The CPMR Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) is looking for an INTERREG volunteer (IVY) to join the team!

Are you motivated to contribute to Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, addressing challenges, and creating opportunities for territories? Have a look at our offer!

- **Main functions:** Assist the work of Projects coordinators & Intermediterranean Commission Secretariat with the implementation and communication of the D4I project
- **Duration & starting date:** 6 months – Starting in September 2023
- **Location:** CPMR premises in Brussels (BE)
- **Financial support:** according to IVY conditions (€31 per calendar day in Belgium).
- **Volunteering hours:** 35 hours a week.
- **Deadline for application:** **Friday 7th July 2023 at noon (CET)** – “Getting-to-know you interviews” planned on the week of 10th July 2023

— **Who we are & what we do** —

The Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR - www.cpmr.org) brings together some 150 Regions from 28 States from the European Union and beyond. The CPMR campaigns in favour of a more balanced development of the European territory and operates both as a think-tank, a lobby and a project platform for Regions. The CPMR is sub-divided into six Geographical Commissions, corresponding to the European maritime basins i.e. Baltic Sea, North Sea, Atlantic Arc, Mediterranean, Balkan and Black Sea and islands.

The CPMR Intermediterranean Commission gathers 45 regions from 10 countries of both Mediterranean shores and works in particular on: territorial cooperation and emerging strategies in the Mediterranean, migration and neighbourhood policy, integrated maritime policy and transports, economic and social cohesion, youth policies, sustainable and culture tourism, water, energy & climate.

— **Key tasks of the volunteer** —

The volunteer would be involved in the implementation of the Interreg Euro-MED Dialogue4Innovation involving the CPMR Intermediterranean, which started in January 2023 for a duration of almost 7 years.

- **Dialogue4Innovation** (Interreg Euro-MED 2021-2027 Institutional Dialogue Project on Sustainable Innovative Economy)

Dialogue4Innovation is an Interreg Euro-MED Institutional Dialogue project led by Emilia Romagna Region and falling under the programme’s Mission “Innovative Sustainable Economy”. It is a €4 million, seven-year project aiming to support mission-oriented innovation policy and the creation of long-lasting conditions for a permanent
dialogue on innovation in the Mediterranean. Dialogue4Innovation will work to increase the coordination, coherence and alignment of policies and actions for innovative sustainable economy at the basin scale.

Capacity building is one of the pillars of the project, which will develop tools to increase the capacity of policy makers and stakeholders to address the Sustainable Development Goals more effectively. By working with territorial actors through Transformative Innovation Policy Labs the project will promote the diffusion of more systemic and integrated approaches, which are necessary to tackle the urgent challenges of the ecological transition.

Dialogue4Innovation will contribute to improve the long-lasting conditions for a permanent institutional and social dialogue in the Mediterranean, bridging the transnational dimension with local solutions. It will become a reference platform for Mediterranean innovation ecosystem stakeholders aimed at fostering an open, inclusive, and effective governance, increasing the visibility and relevance of the Mediterranean instances at the European and international levels. To amplify its impact, the project will support Mediterranean challenge-driven multi-actor alliances. To meet its objectives, it will build on the outcomes of the Interreg Euro-MED thematic projects, narrowing the gap with the policy priorities (at local, regional, national, Mediterranean & European level) and promoting their integration in structural policies and practices.

The CPMR Intermediterranean Commission will play a key role ensuring the coherence of the project and programme Mission with the policymaking processes at Mediterranean and EU level. Together with Catalunya Region, CPMR-IMC will lead the creation of a Mediterranean Innovative Sustainable Economy Hub that will be a reference platform for stakeholders across the Mediterranean sharing the Mission objectives.

Regarding the main responsibilities and tasks of the Volunteer, they will consist in supporting the implementation of the abovementioned project, including:

- Supporting the planification phase of the CPMR's activities within D4I (e.i., support in the preparation of a retro planning for the different CPMR activities within the project).
- Supporting and contributing to some of the activities foreseen for the project's 2nd semester:
  - Design of the Advocacy and Liaising activities of the project to be embodied in a strategic document (this entails support identifying key targets, participate as support in bilateral contact meetings, support in the monitoring of EU /MED initiatives relevant to D4I)
  - Follow-up and support the creation process of a Mediterranean Hub for Sustainable Innovation (mainly support in the design process)
- Supporting the project team with some communication activities from CPMR channels (disseminate information on the project on CPMR social media, drafting some articles on the project progress for our member regions)
- Relating efficiently with projects partners and other parties (i.e., follow partnership meetings such as Steering Committee meetings with the mentor)
- Support in representing the CPMR IMC and the Dialogue4Innovation project during external events, organised by the project's partners and funders mainly, as necessary (e.g., the Interreg Euro-MED programme event in November 2023, in Slovenia).
- Constantly coordinating with the CPMR team involved in the project on the development of the project's activities (i.e., follow internal CPMR meetings and exchanges to update colleagues on the project)
- Supporting the connection between the project’s related activities and the overall CPMR-Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) action contributing to their capitalisation efforts
- It is to note that the definition of the tasks to be assigned will be agreed upon with the selected volunteer depending on their interest, background and skills they want to further develop.
— Knowledge, experience, interests & skills —

- Working fluency in English (at least C1 level) is an essential prerequisite;
- Knowledge of at least another Mediterranean language is a strong asset (French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, etc.);
- A Master’s degree in a relevant field ideally (European or Mediterranean affairs, International relations, Territorial and or decentralized cooperation, Project management, Maritime affairs, Communication, etc.);
- Interest in and knowledge of regional authorities competences, especially when it comes to Innovation is a plus;
- Knowledge of territorial cooperation dynamics and on the functioning of territorial cooperation programmes in particular is a strong asset;
- Interest in local and regional authorities will be valued;
- Interest in one or several of the following thematic fields will be an asset: sustainability, transformative innovation policies, circular economy, blue economy, smart specialisation strategies, systems thinking
- Strong interpersonal skills, autonomy, eye to detail and sense of responsibility in task delivery, dynamism and high predisposition for teamwork in a multilingual context

— How to apply? —

Please directly apply through the IVY OFFER sending your CV (no more than 2 pages) in English before Friday 7th July 2023 at noon (CET).

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted for the “getting-to-know” interviews. We thank all applicants for their interest in this offer.

DISCLAIMER

Please note that only candidates between 18- and 30-years old residing in EU or partner countries may apply. Find more about the eligibility criteria and the IVY programme here: https://www.interregyouth.com/