THE CENTER FOR MEDITERRANEAN INTEGRATION

PARTNERSHIPS FOR KNOWLEDGE
KNOWLEDGE FOR ACTION
Today, the Center for Mediterranean Integration is the only Mediterranean regional initiative gathering international development institutions, national governments, local authorities, and civil society.

A MULTI-PARTNER INSTITUTION HOSTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

The Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) is a multi-partner institution where international development agencies, national governments, local authorities, and civil society, including youth, convene to exchange knowledge, discuss public policies, and identify regional solutions to address regional challenges in the Mediterranean.

On July 1st, 2021, and twelve years after its creation, initially as a partnership between the World Bank and the French government, the CMI officially joined the United Nations (UN), hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), while maintaining the same membership and governance.

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 which was elected to the Presidency of the Oversight Committee for the period between 2021 and 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 with the UN and staff detached from other institutions, as well as UN 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 the Center to influence decision-making and lead to development reforms and progress in the region.

Regional project incubation: Going beyond the country-by-country approach, the CMI provides technical assistance, capacity building, and a digital platform that facilitates the incubation and matching for the financing of start-ups and regional investment projects with the potential to transform the region.

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
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 region.

By acting as a knowledge-sharing institution that links ideas to policymaking 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, from a development perspective, the CMI’s agenda supports the objectives of the European Commission and the Union for the Mediterranean, and operates in partnership with Mediterranean research institutes, think tanks, and other regional and local entities.

THE CMI ADDS UNIQUE VALUE
- The CMI is the only Mediterranean initiative bringing together international development agencies, national governments, local authorities, and civil society, including youth.
- The CMI fosters synergies between its members, international and Mediterranean technical partners, and civil society.
- The CMI leverages technical expertise, financial resources, and networks.
- The CMI offers a neutral platform for dialogue using its multi-country and multi-partner model.
- Through regional integration, the CMI aims at promoting inclusive growth and reducing poverty, as well as contributing to convergence by reducing income and well-being disparities between the two shores of the Mediterranean.
- The CMI promotes the scaling-up of successful practices and projects at the local, national, and regional levels.

A SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE
A Scientific Council composed of a group of twelve 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 overall strategy and specific thematic issues, and assists in liaising with academics, think tanks, and research centers.

THE STRATEGIC VISION
The CMI aims at playing a highly influential role through the expertise and technical rigor it brings to Mediterranean knowledge exchange. 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’s main goal remains to enhance 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.

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
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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

DIALOGUE OF THE TWO SHORES