Intermediterranean Commission (IMC)
Conference of the Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

The IMC CPMR and its initiatives on transport & logistics
- Perspectives for cooperation -

Session: Tour de Table of new Initiatives and its promoting entities

2nd Sector Alliance Committee Transport & Logistics
MEDA-LOGISTICS & TRANSPORT FORUM
7th of June 2016 Barcelona
1. General overview on the CPMR, its IMC and the activities dealing with transports and logistics

2. Vasco da Gama political initiative on training, skills and mobility

3. Spin-off projects in the Mediterranean and future perspectives for cooperation with partners organizations and other stakeholders
The CPMR is formed by 150 Regions from 28 countries of the EU and its neighbors of South / East areas. It represents more than 200 million inhabitants (founded in 1973).

The work is divided into 6 Geographic Commissions

- Baltic Sea
- Northern Sea
- The Atlantic Arc
- Mediterranean Sea
- The Black Sea and Balkans
- The Islands

The organization sets up inter-committee working groups on priority and particular issues.
The **CPMR** is a platform for technical and political cooperation between authorities of regional level on priority issues and policies for the peripheral maritime regions:

1. **Territorial Cohesion**
2. **Maritime Affairs**
3. **Transport & accessibility**

+ Climate, Macro-regional and sea basin strategies, Migration, Neighborhood, External Cooperation

*Lobbying* initiative, joint projects, *think tank*, conferences...and more!
The **IMC** includes 41 regions of 10 MED countries: Spain, Italy, France, Greece, Malta, Portugal, Cyprus, Morocco, Tunisia, Albania.

For the full list: www.medregions.com

Internal organization:
- General Assembly
- Political Bureau
- Secretariat
- Working Groups & Task Forces
Biannual global IMC Action Plan for the period 2014-2016

President 2014-2015: Michel Vauzelle, President of the Region PACA, former minister

Acting President - I semester 2016: Mohamed Sadiki, Vice-President of the Region Rabat - Salé – Kénitra

1st VP: Catalonia, VP: Western Greece

New elections 1/7/2016: President & renewal of the Political Bureau (21 members)

Candidate: Apostolos Katsifaras, President of the Region of Western Greece
**IMC CPMR Action Plan 2014-16:**

| Promoting the emergence of macro-regional and sea basin strategies in the Med | Pushing the Mediterranean into the global and European agenda | Promoting effective projects and mobilize the Mediterranean southern partners | Encouraging dialogue between civil society to promote a Mediterranean citizenship |

**ORGANIZATION OF THE IMC WGs:**

- **2 co-presidencies – tandem of regions for each WG**
- **Working plans** for 2014-2016
- **Including specific Tasks Forces led by specific regions**
- **Focus on** **Lobbying actions & Projects**

**Territorial Cooperation & Macro-Regional Strategies**

**Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy**

**Water & Energy**

**Economic & Social Cohesion**
IMC CPMR WORKING GROUPS

Territorial Cooperation & Macro-Regional Strategies

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Co-Presidencies of the WGs

Territorial Cooperation & MRs: PACA and Catalonia

Economic & Social Cohesion: Languedoc-Roussillon and Tuscany

Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy: Murcia and PACA

Water & Energy: Generalitat Valenciana and Rabat-Salé-Kénitra
IMC CPMR WORKING GROUPS & TASK FORCES

EXAMPLES OF INTERNAL WG’s TASK FORCES

Bologna Charter Coordination Board: EMILIA ROMAGNA

Sustainable & Culture Tourism: CRETE

Vasco da Gama (on training, skills & mobility in the frame of the Blue Economy): VENETO
IMC PARTNERSHIP WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

**Partnership in EU projects** with hundreds of Med key players (10 recent projects being capitalized, several running, 15 presented under evaluation in different programmes).

Member of the **ARLEM**.

Permanent observer in **UfM WG on Blue Economy**.

**MoU with:**
- Union for the Mediterranean,
- Center for Mediterranean Integration,
- Arco Latino, Med Cities
- Other networks and organizations/institutions
CPMR & IMC MAIN ACTIVITIES ON TRANSPORTS & LOGISTICS

- Monitoring and advocacy activities on EU transports corridors and motorways of the sea/RTAP Med
- Monitoring of legislation, strategies and activities dealing with ICZM and Maritime Spatial Planning (including macro-regional and sea basin strategies)
- Capitalization of EU projects dealing with sustainable maritime transport and smart ports
- Actions & projects on education, training and mobility in the Blue Economy sectors (Vasco da Gama initiative and derived projects)
After four and a half years of very intensive work, the “Vasco Da Gama: Training for Career and Safe Maritime Transport” (VDG) project is coming to an end. The final Conference of this pilot project will be organized in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee on 1 March 2016 in Brussels.

Supported by the European Commission (DG MOVE/DG MARE) and coordinated by the CPMR General Secretary, the VDG project, as designed, fully corresponds to the political initiatives taken by the CPMR General Assembly when it approved the Resolution “In favour of an international mobility pilot scheme for young people in the maritime sector”, at Amsterdam (NL) in 2010.1

This Technical Paper highlights the CPMR General Secretariat’s initial conclusions of the results achieved by this pilot project. It also provides an outline of “new” opportunities offered by the European Union to education and vocational training in the field of maritime economics. Finally, it introduces several avenues that might be explored for the practical continuation of the VDG initiative.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VDG PILOT ACTIONS: A PROMISING INITIAL REVIEW

Throughout the project, VDG has pursued its goals to improve national education programmes and develop new opportunities to increase mobility for students in higher education in order to reduce the existing gap between the academic world of teaching on the one hand and shipowners and shipping companies on the other. More specifically, by building on collaboration with high-level experts – Talmar Maritime Academy, Dordrecht Maritime Academy, Rotterdam Maritime Academy, the Clean Shipping Index (CSI) – the VDG project has been designed and developed:

