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CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 June 2019 - Marseille (Region Sud-FR)

Venue: Hôtel de Région - Salle de Commission permanente
27, place Jules Guesde - Marseille

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Thursday 20 June 2019

Working Group on Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy & Internal Session of the Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly

8.45: Arrival of participants and registration

9.00-13.00 - Working Group on Transport and Integrated Maritime Policy *(for members only)*

- **Welcome and objectives of the meeting** by the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Secretariat (15')
 - ✚ **Agnès Rampal**, CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Vice President, Regional councillor Region Sud
 - ✚ **Davide Strangis**, Executive Director of the CPMR for EU Programmes, Partnerships and Geographical Commissions
 - ✚ **Élodie Nunes**, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission
- **Working Group Action Plan 2019-2020** by the Working Groups Co-Presidencies (45')
 - ✚ **Representatives of the Regions Murcia and Sud** on the last activities, renewed priorities and key actions of the Working Group
 - ✚ Debate with participants
 - ✚ Approval of the new plan by the Working Group and way forward

10.00-10.30 Coffee break

- Focus on **Climate change** adaptation and The **Bologna Charter Coordination Board** (30'):
 - ✚ Littoral adaptation against erosion – Project POSBEMED2 and Posidonia preservation by **Stephanie Oudin**, Région Sud
 - ✚ Updates on the initiative and the JAP Implementation by **Roberto Montanari**, Coordinator of the Bologna Charter - Regione Emilia Romagna
 - ✚ Debate
 - ✚ Future actions/next steps

- **Marine Renewable Energies (30')**
 - 📌 Representatives of the Regions Sud and Occitanie
 - 📌 Other speaker tbc.
 - 📌 Debate
 - 📌 Future actions/next steps

- Focus on the **Blue Economy Task Force** and future actions by **Marietta Tidei**, Regional Councillor of Lazio and the Secretariat (30')
 - 📌 Updates on the past works and new opportunities in relation with UfM works on Blue Economy, West MED, Bluemed etc. by a **representative** of the Region Lazio
 - 📌 Updates on InnoBlueGrowth and PANACeA by **Élodie Nunes**, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission
 - 📌 IUCN Congress Marseille 2020 – discussion of an event proposal by a representative of **Région Sud**
 - 📌 Debate
 - 📌 Future actions/next steps

- Exchanges of views on other maritime topics of interest for the Working Group by the Secretariat and the members: **fisheries & aquaculture, marine Litter, sustainable maritime tourism...** (30')
 - 📌 Marine litter: update on policies and actions in Région Sud and MED project
 - 📌 Debate and future actions

- Focus on **Transport (30')**
 - 📌 Intermediterranean Commission action in relation with the CPMR global lobbying activities on Ten-T/CEF corridors, aviation, etc.
 - 📌 New actions in relation with maritime issues (e.g. smart ports/maritime sustainable transport...)
 - 📌 Debate and exchange of information with participants

- **Conclusions and next steps** by the Co-Presidencies of the Working Group and by the Intermediterranean Commission Secretariat

13.00-14.30: Light networking lunch on site



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14.30-18.45: General Assembly – Internal session

- First part for Intermediterranean Commission members only -

14.30-15.00 - Opening session

- ✚ **Welcome speech** by **Agnès Rampal**, CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Vice President, Regional councillor Region Sud
- ✚ **Mediterranean State-of-Play** and **Objectives of the meeting** by **Apostolos Katsifaras**, President of the Region Dytiki Ellada and President of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission
- ✚ **CPMR works on the future of the European Union/Territorial Agenda & handover** of Intermediterranean Commission Executive Secretary functions by **Davide Strangis**, CPMR Executive Director EU Programmes, Partnerships and Geographical Commissions

15.00-15.30 - Approval by the General Assembly of the Global action plan of the Intermediterranean Commission for the period 2019-2020

- ✚ Updates by **Apostolos Katsifaras**, President of the Intermediterranean Commission, and **Élodie Nunes**, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission
- ✚ Interventions by the Intermediterranean Commission Vice-Presidents:
 - **Patrizio Bianchi**, 1st Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission, Regional Minister of Emilia Romagna
 - **Agnès Rampal**, Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission, Councillor of Region Sud
 - **Ettayeb Masbahi**, Vice President of the Intermediterranean Commission, Vice-President of the Region of L'Oriental
 - Vice President of the Intermediterranean Commission, representative of Andalucía
- ✚ Debate
- ✚ Approval

15.30-16.00: Coffee break

16.00-17.15 - Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly policy messages - Introduction by the President of the Intermediterranean Commission and by the Executive Secretary - Debate with Intermediterranean Commission Vice-Presidents, members and approval

