafplio (2 July 2015)
- 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
- Survey on Social and Solidarity Economy (July-October 2015)
- Setting-up of 5 projects proposals for the MED INTERREG programme on Sustainable Tourism together with the Lead Partner Regions : Crete, Region East Trace and Macedonia, Tuscany, Catalonia, Marche (June-October 2015)
- Preparatory meeting with DGs MARE-GROW for the EU Med Dialogue with cruise operators (Brussels – 15 September 2015)
- Regional Med Cruise Dialogue (Olbia - 14 October 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 (Brussels - 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 Intermediterranean Commission 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) and 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 2015)
- Synergy with the Seminar on Funding Schemes for Efficiency Energy in Buildings organized by EASME during Open Days (Brussels, 14 October 2015)
- Set-up of a MED project proposal for INTERREG MED programme on Efficiency Energy in MED public buildings (SHERPA) together with the Lead Partner Catalonia and other MED regions (July-October 2015)

C. Communication and membership

- Intermediterranean Commission Web site regular update, support to the CPMR Communication/Newsletter (articles on IMC main activities), work on the MarInA-Med Platform and support to the set-up of the new platform “We are all Mediterranean”
- Contribution to the setting up of the new web platform of CPMR where the IMC site will be integrated and to its new visual image
- Creation and boosting of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Twitter Account
- Frequent use of videoconference or skype for meetings (in particular using the new system Gotomeeting, purchased by CPMR)
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation the current ones

II. UPCOMING INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (From November 2015 to the end of 2015 and beyond)

A. Internal organization and institutional meetings

- **Plenary of the Intermediterranean Commission** (Florence - 5 November 2015)
 - ➔ Update on IMC Activities and perspectives for the future
 - ➔ Comments from the IMC members on the Final Declaration of the CPMR GA
- **CPMR General Assembly** (Florence - 4/6 November 2015)
 - ➔ Participation in several Task Force on Migration, Macro-Regions, EUSAIR and GA's session on Migration among others.
- **Meeting of the Political Bureau** (Rabat - 26 November 2015)
 - ➔ Meeting exceptionally opened to all IMC Members, the new Moroccan regions and the members of UCGL MED COM.
 - ➔ Political debates on: decentralization in the MED and decentralized cooperation; the new migration and neighbourhood policies
 - ➔ Approval of a final declaration
 - ➔ Internal issues (including projects and calendar).
 - ➔ Complementary activities: seminar on quality of public services the 25/11 and Political Council of the MED Commission of UCLG the 26/11 in the morning)
- **Enlarged internal management committee of CPMR General Secretariat** (Brussels - January 2016. Participation of IMC Secretariat)
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Holland, February 2016. Participation of IMC Presidency/Secretariat)
- **General Assembly of the IMC** (Date and place to be defined, May-June 2016)
 - ➔ Debate and approval of political Messages.
 - ➔ Renewal of IMC Mandate (tbc)
 - ➔ Internal issues (including projects and calendar).
 - ➔ Possible back to back seminar or meetings of the IMC WGs (tbc)
- **CPMR Political Bureau** (Finland, June 2016. Participation of IMC Presidency/Secretariat)
- **Political Bureau of the IMC** (Date and place to be defined, second semester 2016)
 - ➔ Debate and approval of political Messages.
 - ➔ Internal issues (including projects and calendar).
 - ➔ Possible back to back seminar or meetings of the IMC WGs (tbc)

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

1. Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

- Decentralized events of the transport corridors to be organized in the Med Regions (2016 - Eg. the concerning the Med corridor) and monitoring of corridors actions plan affecting the MED, and of MoS/CEF.

- Participation in the further works of the platform Blue.Invest launched by CPMR with DG MARE (2015-16)
- Synergies with the European Parliament Intergroup SEARICA (specific activities to be confirmed)
- 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 Defence, Marine Data, Marine industries, Fisheries...)
- Participation in the future conference on transport and islands to be organized by CPMR in 2016 and in the CPMR intergroup on transport (contribution to the follow-up of the works on accessibility etc.)
- Monitoring with CPMR General Secretariat of the implementation of the MSP and MSFD Directives and the issues at MED level.
- Final set-up of 2 new horizontal projects in the frame of the future calls of the MED INTERREG Programme (on Innovation & Blue Growth and on Environment protection and possibly implementation) and conception of new cooperation projects.

