



**LAUNCHING THE FRIENDS
OF THE MEDITERRANEAN MACRO-REGION**

**Monday 24 April 2023 (17.30-20.00)
in Brussels (Rond-point Schuman, 14-8th Floor)**

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In the framework of the activities and the lobbying campaign around a macro-regional strategy for the Mediterranean, the members of the Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance, and the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission with the support of the Government of Catalonia and Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur Region, are launching the creation of a group of **Friends of the Mediterranean Macro-Region**. In order to give visibility to this initiative, you are kindly invited to join us for its launch event:

next 24 April 2023 from 17.30-20.00, in Brussels

The main objective is to gather efforts to make the Mediterranean Macro-Regional strategy a reality. For this, a dedicated **roundtable** gathering key representatives of European institutions and stakeholders from networks and regional/local authorities will take place to outline the **main arguments in support of this macro-regional strategy for the basin**, going back to the latest **reports** elaborated in the framework of the EU Committee of Regions (2022) and the European Parliament under Rapporteur François Alfonsi (upcoming in 2023).

After the roundtable, the participants will be invited to sign a short declaration consolidating their “friendship” towards the Mediterranean macro-regional strategy while enjoying a reception cocktail before closing the meeting.

You are therefore kindly invited to save this date in your agendas while technical information and the location will be sent to you shortly.

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Event moderated by **Eleni Marianou**, CPMR Secretary General

(working languages: English, French)

Introductory words by **Enric Millo Rocher**, Secretary General for External Affairs at the Junta de Andalucía, Interim Presidency of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission

17.30-17.50 – Opening

- **Marie-Antoinette Maupertuis**, Member of COTER Commission, *Shadow Rapporteur* of the EU Committee of the Region on the Report “A macroregional strategy for the Mediterranean” (2022), President of the Corsican Assembly
- **Jean-Pierre Colin**, Vice-President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur Region
- **Meritxell Serret**, Regional Minister for Foreign Action and the European Union, Generalitat de Catalunya, Presidency of the Pyrenean-Mediterranean Euroregion

17.50-18.30 – Aligning agendas for a cohesive Mediterranean

- **François Alfonsi**, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs and on Regional Development
- **Rafia El-Mansouri**, Vice-President of the Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceima Region
- **Fokion Zaimis**, Vice-Governor of the Region of Western Greece
- **Clare Hart**, Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Montpellier, Presidency of MedCities

18.30-18.50 – Reactions

- **Normunds Popens**, Acting Director-General, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), European Commission, *The governance of territorial cooperation programmes in the Mediterranean (tbc.)*
- **Representative** of the EU Presidency, *The Agenda of the EU Presidency for the Mediterranean (tbc.)*
- **Octavi Quitana**, Director of the PRIMA Foundation
- **Younous Omarjee**, President of the Committee for Regional Development, European Parliament

18.50-19.30 – Becoming a Friend of the Mediterranean Macro-region

Signature ceremony of the *Declaration of the Friends of the Mediterranean macro-region* and short statements by signatories

19.30-20.00 – Networking cocktail

20.00 – End of proceedings

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