



MEDITERRANEAN COOPERATION DAYS

November 10, 11 & 12, 2014 – Rome (Lazio Region - IT)

SAVE THE DATE AND DRAFT AGENDA

(10/10/2014)

Over the last decades, the Mediterranean basin has increasingly become a complex socio-economic, political and institutional area spanning several geographical spaces and entities as EU Member countries, pre-accession and candidate countries, countries belonging to the southern neighborhood policy, Euro-Mediterranean and multilateral institutions, as well as different sets of sub-national, economic and civil society actors. This diversity of stakeholders *de facto* represents a variety of local, regional, national, EU and global cultures, geopolitical situations, strategies and policies. All these share assets but also cross-cutting challenges at basin level such as sustainable development in its so-called three dimensions (economic, social and environmental) that concern both European, Euromed and global agendas, including the promotion of Blue Growth; the action on climate change and environmental risks prevention, or the promotion of, decentralization and democratic governance, among many others.

In view of these global challenges, it therefore appears crucial to strengthen multi-level and territorial cooperation within the Mediterranean rims, in order to reinforce the assets the area naturally benefits from, while reducing and solving the common challenges it has been faced with over time. The forthcoming global Post-2015 Development Agenda, the EU agenda for the 2014-2020 Programming Period, the election of the new European Parliament, the reorganization of the European Commission, and the Italian Presidency of the EU Council, as well as the increased engagement of Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs) and other stakeholders in EU cooperation (European Territorial and Decentralized cooperation on top); all of these

provide an unprecedented opportunity to underscore the urgent need to develop and integrate the Mediterranean as a priority area for action.

In this context, the new emerging models of Macro-Regions (Baltic Sea, Danube, Adriatic-Ionian, and Alpine) and/or Sea Basin strategies - if shared and owned by key actors and conceived on a variable geometry and with gradual perspective - should be encouraged as efficient instruments and frames for improving cooperation at the basin level. A shared vision for a cohesion strategy for the Med, for its governance and implementation; coupled with reinforced meaningful engagement of the local and regional levels of governance from both EU and Med Partner Countries, would therefore greatly contribute to strengthen the Mediterranean as a binding area, as one single entity towards a more efficient and pertinent resolution of its transversal and global issues.

Jointly organized by the **Lazio Region**, the **CPMR Intermediterranean Commission** and **PLATFORMA** and enjoying the key collaboration and contribution of the **EU Med programme** projects **COASTGAP** and **COM&CAP MarInA-Med**, the **Mediterranean Cooperation Days** seek to develop specific political and technical debates on different aspects concerning the future of the basin. These Cooperation Days will bring together - into a *Multi-Level Forum* - representatives of EU and EuroMed Institutions and Assemblies (Directorate Generals of the European Commission, Members of the European Parliament, EU Council, European Economic and Social Committee, EU Committee of the Regions, Union for the Mediterranean, Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), local and regional authorities and their networks (Inter-Mediterranean Commission-CPMR, Arco Latino, Med Commission of United Cities and Local Governments UCLG, PLATFORMA), EU ETC Programmes and Med Maritime Projects, as well as civil society.

The *Med Cooperation Days* start on 10th November with the **institutional welcome session** and the **round tables «The Med beyond 2015 – How to achieve sustainable development»** organised by IMC-CPMR and [PLATFORMA](#). The objective of this first morning is to strengthen synergies between the needs of MPC LRAs and EU development policies. The seminar will encourage discussions on a shared vision for cooperation in the Mediterranean to be promoted also in the wider context of the Global Post-2015 Development Agenda. Political messages and discussions will be anchored with presentations on decentralized cooperation case studies addressing the topics of climate change and energy.