 **Final Declaration of the Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly**


 **Focus on the Intermediterranean Commission messages in relation with:**

- The Summit of the two shores
- Med Cooperation Alliance: steps forward and common messages
- Social and Solidarity Economy

 **Endorsement of policy documents produced by projects** where the Intermediterranean Commission and its members are involved:

- PHAROS4MPAs: specific messages on Marine Protected Areas and Diving, Fisheries/Aquaculture etc.
- BLEUTOURMED: specific messages on Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean
- Others tbc

17.15-18.20 - Internal issues of the Intermediterranean Commission by **Élodie Nunes**, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission

 Update on the activities and presentation of the **action plans 2019-2020 of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Groups** by the co-presidencies (45')

- Territorial Cooperation and Macro-Regional Strategies: Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and Catalonia
- Transport and Integrated Maritime Policies: Murcia and Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
- Social and Economic Cohesion: Occitania and Lazio
- Water and Energy: Generalitat Valenciana and Rabat-Salé-Kénitra

 Update on internal matters of the Intermediterranean Commission (20')

- Financial report and membership
- Intermediterranean Commission activities report, cooperation with networks and future calendar
- Information on the implementation of cooperation projects where the Intermediterranean Commission is directly involved

18.20-18.30 - Information on the process of definition of the CPMR Strategic Plan and synergies between CPMR Geographical Commissions by **Daive Strangis**, CPMR Executive Director

18.30 - Conclusions of the Internal Session of the General Assembly by the Presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission

20.00: Institutional dinner

at the invitation of the Region Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (venue tbc)



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2nd Part - International Seminar (open to invited stakeholders)

**“Strengthening cooperation efforts for a more cohesive, inclusive
and sustainable Mediterranean”**

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8.30-9.00: Arrival and registration of participants

9.00-9.30: Institutional welcome and introductory session on the future of the Mediterranean

- ✚ Welcome and political address by **Renaud Muselier**, President of the Region Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur
- ✚ Objectives of the meeting and state of play on Mediterranean cooperation and Intermediterranean Commission Actions by **Apostolos Katsifaras**, President of the Intermediterranean Commission and Governor of the Region Dytiki Ellada
- ✚ CPMR vision and works on the future of EU by a **CPMR representative** (e.g. President/Vice-President)

9.30-10.00 - Presentation of the political messages endorsed by the Intermediterranean Commission by the Intermediterranean Commission Presidency and Secretariat

Focus on the presentation of the specific political messages on transversal and sectorial policies concerning the Mediterranean regions (including the ones related to the Summit of the 2 shores, the Med Cooperation Alliance and the policy papers arising from cooperation projects where the IMC and its regions are actively involved.

- Final declaration and other political messages

10.00-11.30 - Session I: Future of Cohesion and Cooperation in the Mediterranean (part 1) - Focus on the socio-economic and neighborhood dimensions

Focus (state of plays and perspectives) on future of EU post elections, Future of Cohesion Policy & Interreg; Neighborhood Policy and the Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI); European Territorial Agenda; European Social Fund +, Migration & Asylum and related funds...

*Introduced and chaired by **Apostolos Katsifaras**, President of the Intermediterranean Commission and Governor of the Region Dytiki Ellada*

✚ **Interventions by representatives of the European Union Institutions**

- **Member** of the European Parliament (tbc)
- **Jean-Pierre Halkin**, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Regional Policy - European Commission

- **Marco D'Abbraccio**, Political Officer, Eastern Partnership, European External Action Service

Needs, experience and visions from the ground

- **Patrizio Bianchi**, 1st Vice President of the IMC, Regional Minister of Emilia Romagna
- **Agnès Rampal**, Vice-President of the IMC, Regional Councillor of Region Sud
- **Ettayeb Masbahi**, Vice-President of the IMC, Vice-President of Region L'Oriental
- **Representative**, Vice-President of the IMC, Andalucía
- **Guillaume Cros**, Vice-President of the Region Occitanie and co-presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Group on Economic and Social Cohesion

Dialogue between the Intermediterranean Commission members and invited stakeholders

*Moderation by **Davide Strangis**, CPMR Executive Director for EU Programmes, Partnerships and Geographical Commissions*

Conclusions by the President of the the Intermediterranean Commission

11.30-12.00: Coffee break

12.00-13.30 – Session I: Future of Cohesion and Cooperation in the Mediterranean (part 2)- Strengthening the efforts for multilevel governance and cooperation of regional and local stakeholders through the Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance

Focus on the common messages and future actions of the organizations promoting the Med Cooperation Alliance that was sealed and launched in Barcelona in February 2019, synergies with the Summit of the two shores and the Union for the Mediterranean, Multilevel Governance in the Mediterranean, impulse towards the integration of emerging strategies and initiatives...

