

Catalonia's Mediterranean Strategy MedCat 2030

Highlighted initiatives
of the Action plan 2019-2022

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PILLAR 1: COMMITMENT to global challenges**O.E. 1.1. Participate in the global agenda in the Mediterranean****1.1****ACTION LINES:**

- 1.1.1** Contributing to implement global agendas in the Mediterranean in coherence with Agenda 2030
- 1.1.2.** Positioning Catalonia in the new global geographic challenges
- 1.1.3.** Risk prevention and emergency management

Highlighted initiatives**1.1.1 Contributing to implement global agendas in the Mediterranean in coherence with Agenda 2030**

1. Establishing an alliance for collaboration and projects to promote Agenda 2030 SDGs
2. Promoting Catalonia in international networks of experts and agents on sustainable development and climate change
3. Boosting cross-border and Euro-regional observatories and platforms on climate change knowledge
4. Boosting Mediterranean hub on energy efficiency in buildings
5. Supporting conservation actions for biodiversity and natural and coastal ecosystems

1.1.2 Positioning Catalonia in the new global geographic challenges

6. Supporting connectivity initiatives for mobility infrastructures in North Africa
7. Promoting Mediterranean-Africa shared spaces of civil society and socioeconomic actors' platforms

1.1.3 Risk prevention and emergency management

8. Launching the initiative safe harbours for humanitarian actions
9. Supporting shared mechanisms for risk and environmental disasters prevention and management (earthquakes, climate change, tsunamis...)
10. Boosting cross-border response strategies to natural risks and forest fires
11. Promoting international programs to improve firefighters' training and their protection
12. Supporting shared information platforms on emergencies for queries and analyse
13. Contributing and offering experience for the prevention of violent extremism in this field
14. Boosting a smart platform for early detection of terrorist activities and radicalization

PILLAR 1: COMMITMENT to global challenges**O.E. 1.2. Advocate for a transforming and Mediterranean citizenship model****1.2****ACTION LINES:**

- 1.2.1.** Promoting society actors' role as agents of social transformation and in the framework of development cooperation
- 1.2.2.** Fostering initiatives in the field of migration, inclusion and interculturality
- 1.2.3.** Supporting actions in the field of respect for the rule of law and human rights

Highlighted initiatives**1.2.1. Promoting society actors' role as agents of social transformation and in the framework of development cooperation**

- 15.** Promoting initiatives to create opportunities, boost participation and empower associationism for young people in the south of the Mediterranean
- 16.** Designing programs for improvement in the field of social inclusion, education and cooperation in the countries of origin - aimed at children and young people of immigrant origin
- 17.** Promoting joint mobility training programs, youth employment, trainers' training, and platform for training innovative practices with southern Europe countries
- 18.** Launching initiatives to support women entrepreneurs in the framework of Euro-Mediterranean platforms
- 19.** Supporting programs for women and young people valorisation in social, solidarity economy
- 20.** Actions to improve the situation of vulnerable young people and women
- 21.** Initiatives to support organised civil society in southern Mediterranean

1.2.2. Fostering initiatives in the field of migration, inclusion and interculturality

- 22.** Promoting actions aimed at the Mediterranean community in the field of interculturality, citizenship and social cohesion, within the framework of the new Intercultural Citizenship Plan
- 23.** Creating the intercultural regions network in Europe and promoting intercultural practices exchanges
- 24.** Developing the educational initiatives program for development and critical citizens addressed to schools
- 25.** Promoting cultural and educational programs for newcomers within the framework of the Welcome Plan
- 26.** Supporting the Refugee Program for Refugees in Mediterranean Countries (educational, social and healthcare)

1.2.3. Supporting actions in the field of respect for the rule of law and human rights

- 27.** Designing an observatory for religious freedom and conscience in southern Europe
- 28.** Boosting projects to create a Mediterranean exchange space for gender perspective promotion in civil law
- 29.** Evaluation and promotion of activities to promote a network in the field of women's rights in line with Euro-Mediterranean partnership priorities
- 30.** Promoting projects to establish a cross-border Euroregional network of memory sites
- 31.** Boosting actor's knowledge mobility in the field of human rights, law and justice, conflict resolution and peace, with special attention to the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP)
- 32.** Promoting activities to endorse the right to maternal and child health for vulnerable groups

PILLAR 1: COMMITMENT to global challenges**O.E. 1.3. Opt for an intelligent, sustainable, integrated space as driver for inclusive growth****1.3****ACTION LINES:**

- 1.3.1.** Promoting inclusive, sustainable economic growth by boosting fairer commercial relations and investments of new economy models (green, circular and blue)
- 1.3.2.** Developing initiatives related to urban development, infrastructure, transport, logistics and energy
- 1.3.3.** Creating shared spaces for research, innovation and knowledge

Highlighted initiatives**1.3.1. Promoting inclusive, sustainable economic growth by promoting fairer commercial relations and investments of new economy models (green, circular and blue)**