The afternoon of 10th November will feature a **session on the future of Macro Regional and Sea Basin Strategies in the Mediterranean** aiming to gather the first pilot meeting of the above-mentioned *Multilevel Forum*. The objective of this session is to assess the possibilities for setting-up and implementing these kind of strategies towards the fulfillment of the EU2020 Strategy, European cooperation, the Integrated Maritime Policy, the Blue Growth strategy in the Mediterranean, and the engagement of LRAs in such initiatives in order to reinforce economic, social and territorial cohesion.

The following day is conceived as a joint **conference on the framework conditions for climate change adaptation in coastal areas and the Blue Growth in the Mediterranean**. The [COASTGAP](#) Project (capitalization of best practices in climate change adaptation to produce governance and adaptation policies in order to reduce risk along coastal zones and foster their sustainable development) and the [COM&CAP MarInA-Med](#) Project (communication and capitalization of the results of 13 Med Maritime projects for an integrated approach towards Blue Growth in the Mediterranean) will share their key results and pave the way for a debate on concrete suggestions for the implementation of the new Med Cooperation Program. It is intended that these suggestions are intended to encompass a broad array of themes with incentive potential to draw a better cooperation frame in the Med capable of tackling its global issues better and in a more coordinated, multi-level and transversal way. These themes include: scenarios for the implementation of Blue Growth, Maritime Spatial Planning, the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the **Joint Action Plan** “Developing conditions for a sustainable growth in the Mediterranean” related to the [Bologna Charter](#) etc. To this extent, **specific thematic and multi-stakeholder working groups** have been foreseen in the afternoon.

Finally, several **side events** are planned, such as meetings of Med Maritime projects to provide state-of-the-art on the above-mentioned themes. A final **field trip to Tarquinia** (beach nourishment works, Etruscan necropolis, Tarquinia Salt field) is being organized in the frame of the COASTGAP closing event.

Come, join us and enrich this Mediterranean multi-level cooperation event
with your valuable contribution!

Monday 10th November 2014 (morning)

Working languages: English, French, Italian

Draft Agenda

Tirreno Hall: Mediterranean Cooperation Days presentation

9.00-9.30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

9.30-10.15 WELCOME PRESENTATION SESSION

- **Nicola Zingaretti**, President of the Lazio Region. COASTGAP Lead partner and IMC CPMR member
- **Michel Vauzelle**, President of the Region Provence-Alps-Cotes-d'Azur (PACA), President of the Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) of the CPMR
- **Massimo Toschi**, Special adviser on cooperation of Enrico Rossi, President of the Region Toscana, Spoke person of PLATFORMA and IMC CPMR member

Tirreno Hall: PLATFORMA - CPMR round tables

« ***The Med beyond 2015 - how to achieve sustainable development*** »*

Themes: Development Agenda post 2015, Development and decentralized cooperation, Sustainable Development goals, climate challenges.

10.15-11.15 TOWARDS A TRANSFORMATION AGENDA OF UNIVERSAL VALUES

- Representative of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- **Davor Stier**, Rapporteur Post Agenda 2015, Member of the European Parliament
- **Carlo Rossi**, Head of the area in charge of decentralized cooperation, Region Lazio
- Representative of the Municipality of Agadir, UCLG Med Commission

Moderator: **Martin Guillermo-Ramirez**, Secretary General of AEFR

- Debate

11.15-11.45 Coffee Break

11.45-13.00 CLIMATE AND COOPERATION

- Representative of DG Devco, European Commission
- **María Sol Calzado García**, Secretaria general de Acción Exterior, Junta de Andalucía, IMC member
- Representative of AICCRE, Platforma member
- **Mohamed Sadiki**, Vice-President of the Region Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaer Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission

Moderator: Political representative Arco Latino

- Debate

13.00-13.20 GENERAL CONCLUSIONS - WRAP UP SESSION

- **Karim Bennour**, President of the People's Municipal Assembly of Algiers, ARLEM rapporteur on sustainable urban mobility.

*The speakers of this session are to be confirmed

Main participants: PLATFORMA members, IMC Regions, Representatives of EU and multilateral institutions, ARLEM, MED Commission of CGLU, Arco Latino, Med Cities and other key networks in the Med, local stakeholders.