*Introduced and chaired by **Apostolos Katsifaras**, President of the Intermediterranean Commission and Governor of the Region Dytiki Ellada*

The needs, the vision and the future actions from local and regional stakeholders

- **Alfred Bosch**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Institutional Relations and Transparency, Catalonia
- **Mohamed Idaomar**, President of Med Cities and Mayor of Tétouan (tbc)
- **Francina Armengol**, President of the Euro-Region Pyrénées Méditerranée, President of the Government of Balearic Islands
- **Nikola Dobroslavic**, President of the Region of Dubrovnik, President of the Adriatic-Ionian Euroregion
- **Joan Malrás**, President of Arco Latino and member of the Government of the Province of Tarragona

Debate and synergies with the Euro-Mediterranean Institution representatives and participants

- **Kamel Nasser**, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean,
- **Ministerial** representative of the Summit of the two shores

New adhesion to the Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance: signature ceremony

*Moderation and wrap-up by **Élodie Nunes**, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission*

13.30-15.00: Lunch on site and family photo // In parallel, Press point tbc (13.30-14.00)

15.00-16.30: Session II: Focus on youth in the Mediterranean - Youth policies, Research, Big Data, Education, Mobility & Training in the Mediterranean

Focus on the emerging cooperation and EU and Euromed Instruments/Programmes for youth policies, mobility, research, education and training, big data.... Erasmus +, synergies with other networks (e.g. Unimed), Vasco da Gama Initiatives CPMR, Blue Skill Agenda EU, emerging initiatives etc.

Introduced and chaired by Marietta Tidei, Regional Councillor of Lazio, co-presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Group on Social and Economic Cohesion

Interventions by EU-Euromed Institutions/other stakeholders/experts

- E.g. European Commission/MEP,
- Networks like Unimed/Experts identified by Region Sud tbd/UfM representative

The needs, the actions and the vision from the territory by:

- **Monica Barni**, Vice-President Region Tuscany
- **Patrizio Bianchi**, 1st Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission, Regional Minister of Emilia Romagna
- **Aouatif Derrous**, Regional Councillor, Region Rabat Salé Kenitra
- **Theodoros Galiatsatos**, Governor of the Region Ionia Nissia
- **Jesús Martí Nadal**, Director General - Youth Institute in Valencia - Generalitat Valenciana

Debate

Moderation and wrap-up by Ludovic Perney, Regional Councillor for Youth, Région Sud

16.30-16.45: Coffee break

16.45-18.15 – Session III: Challenges and actions for blue economy development, environmental protection, and climate change mitigation and adaptation in the Mediterranean

Focus on emerging maritime initiatives & Strategies (BLUEMED, WestMED), CPMR and IMC actions in the maritime field, results of EU projects that can have an impact on policies, with a focus on how to better combine the promotion of blue economy with environment protection and in particular on the pressing issue of marine litter, marine protected areas and ecosystem services...maybe also smart ports?

Introduced and chaired by George Alexakis, Vice President of the CPMR in charge for maritime affairs and Regional Councillor for Kriti

Interventions by EU Institutions and key experts

- **Christos Economou**, Head of Unit - DG MARE - European Commission
- **Alessandra Sensi**, Head of Sector Blue Economy and Environment, Union for the Mediterranean
- **Dania Abdul Malak**, Director at the University of Málaga, Coordinator of PANACeA project on biodiversity protection in the Mediterranean
- **Vincenzo Bianco**, ARLEM Rapporteur 2019 on Blue Economy

The needs, the experience and the vision from the territory

- **Justyne Caruana**, Minister for Gozo
- **Gaetano Armao**, Vice-President Region of Sicily
- **Mireille Benedetti**, Regional Councillor of Région Sud: focus on IUCN congress 2020 in Marseille
- **Nanette Maupertuis**, Regional Councillor of Corse, Presidency of the CPMR Islands Commission

- **Representative of the Region Murcia**, Co-presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission Working Group on Transport and Maritime Integrated Policy
- **Orlando Greco**, Regional Councillor of Calabria
- **Representative** of Liguria, Sousse/Monastir/Tanger-Tetouan/Sardinya?

Debate

Moderation and wrap-up by Elen Lemaitre-Curri, Director - Plan Bleu

18.15-18.30 Conclusions

Wrap-up by the Intermediterranean Commission Secretariat

Conclusions by the President of the Intermediterranean Commission and the Region Sud