

Advancing together for a smarter, greener and fairer Mediterranean


*Perspectives for cohesion and resilience
in our region(s)*

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CONCEPT AND STRUCTURE OF THE DAY



Cohesion Policy stands today as the bedrock of Mediterranean future. In the 2021-2027 period, it is supporting nearly 200 billion euros of investments across the Euro-Mediterranean regions. Together with funds for rural development and the National Recovery and Resilience Plans, this policy is delivering tangible improvements to citizens' quality of life, strengthening economic prosperity, regional attractiveness and resilience, while supporting the transition towards a more sustainable development model.

Nevertheless, profound structural challenges persist. Climate change is reshaping territories and livelihoods, geopolitical instability is adding further pressure, and the rapid emergence of a data-driven, AI-powered economy is testing institutional resilience.

As National Recovery and Resilience Plans approach completion and the Cohesion Policy programmes have passed their mid-term review, attention is already turning to the next **Multiannual Financial Framework for the 2028-2034 period**.

In the European Commission's proposals, the new long-term budget is expected to equip Europe with an investment capacity that matches its ambitions to become an independent, prosperous, secure and thriving society and economy over the coming decade. Alongside new priorities, **investing in people, Member States and regions remains a central priority**, ensuring continued support for greater economic, social and territorial cohesion across the Union.

In this context, the event is intended as an opportunity to foster a high-level dialogue on the future perspectives for the Euro-Mediterranean region(s), taking into account recent EU initiatives and the proposals for the next programming period. It aims to bring together representatives from European institutions, national and regional authorities, to highlight the diverse perspectives from across the Mediterranean.

Combining conference sessions and panel discussions in the morning with an interactive workshop session in the afternoon, the event will gather positions, concerns and proposals from stakeholders to help shape a shared vision and advance together for a smarter, greener and more inclusive Mediterranean.

It is organised within the **Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission of the Interreg Euro-MED Programme** by the Emilia-Romagna Region (ERR) and the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CPMR), back-to-back with the meeting of the General Assembly of its Intermediterranean Commission.



AGENDA

Registration of participants

Institutional greetings and opening remarks

Framing speech from Emilia-Romagna Region

Session 1 - Rethinking regional cohesion in world of changes.

Opening speech + moderated panel discussion and interaction with audience

Coffee Break

Session 2 - The role of Regions for effective EU policies in the 2028-2034 EU multiannual financial framework

Opening speech + moderated panel discussion and interaction with audience

Closing remarks

Light lunch

Co-creation workshop - Toward a shared vision for a smarter, greener and more inclusive Mediterranean in the 2028-2034 programming period

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