13.20-14.20 Lunch Break

(Reserved to the participants registered in the events through the online form)

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Tirreno Hall:

"Towards Macro-Regional and Sea Basin Strategies in the

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14.20-14.30 INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME BY THE LAZIO REGION

- **Guido Fabiani**, Regional Minister for Economic Development, Region Lazio

14.30-16.45 FIRST SESSION: 1st MEETING OF THE MULTI-LEVEL FORUM FOR THE FUTURE OF MACRO-REGIONAL AND SEA-BASIN STRATEGIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (MF MED),

moderated by **Iban Rabasa**, Director General for foreign Affairs, Catalonia.

Key questions: From the common challenges in the Med to the joint strategies: Macro-regional and/or sea basin strategies? What are the priority issues and the added values of these approaches? What is there to capitalize? What role for the ETC and the mainstreaming? What road map for the emerging strategies?

- Key speeches (45 min):
 - **Michel Vauzelle**, President of the Region PACA, President of the Intermediterranean Commission of the CPMR - A Road Map proposal for Macro-regional strategies in the Mediterranean
 - Representative of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (tbc.)
 - **Francesc Gambús**, Member of the EU Parliament
 - **Normunds Popens**, Deputy Director General DG REGIO, European Commission (tbc.)
- Debate (1h30 min): List of participants for the 1st MF MED (representatives tbc. and to be annexed to the agenda)
 - *Local and regional authorities:*
 - *ARLEM political representatives*

- CRPM-IMC Political representatives, including regions that are managing authorities of ETC programmes in the Med (Adriatic-Ionian: Veneto, Abruzzo, Puglia, Emilia Romagna; Mediterranean: PACA, Sardegna, CBC: Toscana etc.)
- Arco Latino Political representatives
- COM Med CGLU representatives
- Medcities political representatives
- EU and Euromed Institutions:
 - EU Council (e.g. Italy, Spain, Malta among others)
 - EU Commission (DG Mare, Regio, Envi, R&I)
 - Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean
 - EU Parliament (MEPs)
 - EESC
- Med Maritime projects: Call Med, ENPI, Others... (as observers)

16.45-17.00 Coffee Break

17.00-18.30 SECOND SESSION: IMP AND BLUE GROWTH AS KEY PILLARS FOR THE MED MACRO-REGIONAL AND SEA BASIN STRATEGIES, moderated by **Giuseppe Bortone**, Director General Environment, soil and coast protection, Emilia Romagna.

- Key Speeches (45 min):
 - **Paola Gazzolo**, Emilia Romagna, regional Minister for territorial safety, soil and coast Protection: presentation of the *Bologna Charter*, a strategic initiative for the blue growth of the Mediterranean coasts
 - **Sergio Cofferati**, Member of the EU Parliament (tbc.)
 - **Philippe Cichowlaz**, Deputy Director General in charge of International Relations, Region PACA, Managing Authority of the Med programme: Towards the new Med CP, from the gaps to the perspectives and the implementation of the new priority axes
 - **Lowry Evans**, Director General DG MARE, European Commission (tbc.)
 - **Pasqualino Monti**, Presidente Autorità Portuale di Civitavecchia
- Debate (45 min):
 - *Med Maritime Projects as key stakeholders and participants session 1*

18.30-19.30 Networking Cocktail: audio-visual and poster communication on COASTGAP results; Med Maritime Projects promotional video

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SIDE EVENTS

Liri Hall (10.15-13.20): Steering Committee of COASTGAP (reserved to the project partners) & IMC WG on IMP - 3rd meeting of the Bologna Charter Coordination Board

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Tuesday 11th November 2014 (morning)

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Tirreno Hall:
COASTGAP Final Conference and COM&CAP MarInA-MED Seminar
“Towards the framework conditions for the Climate change adaptation in coastal areas and the Blue Growth in the Mediterranean”