- An analysis of the main difficulties that hinder the training and learning processes of students as well as their access to mobility programmes in the field of maritime transport (such as the need for better harmonisation and coordination between the training plans of the various maritime academies, the difficulties encountered by students to access “mandatory” internships at sea and the need to promote the development of schemes such as sandwich courses, etc.);

- A modular approach that has been integrated into a curriculum of the second cycle in higher education (Master Programme in Sustainable Shipping). These modules are on key topics, such as positioning environmental issues at the heart of the future of maritime transport, the improvement of education and training on risk prevention on board vessels and the development of new specific skills (for example human resources management in a multicultural context, etc.);

- An experimental training exercise in a navigation simulator that aimed to improve student skills in managing human resources and communication. In this regard, the project proved to be an effective catalyst for technical discussions. It is important to note that in April 2015, VDG organised a brainstorming day between leading manufacturers of navigation simulators and European maritime academies to discuss future European education and vocational training activities that use the simulators.

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1 Final Declaration, 10th General Assembly of the CPMR, 10 September – 11 October 2010, Amsterdam (NL).
2 Vasco Da Gama: Operation, needs of the sector, 2014 (CPMR).
VASCO DA GAMA POLITICAL INITIATIVE

CPMR
Maritime Agenda

VASCO DA GAMA Thematic Spin-off

VASCO DA GAMA Community

NEW GOVERNANCE
EU RISES TO THE EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING CHALLENGES IN MARITIME SECTORS

ERASMUS + Sector Skills Alliances

EMFF Blue Careers in Europe

Bridging the Skills Gap

Transport (cargo & ferry)  Fisheries  Offshore oil & gas
RELEVANT PROJECTS ON TRANSPORTS & LOGISTICS

MARINA-MED COM&CAP and SMART PORTS (among others) concluded in the frame of MED INTERREG.

VASCO DA GAMA – Training for Greener & Safer Maritime Transport (DG MOVE) – concluded in March 2016

SPIN OFF VASCO DA GAMA:

• VASCO DA GAMA MED - global frame initiative to be presented for UfM Labelling

First spin off on maritime transport, multimodality and logistics in the Mediterranean

• INTRAMOBILITYS, submitted under ADRION interreg

• IN-BLUE-LOG, submitted under BLUE CAREERS

• COAST, submitted under BLUE CAREERS

• Future projects to be defined
VASCO DA GAMA MED – Why?

• To fill in the gaps between private sector and education, training and research in the marine and maritime fields

• To strengthen employability & mobility of students, training staff, researchers, and young professionals in the Mediterranean

• New North/South Med functional links to contribute to the blue growth in the Med area

• Study/mapping & multi-stakeholders dialogue
VASCO DA GAMA MED

Skill services, training, internships, curricula adaptation and mobility in targeted thematic areas and sectors of the blue economy
VASCO DA GAMA MED - Next steps

- UfM Labelisation process (2016-2017 tbc)
- Possible contribution to the implementation of the UfM ministerial declaration on Blue Economy, Nov. 2015 and to a Forum on Education and Training in maritime sector in the Mediterranean
- Umbrella initiative with Spin-off projects/actions:
  - Adrion Interreg programme: INTRAMOBILITYS
  - Blue careers calls: IN-BLUE-LOG & COAST
  - Other/future opportunities:
    - Universities’ initiatives on a one-shot pilot action or in the frame of MoUs (e.g. MoU and summer school at the University of Bari)
    - ENI CBC Med programme
    - Erasmus + (KA2, skills alliances etc.)
    - MARITTIMO – CBC interreg Italy /France
    - Private sponsorship
    - Next Blue careers calls
VASCO DA GAMA MED – FIRST PROJECTS

❖ Adrion Interreg programme: INTRAMOBILITYS on Innovative iNtegrated multimodal TRAnsport and MOBILITY Skills services in the Adriatic-Ionian area.

❖ Partnership: VENETO region-Logistic section (LP), ITL, CFLI, Western Greece region, chamber of commerce of Emilia Romagna, Codognotto, Albanian institute of transport, University of Pireus, University of Bari, University of Zagreb + several associates including port authorities

❖ Budget: 1.178 M € for 2 years duration

❖ Main activities: diagnostic (map existing skills supply and training offer etc/ESCOs cross check, reports, workshops, guidelines), community and capitalization (events, MoUs), pilot summer school, syllaby, communication and dissemination (itc tools, videos...)
**VASCO DA GAMA MED – FIRST PROJECTS**

- **Blue careers calls: IN-BLUE-LOG** on *Innovative trainings & internships to improve blue careers in maritime business & logistics*

- **Partnership:** Tecnocampus (LP), Feports, Crpm, University of Aegean, Escola Europea de Short Sea Shipping, Nadal Forwarding + several associates of other basins including port authorities and private stakeholders.

- **Budget:** 844,573€ for 3 years duration

- **Main activities:** 2 summer schools & internships (normal + premium), curricula adaptation, awareness raising, community and transferability actions (multibasin events, web and TICs, project capitalization..)
VASCO DA GAMA MED - Looking for partners

- **Education sector**: Universities, training centers and institutes
- **Public sector**: Regional and national authorities, port authorities...
- **Private sector**: transport/logistics companies, chambers of commerce, enterprises..

**Possible roles for the participating organizations**:
- Take part in the analysis study/ multi-stakeholders dialogue in order to fill the skills gaps
- Organisation and participation in pilots trainings, mobility programmes and internships
- Curricula adaptation
- Joint guide of recommendations/good practices
- Roadmaps for long-term partnerships and memoranda of understandings
- Integrate the Vasco da Gama Community
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