- 33. Consolidating a community of actors interested in blue economy development in north-western Mediterranean
- 34. Promoting WestMED Initiative and boosting blue economy projects
- 35. Promoting projects to support entrepreneurship and good practices exchanges in the field of new economy models
- 36. Sustaining SCP/RAC centre in cooperation initiatives in the field of green entrepreneurship and circular economy
- 37. Boosting and giving visibility to projects of knowledge transfer initiatives in the field of the circular economy
- 38. International promotion of sustainable tourism initiatives and networks
- 39. Reinforcing and supporting international collaboration of sustainable agri-food sector
- 40. Boosting social, solidarity economy projects

1.3.2. Developing initiatives related to urban development, infrastructure, transport, logistics and energy

- 41. Promoting studies and evaluation of the potential of Mediterranean corridor integrated with European and trans-Maghreb multimodal networks
- 42. Empowering the CETMO in Mediterranean cooperation initiatives in the field of transport
- 43. Supporting the development of actions in the framework of urban agenda and habitat
- 44. Promoting and developing the use of new energy mobility. Boosting inter-regional electro mobility network
- 45. Supporting exchange and knowledge transfer programs in the field of smart cities

1.3.3. Creating shared spaces for research, innovation and knowledge

- 46. Creating shared research, innovation and knowledge spaces in areas relevant to the Mediterranean (education, ICT, maritime, cultural and sports)
- 47. Boosting 5G pilot programs in collaboration with other Mediterranean regions in the framework of establishing 5G Mediterranean digital corridor
- 48. Empowering SmartCATALONIA in the Mediterranean in order to contribute to the use of technology and digital information applied to public services or to promote growth and sustainability
- 49. Promoting exchange and training programs to contribute to develop a model of Mediterranean social innovation that supports responsible research and innovation policies
- 50. Boosting and disseminating Women TIC Plan and in the Mediterranean
- 51. Developing projects in the framework of technology and knowledge between SMEs and research centres
- 52. Supporting research centres and initiatives such as CIDOB, in order to make Catalonia a research pool in the Mediterranean

PILLAR 2. INFLUENCE and renewed project**O.E. 2.1. Expand Catalonia's influence capacity****2.1****ACTION LINES:**

- 2.1.1. Fostering macro-regional initiatives in the Mediterranean within networks framework
- 2.1.2. Coordinating and establishing synergies in the development of strategies and plans that influence the region's policies.
- 2.1.3. Promoting the participation in Mediterranean programs
- 2.1.4. Catalan Government participation and presence in EU and Mediterranean institutions, bodies and agencies

Highlighted initiatives**2.1.1. Fostering macro-regional initiatives in the Mediterranean within networks framework**

- 53. Preparing a roadmap for Catalan Government's active participation in European and Mediterranean networks as an impact and lobby instrument for macro-regional synergies
- 54. Preparation and promotion of a work plan to implement EC guidelines on border regions, within the framework of CTP (Pyrenees Working Community) Catalan presidency
- 55. Supporting projects and promotion of cross-border cooperation good practices through operational program POCTEFA in key sectors for European construction
- 56. Promoting Pyrenees–Mediterranean Euroregion and its initiatives as a Euroregional cooperation reference network for territorial cooperation in Europe
- 57. Promoting programs, networks and collaboration promoted by AER having Mediterranean impact
- 58. Leading macroregional and multilevel Mediterranean alliance promoted in CPMR-IMC framework, and promoting resultant initiatives

2.1.2. Coordinating and establishing synergies in the development of strategies and plans that influence the region's policies

- 59. Coordination with National Plan for Agenda 2030 for sustainable development
- 60. Coordination with Africa Plan
- 61. Promoting the application of White Paper on Europe Plan guidelines with regard to neighbourhood policies and networks
- 62. Synergies in the deployment of Catalonia's Maritime Strategy 2030 and of Strategic Plan 2018-2021 in the Mediterranean area
- 63. Coordination with Catalonia's Master Plan for Development Cooperation 2019-2022
- 64. Coordination with the National Agreement for Interculturality

2.1.3. Promoting the participation in Mediterranean programs

- 65. Promoting and encouraging access to funds and programs in the Mediterranean area
- 66. Developing a strategy of dissemination and information on Mediterranean funds and programs
- 67. Promoting agents' and project forums exchanges, and annual organisation of MedCat Partners Forum initiative
- 68. Reinforcing technical assistance to Catalan projects in the Mediterranean area

2.1.4. Catalan Government participation and presence in EU and Mediterranean institutions, bodies and agencies

- 69. Impact on the design of European territorial programs by participating in programming committees
- 70. Presence and representation in monitoring and management committees (POCTEFA, ERDF Catalonia Operational Program, Interreg MED, ENI CBC MED)
- 71. Catalonia's representation and active participation in activities and initiatives organised by Euro-Mediterranean institutions and organisations (UfM, Dialogue 5 + 5, ARLEM)
- 72. Catalonia's participation in Mediterranean decentralised cooperation initiatives organised by European organisations (CoR, EESC-Med)
- 73. Contribution in the field of decentralised Mediterranean cooperation committees and working groups of EU institutions and agencies

PILLAR 2. IMPACT and renewed project

O.E. 2.2. Position the Mediterranean as a priority in European policies

2.2

ACTION LINES:

- 2.2.1.** Contributing to the contents and initiatives of institutions and organisations in the Mediterranean area
- 2.2.2.** Positioning in the main debates and initiatives of the European Mediterranean agenda

Highlighted initiatives

2.2.1. Contributing to the contents and initiatives of institutions and organisations in the Mediterranean area

- 74.** Preparation and deployment of the support program and work plan with UfM Secretariat
- 75.** Promoting the IEMed as a reference knowledge centre on Mediterranean policies
- 76.** Boosting collaboration with activities promoted by think tanks, as well as by social and economic entities
- 77.** Contributing to work programs and good practices exchange within the framework of networks in which Catalonia is participating

2.2.2. Positioning in the main debates and initiatives of the European Mediterranean agenda

- 78.** Support for multi-active strategic alliances in the field of Mediterranean territorial cooperation
- 79.** Contributing to networks strategic positioning
- 80.** Preparing own positioning in the framework of EU-promoted strategic initiatives in the Mediterranean
- 81.** Contributing to the development of South Asian neighbourhood policies within the framework of the Europe Plan White Paper
- 82.** Positioning in sectoral policies having an impact on the Mediterranean

PILLAR 3. ALLIANCES for outreach and exchange**O.E. 3.1. Promote Catalonia as a Mediterranean hub****3.1****ACTION LINES:**

- 3.1.1.** Promoting Catalonia's centrality as an institutional ecosystem in the Mediterranean - attracting organisations and networks' headquarters
- 3.1.2.** Supporting platforms in Catalonia for visibility and international events having Mediterranean outreach

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- 83.** Encouraging Catalonia-based international organisations' secretariats
- 84.** Promoting the hosting of management program authorities in the Mediterranean and new generation initiatives secretariats
- 85.** Endorsing Mediterranean studies lectureships and networks based in Catalan universities and study centres
- 86.** Supporting the creation of sectoral observatories in the Mediterranean area
- 87.** Promoting a plan to establish Mediterranean offices in Catalonia
- 88.** Consolidating the headquarters of UfM Secretariat in Barcelona

3.1.2. Supporting platforms in Catalonia for visibility and international events having Mediterranean outreach

- 89.** Annual organisation of MedCat Days emblematic forums
- 90.** Organisation and reception of major events, congresses and international fairs
- 91.** Disseminating ideas and cultural action in Catalonia (monographs, exhibitions, festivals, intangible heritage)
- 92.** Supporting visitors programs
- 93.** Promoting sectoral promotion activities (tourism, design, art, culture and sports)
- 94.** Catalunya-Barcelona brand reinforcing
- 95.** Supporting cultural collaboration initiatives

PILLAR 3. ALLIANCES for outreach and exchange

O.E. 3.2. Catalonia's internationalization and outreach

3.2

ACTION LINES:

- 3.2.1.** Developing regional and country plans, and promoting agreements and conventions
- 3.2.2.** Reinforcing foreign action, and boosting foreign public outreach instruments
- 3.2.3.** Supporting exchanges between both Mediterranean shores, as well as their cultural and economic relations

Highlighted initiatives

3.2.1. Developing regional and country plans, and promoting agreements and conventions

- 96. Promoting relations with Mediterranean consular corps accredited in Catalonia
- 97. Promotion of Maghreb Initiative to develop plans and actions with western Mediterranean countries
- 98. Reinforcing and deploying Catalan presence in southern and eastern Mediterranean
- 99. Promoting bilateral relations with southern Europe and developing bilateral and sectoral Mediterranean agreements
- 100. Promoting the establishment of decentralised collaboration agreements with regional and local actors in southern Mediterranean

3.2.2. Reinforcing foreign action, and boosting foreign public outreach instruments

- 101. Boosting the internationalisation of companies through ACCIÓ (Catalonia Trade & Investment)
- 102. Promoting cultural outreach for the Institut Ramon Llull (IRL)
- 103. Reinforcing Catalan Institute for Cultural Companies (ICEC) activities
- 104. Collaborating to and supporting DIPLOCAT initiatives for international outreach
- 105. Promoting Catalonia's sports model
- 106. Consolidating and disseminating Catalan model for development cooperation
- 107. Promoting Mediterranean diet, as well as food and gastronomy hub

3.2.3. Supporting exchanges between both Mediterranean shores, as well as their cultural and economic relations

- 108. Boosting actors and professionals exchanges that promote knowledge and good practices sharing
- 109. Promoting maritime strategies development, as well as experiences and cooperation exchange through these
- 110. Promoting mobility and exchange programs in different areas
- 111. Promoting collaboration among socioeconomic agents, and internationalising Catalan companies
- 112. Boosting commercial and business relations, as well as investments capture
- 113. Promoting Catalan presence in Mediterranean region forums
- 114. Supporting education in Mediterranean languages, as well as language and translation platforms
- 115. Fostering Catalan cultural creators and companies' participation in the main strategic cultural markets
- 116. Boosting Catalan language studies promotion, and Catalan authors' translation into Mediterranean languages