9.00-9.40 INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Welcome and introduction to COASTGAP project:

- **Fabio Refrigeri**, Regional Minister for Infrastructure, Housing and Environment
- **Monique Petard**, Deputy President of Department of Hérault
- **Paolo Lupino**, Executive Officer for Coastal defense, ARDIS - Regione Lazio, introduction to COASTGAP project

Introduction to COM&CAP MarInA-Med and the Med maritime projects

- **Iban Rabasa**, Director for External Relations of Catalonia

The Med Programme and its maritime approach:

- **Mercedes Acitores**, Med Cooperation Programme

9.40-10.30 COASTGAP FINAL RESULTS PRESENTATION (best practices)

- **Pablo Gorostiza**, FEPORTS Valencia: new EIA approach for coastal works
- **Piergiorgio Scalonì**, Lazio Region consultant: the SICELL model for coastal sand management
- **Philippe Carbonnel**, Department of Hérault: the ICZM Prot. Art.8 “setback zone”
- **Michael Aftias**, Macedonia-East Thrace Region consultant: COFLERMAP coastal risk model
- **Nassos Vafeidis**, University of Kiel: DIVA coastal global risk assessment

10.30-10.45 Coffee Break

10.45-13.30 ROUND TABLES: INTEGRATED APPROACH OF MARITIME ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

- *Round table 1 (10.45 -11.45): Maritime Spatial Planning and Blue growth scenarios in the Mediterranean, moderated by **Damien Perissé**, IMC-CPMR, COM&CAP MarInA-Med partner*
 - Future trends in the Mediterranean - **Catherine Piante**, WWF, MEDTRENDS project
 - Maritime Spatial Planning: challenging for coastal regions - the FACECOAST experience (MEDSANDCOAST, RITMARE, Flood-CBA) by **Andrea Barbanti**, Phd. CNR-Ismar Venice
 - Blue growth clustering scenario in the Mediterranean: methodology and perspectives, by **Iolanda Piedra**, President of Balearic Island Maritime Cluster, CORINTHOS project
 - Speeches by representatives of DG R&I/DG Mare on MSP:
 - **Sieglinde Gruber**, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission (tbc.)
 - **Beate Gminder**, DG Mare, European Commission (tbc.)
- Debate
 - Conclusions by **Damien Perissé**, IMC-CPMR, COM&CAP MarInA-Med partner

- *Round table 2 (11.45-13.30): Perspectives for the implementation of the Joint Action Plan – Developing conditions for a sustainable growth in the Mediterranean, and the Med Cooperation Programme, introduced and moderated by **Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission.*
 - Presentation by **Roberto Montanari**, Soil and coast protection sevice, Region Emilia Romagna, COASTGAP partner
 - Environment pressures at Med level: from policy gaps to integrated trans-boundary actions, focus on the Western Med, by **Dania Abdul Malak**, University of Malaga, EU Topic Center for Territorial Analysis, MED IAMER project
 - **Joachim D'Eugenio**, DG Environment, European Commission on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (tbc)
- Debate

Key questions: How to foster the monitoring and the implementation of EU integrated maritime policy through the ETC and other instruments and strategies?

- Representatives of DG MARE, REGIO, R&I, ENVI, representatives from MED Member States, foreign representatives like USACE, Northern Organization, Shape, Pegaso, Esatdor/Espon, Medsandcoast etc.
- Conclusions by **Mercedes Acitores**, Med Cooperation Programme

13.30-14.30 Buffet and Project display corner (tables with information of COASTGAP, Projects included in Facecoast, Med Maritime Projects, Pegaso, Information from the European Commission and the programme Med, PLATFORMA)

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Tuesday 11th November 2014 (afternoon)

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Tirreno and Tevere Halls: Working Groups on the Implementation of the Joint Action Plan and the Med Cooperation Programme

WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATION BOARD OF THE BOLOGNA CHARTER, THE MED MARITIME PROJECTS, THE JTS OF THE MED PROGRAMME AND THE EXPERTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (DG MARE, ENVI, R&I, REGIO) / THE MEMBER STATES

Structure of the WGs: introduction by a member of the BC Coordination board/Coastgap project, debate with participants enlightening the links with the new Med Cooperation Programme and the suggestions towards the future specific actions that could be funded in the frame of the forthcoming calls for proposals.

