

MedCat Partners Forum

Governance and Euro-Mediterranean territorial cooperation

13 June

Palau de Pedralbes

In promoting Euro-Mediterranean relations, the territorial dimension and the creation of spaces conducive to collaboration play a fundamental role. The impact of European policies requires multi-level cooperation between the various actors and at different scales – transnational, cross-border and interregional. The EU is currently engaged in the definition of new governance structures that favour and enhance these spaces which, in the Euro-Mediterranean context, must necessarily be open and transformative.

The integration of the specific objective of governance as a structural priority of the European and Mediterranean territorial cooperation programmes opens up new opportunities for the definition of Euro-Mediterranean alliances. This collaborative governance will provide instruments to strengthen capitalization, synergies and exchanges between institutions, programmes and project communities.

The open approach of governance projects is particularly innovative. On the one hand, it aims to provide adequate responses to the needs of the public and, therefore, to act with the will to have a transformative impact. And on the other, because it opens up the possibility to promote a multi-stakeholder dynamic, which is not only management, but which includes the participation of local, regional, social, public and private agents.

MedCat Partners Forum 2023 will address the following issues:

- What does it mean to talk about governance and what contribution does it have within the framework of European and Euro-Mediterranean territorial cooperation programmes? What does this new axis bring us?
- What alliances between actors and what synergies between projects will this type of governance foster?
- What opportunities open up for the thematic priorities and how are new projects proposed within the framework of the specific governance objective?

The Government of Catalonia recognises the value and quality of the initiatives of the network of Catalan agents and organisations that work in favour of Euro-Mediterranean relations. Along these lines, we promote activities such as the MedCat Partners Forum which facilitate a space for dialogue, exchange and synergies and contribute to strengthening its leadership in the Mediterranean.

Programme

09.00–09.30 **Welcome and registration of participants**

09.30–09.45 **OPENING**

- **Miquel Royo**, Secretary for the Government's Foreign Action, Government of Catalonia
- **Manuel Szapiro**, Director, Representation of the European Commission in Barcelona

09.45–11.00 **MEDCAT PERSPECTIVES**

The governance dimension in Euro-Mediterranean projects

What does it mean to talk about governance and what does it bring us within the framework of the European territorial and Euro-Mediterranean cooperation programmes? What new perspectives does it bring in favour of Euro-Mediterranean integration? What is the possible impact for territories of working in the governance objective?

Plenary session:

Moderator: **Gemma Aubarell**, Director of the Culture, Gender and Civil Society Department. European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

Speakers:

- **Vincent Ernoux**, Coordinator, ENI CBC Med Branch Office for the Western Mediterranean
- **Libor Chlad**, Executive Director, Directorate for Operations and Partnerships, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean
- **Julià Rebés**, Secretary, PRIMA Foundation
- **Reem Al Adwan**, CLUSTER Project Manager, Business Development Center (BDC), Jordan

11.00–11.30 **Pause**

11.30–13.00 **MEDCAT SYNERGIES**

Governance and projects: impact and capitalisation

Through the governance axis of the territorial and Euro-Mediterranean cooperation programmes, a set of mechanisms and instruments is promoted that allows the creation of an ecosystem that facilitates the capitalization and circularity of knowledge and project results. This new framework favours the creation of opportunities, alliances and synergies between territories.

What opportunities are opening up at a thematic level and how are new projects proposed within the framework of the specific governance objective? What does it mean to capitalize in the context of governance projects?

Plenary session

Moderator: Mercè Boy, Coordinator of the Governance for Sustainability Group. BETA TC, University of Vic - Central University of Catalonia

Speakers:

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Innovative Sustainable Economy mission	Sustainable Tourism mission	Green Living Areas Mission
Dialogue4Innovation Núria Bedós , Policy officer, Directorate-General for Foreign Action, Government of Catalonia Chaimae Essousi , Economic Strategy Area, Department of Economy and Finance, Government of Catalonia	Dialogue4Tourism Katarina Pantazi , Representative of the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Works, Cyprus Republic	Community4LivingAreas Laia Vinyes , Project Officer, MedCités
		Natural Heritage Mission
Community4Innovation Maria Calderó , Project manager, Governance for Sustainability Group, BETA TC, University of Vic - Central University of Catalonia	Community4Tourism Georgina Calvo , European Projects Officer, Tourism Department, Diputació de Barcelona	Community4Nature Annelies Broekman , Researcher, Water and Global Change Group, CREAF
ENI CBC MED, Capitalisation		
SMEs and Business Development priority	Environment and Climate Change priority	
RESET Bahia Mkhallati , Consultant, Impact Unit, Beyond, Lebanon	Med4Waste Mahdi Khomsi , International Relations Coordinator, BusinessMed, Tunisia	Sustainable MED Cities Roger G. El Ashi , Mayor of Moukhtara and President of the Federation of Municipalities of the Higher Chouf, Lebanon

13.00–14.15

MEDCAT DIALOGUES

Collaborative governance: promoting alliances

Multilevel collaboration between actors and regions is the fundamental basis of governance tools and capitalization processes.

What are the programmes trying to promote with this new way of working? What alliances between actors and what synergies between projects will this type of governance foster? What is the position of Catalonia in the leadership of capitalization and governance projects in the Mediterranean? What opportunities do these new instruments offer us?

Plenary session

Moderator: **Elodie Nunes**, executive secretary, Inter-Mediterranean Commission, Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CRPM)

Speakers:

- **Sergio Ponsà**, director, BETA TC, University of Vic - Central University of Catalonia
- **Oriol Barba**, Director, MedCités
- **Xavier Bernard-Sans**, Secretary General, Pyrenees-Mediterranean Euroregion
- **Alicia Pérez-Porro**, Scientific Coordinator, Centre for Ecological Research and Forestry Applications (CREAF)
- **Alessandro Miraglia**, Team leader, Networking and Communication Facility, MedWaves
- **Andrea Di Girolamo**, Project officer, Adriatic Ionian Euroregion

14.15 -14.30

CLOSING SESSION

- **Anna Dotor**, Director-General for Foreign Action. Government of Catalonia
- **Ines Tamourt**, Vice President, South Basin of the Mediterranean Youth Council, will present the conclusions of the Mediterranean youth meeting

14.30

Lunch

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