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

- ENP South and Decentralized Cooperation
 - ➔ Monitoring of the EU Neighbourhood policy south (update on the ENP foreseen by EC the 18th of November 2015)
 - ➔ Capacity building activities in the field of territorial integrated development in the southern rim (seminar on public quality services with UCLG in Rabat on 25 November 2015. Possible seminar in Tunisia in 2016 on territorial development and decentralisation. ARLEM project on capacity building etc.)
 - ➔ Synergies with EEAS in Brussels (follow up of the meeting of the IMC President with the Secretary General the 7 July 2015) and delegations in Med Partner Countries (2015-2016, starting with delegation in Morocco in November 2015)
 - ➔ Draft and implementation of cooperation projects and follow-up of MED SPRING and Platforma actions concerning the Neighbourhood area. Specific monitoring of ENPI CBC Med programme and conception of projects (2015-2016)
- INTERREG PROGRAMMES
 - ➔ Participation in the launch event and 1st call of the ADRION programme (9/10 December, Bolonia) and monitoring of IPA/ CBC Programmes and future calls of MED Interreg & possible implementation of selected project presented to the first calls (2016)
 - ➔ Contribution to the works on governance of the axis 4 of MED INTERREG and ADRION transnational programmes
- 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. E.g. meeting within SEARICA intergroup and back to back meeting with MED States REPER, "tour of capitals" of a delegation of IMC 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 IMC Involved regions)
 - ➔ Monitoring of the set-up of the Maritime strategy for the Western Mediterranean
- RELATIONS WITH OTHER NETWORKS
 - ➔ Follow-up of the synergies with ARLEM (Plenary in January 2016), ARCO LATINO, COM MED UCLG (Seminars in Rabat on the 25/26th of November 2015), CMI, EURORÉGION Pyrénées-Méditerranée, MedCities (General Assembly the 11th of November), etc.
 - ➔ Participation in the Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Med organized by UCLG with MED Networks (June 2016)
- MIGRATIONS
 - ➔ New seminars or communication actions in the field of the campaign "We are all Mediterranean" on Migrations

- Contribution to CPMR TF on Migrations and technical follow-up (e.g. political documents, best practices exchange, work on the detection of needs by the regions in terms of reception infrastructures and measures for integration, reflections on the adaptation to migration issues of ESIF funds and territorial cooperation programmes in the new programming period).

3. Economic and Social Cohesion

- Final set-up of the partnership and the dossier(s) of the project Vasco da Gama MED (to the different programmes and interlocutors. 2015-2016)
- Conception, presentation and implementation of cooperation projects in the frame of the Task force on Sustainable Tourism and Culture (2016)
- Med Economic week, Marseille and Barcelona (4/7 November 2015)
- New actions of the WG on Youth mobility, Social Solidarity Economy, Entrepreneurship, Diaspora (tbc e.g. Results of the Survey on Social Solidarity Economy and step forwards)
- Next meeting in Montpellier (tbc 2015-2016)

4. Energy & Water

- Political position on Water (2015-2016 tbc)
- Participation in Water forums by the co-presidency on Water (2015-2016)
- Meeting of the Group in Valencia (tbc end 2015/beginning 2016)
- Conception and presentation of projects on Water/ Energy in the frame of cooperation programmes (possible implementation of the projects already presented, if approved starting by the end of 2016)
- SURE project (CIUDAD Programme) conference on Sustainable Energy Action Plans in the MED – Covenant of Mayors (26/29 January 2015)

C. Communication and membership

- Further 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 and its visual image
- Contribution to CPMR Newsletter
- Boosting of the CRPM Intermediterranean Commission Twitter Account
- Contacts with new potential members and consolidation the current ones (possible missions tbc)
- Frequent use of videoconference or skype for meetings (in particular using the new system Gotomeeting, purchased by CPMR)