14.30-16.00 WORKING GROUPS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JAP AND THE MED CP I

- **Tirreno Hall - Workshop on: DEVELOPING KNOWLEDGE, NETWORK-BASED MONITORING AND DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR COASTAL ZONES** (Med-Iamer,

MarInA-Med, Enercoast, Bluene, Mitomed, Tourmedasset could participate, link with the Marine Data and Geo information services conference, Bari 20-21)

- **Paolo Lupino**, Region Lazio, Moderator and Rapporteur
- Key contributions: Med Maritime projects, JTS Programme Med and European Commission
 - **Corine Locht**, PACA Region: the role of Regions on coastal data management (tbc)
- **Tevere Hall - Workshop on: SUSTAINABLE USE OF STRATEGIC RESOURCES FOR THE BLUE GROWTH OF THE MED COASTS** (Medtrends, Bluene, Med-lamer, Mitomed, Tourmedassets, Nemo, MarInA-Med could participate)
 - **Roberto Montanari**, Emilia Romagna, COASTGAP partner, Moderator and Rapporteur
 - Key contributions: Med Maritime projects, JTS Programme Med and European Commission
 - **Rob Steijn**, ARCADIS (NE): the marine sand resources governance in Netherlands (tbc)

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 WORKING GROUPS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JAP AND THE MED CP II

- **Tirreno Hall - Workshop on: SUPPORTING RESEARCH, INNOVATION CLUSTERS AND IMPLEMENTATION and RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES DRIVEN BY CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH MAJOR PROJECTS** (Corinthos, Bluene, MarInA-Med, Med-lamer, Tourmedassets, Mitomed, could participate)
 - **Fabio Trincardi**, Director CNR-ISMAR and **Roberto Montanari**, Emilia Romagna, Moderators and rapporteurs
 - Key contributions: Med Maritime projects, JTS Programme Med and European Commission
 - **Joseph R.Vietri**, US Army engineer Division, North Atlantic: the US coastal defence planning versus CC effects (tbc)
- **Tevere Hall - Open doors meeting of the MEDTRENDS PROJECT “ADVISORY COMMITTEE”**
 - **Catherine Piante**, MEDTRENDS: Moderator and rapporteur
 - Presentation of the objectives of the MEDTRENDS project and its niche among other EU projects on MSP
 - Update advisory members about the project’s current status
 - Discussion on potential sources of data and information and presentation of preliminary results
 - Discussion on the future developments of the project and in particular on the involvement of the participants in the recommendations of the upcoming publications
 - Key contributions: members of the Advisory committee, other key stakeholders as Med Maritime projects, JTS Programme Med and European Commission

18.00-18.30 CONCLUDING SESSION

- **Tirreno Hall: Findings and Conclusion**
 - Short sum-up by the rapporteurs: **Paolo Lupino, Roberto Montanari, Fabio Trincardi, Catherine Piante**

- **Mercedes Acitores**, Med programme
- Closing words by **Fabio Refrigeri**, Regional Minister for infrastructure, housing, environment, Region Lazio.

21.00 Social Dinner (reserved to project COASTGAP and Marina-Med partners, speakers/special guests)

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Wednesday 12th November 2014 (full day)

Field Trip

TARQUINIA (VT)

- Visit to the 2004 beach nourishment work: results and findings
- Visit to the Etruscan Necropolis and to the Site of Community Interest (SCI)/ Special Protection Area (SPA) of Tarquinia Salt field