



◀ All eyes on the PANORAMED project which was launched in Seville, Spain on 27 September

“PANORAMED represents a unique opportunity for the Spanish Ministry of Finance to lead an innovative process to improve the opportunities in the Mediterranean region. The initiative will hopefully engage and coordinate national and regional stakeholders, EU and others’ initiatives in this area towards shared approaches and joint strategic actions in future years.”

Jorge García Reig – Spanish Ministry of Finance,
Director-General of EU Funds

Mediterranean policies gain new governance forum

A new European transnational cooperation governance forum has been launched in the Mediterranean, to boost policymaking across the region.

PANORAMED – Mediterranean governance platform is a new large-scale project approved by the Interreg Mediterranean Programme, joining national ministries and regional authorities of the European states of the Mediterranean shores. Members from Portugal to Cyprus will work together closely and regularly to tackle relevant challenges, such as coastal and maritime tourism or maritime surveillance in the area.

Headed up by the Spanish Ministry of Finance and Public Administration, as the lead partner, the project is focusing on promoting new solutions for challenges and growth opportunities which are common within these territories.

With a budget of EUR 9 million, and running until spring 2022, the project will ensure there is sufficient time and funding to effectively impact on political decisions regarding sustainable development planning in the area.

Flagship project for the Mediterranean

Already considered as a ‘flagship’ project by the European Commission, three different Directorates-General – Regional and Urban Policy, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations – are accompanying the initiative.

Other significant Mediterranean players are also associated with it in order to support the project by bringing wider possibilities to the joint solutions.

The main intervention by associated partners, such as the Union for the Mediterranean, UNEP/MAP, West Mediterranean initiative, EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, and IMC-CRPM concerns aligning the initiatives and funds to produce much stronger results and impacts.

The European states recognised the strategic relevance of PANORAMED in affecting future cooperation and cohesion policies in the Mediterranean beyond 2020, when the present programming period closes. Thus, the project has the potential to continue to make a positive contribution to new EU strategies in the Mediterranean beyond the duration of the programme. ■

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