THE CENTER FOR MEDITERRANEAN INTEGRATION

PARTNERSHIP FOR KNOWLEDGE

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“Never before was Mediterranean integration more needed than it is now. The region faces a unique opportunity to fulfill its historical mandate in bringing closer its peoples, cultures, resources, and assets. Enhancing Mediterranean integration means going beyond trade and addressing regional common challenges in areas such as human capital mobility and environmental protection in response to climate change. Regional collaboration is even more critical to stimulate recovery from COVID-19 which is a global “public bad” requiring coordinated policy actions. Many lives will depend on such collaboration and joint responses. Now is the time to push forward.”

Blanca-Moreno Dodson, Director

PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 17
A MULTI-PARTNER INSTITUTION HOSTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

The Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) is a multipartner institution where international development agencies, national governments, local authorities, and civil society from around the Mediterranean convene to exchange ideas, discuss public policies, and identify regional solutions to address regional challenges in the Mediterranean.

As of July 1st, 2021, and eleven years after its creation, the CMI has officially joined the United Nations (UN), hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

THE CMI CREATES A NEUTRAL SPACE FOR DIALOGUE AND INFLUENCE

Governance: Members jointly decide on strategic orientations and actions. As of July 2021, the Center’s chairmanship rotates every three years among the Members, starting with the Kingdom of Morocco that was elected to the Presidency of the Oversight Committee for the period between 2021-2024.

Financing: Financial contributions from the Center’s Members and Partners through a multi donor trust fund, are channeled to deliver the Center’s programs and activities. The World Bank continues to provide a direct line of financing. In addition, numerous partners provide additional in-kind and co-financing contributions in connection with specific thematic programs.

Staffing: The CMI team includes staff currently affiliated to the UN and staff detached from other institutions, as well as a team of contractuals.

Knowledge for Action: Technical reports and policy briefs, thematic hubs, and communities of practitioners generate common frameworks and peer-to-peer learning, which reinforce the capacities of Members and Partners to undertake reforms and influence decision-making.

Regional project incubation: Through technical assistance, capacity building, and a digital platform, the CMI facilitates the preparation and implementation of regional investment projects with the potential to transform the region, by going beyond the country-by-country approach.

Today, the CMI is the only Mediterranean regional initiative gathering international development institutions, national governments, local authorities, and civil society.

Over a decade of partnerships for knowledge and influence

- 2009: Foundation of CMI in Marseille (2009-2012)
- 2018: Members sign fourth Memorandum of Understanding (2018-2021)
- 2019: CMI marked its 10-year anniversary
- 2021: CMI joins the United Nations, hosted by UNOPS
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THE CMI WORKS ONLY AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

Under the auspices of the UN, the CMI has been entrusted with a renewed mandate implementing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17, Partnerships in the Mediterranean.

By acting as a knowledge sharing institution that links ideas to policy making and reforms, the CMI benefits from the technical support of the World Bank and the other Member countries and institutions. By focusing on integration beyond national borders, under a development perspective, the CMI’s agenda complements the work of the European Commission and the Union for the Mediterranean, as well as that of Mediterranean research institutes, think tanks, and other regional entities.

THE CMI ADDS UNIQUE VALUE

- The CMI is the only Mediterranean initiative bringing together international development institutions, national governments, local authorities, and civil society.
- The CMI fosters synergies between international development agencies, national governments, technical partners and citizens.
- The CMI leverages technical expertise, financial resources, and networks.
- The CMI offers a neutral platform for dialogue using its multipartner model.
- The CMI aims at promoting regional development through Mediterranean integration, on the basis of inclusive growth and decreasing disparities between Member countries.
- The CMI promotes scaling up of successful experiences at the local, national and regional levels.

A SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

A Scientific Council composed of a group of 12 renowned Mediterranean academics and experts in various areas relevant to the CMI’s work was created in May 2021. The Scientific Council provides quality control and scientific advice on specific thematic issues, and assists in liaising with academics, think tanks, and research centers.

TECHNICAL DEPTH TO SUPPORT MEDITERRANEAN INTEGRATION

THE STRATEGIC VISION

The CMI aims at playing a highly influential role through the expertise and technical rigor it brings to Mediterranean dialogues. By building synergies among Mediterranean stakeholders, the CMI’s program aims to have a transformational effect in the region.

STRATEGIC THEMES

In pursuing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17, Partnerships in the Mediterranean, the CMI aims at enhancing Mediterranean integration. Socioeconomic transformation, resilience to conflict, and proactively fighting climate change, along with gender and youth as transversal dimensions, will remain the overarching objectives of the CMI to be achieved through regional partnerships. A new Strategy for 2021-2024 is being prepared.

BUSINESS LINES

The CMI’s actions revolve around five business lines:

- Analytical and Advisory Products
- Knowledge Exchanges
- Networks, Technical Communities of Practice and Hubs
- Capacity Building
- Incubation of Regional Investment Projects
2021 RESULTS

Socio-economic Transformation: Co-development and Integration

Socio-economic Transformation: Human Capital and Mobility

Resilience to Conflict: Forced Displacement

Resilience to Climate Change: Water

Resilience to Climate Change: Energy

Resilience to Climate Change: Territorial Resilience

[2021 Results] Dialogue of the Two Shores