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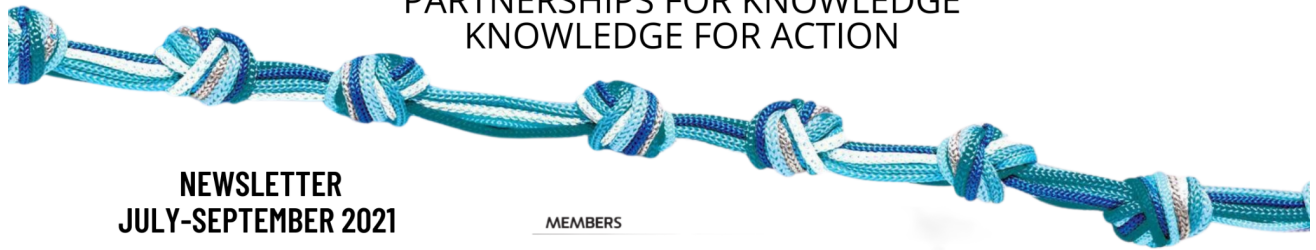
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## [Editorial] A "New CMI" Dedicated to SGD17 "Partnerships in the Mediterranean": The CMI Joins the United Nations





**IMPLEMENTING SGD 17 IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

**THE CENTER FOR MEDITERRANEAN INTEGRATION JOINS THE UNITED NATIONS WITH A NEW MANDATE**




Regional integration offers the most solid ground for Mediterranean countries to reach the Sustainable Development Goals. Economic, social, and environmental sustainability can only be achieved through regional partnerships and co-development. Translating knowledge and capacity building into policy action and tangible regional investment projects involving civil society is at the core of the CMI's renewed mission. UNOPS provides the perfect setting for CMI to support the implementation of projects and turn Mediterranean integration aspirations into a reality.

**BLANCA MORENO-DODSON, CMI DIRECTOR**

*Dear Partners, Colleagues, and Friends of the CMI,*

*On behalf of the CMI Members and team, I am glad to announce the launching of the "New CMI". We have been dedicated to completing this transition over the summer. Below is a recapitulation of the main novelties:*

### **CMI Joins the United Nations**

As of July 1st, 2021, and eleven years after its creation by the World Bank and the French government in Marseille, France, the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) has officially joined the United Nations (UN), hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

### **Renewed Mandate: Implementing SDG17 in the Mediterranean**

Under the auspices of the UN, the CMI has been entrusted with a renewed mandate: Implementing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17, Partnerships in the Mediterranean.

The UN SDG Goal 17, defined as "Partnerships for the goals", is based on the recognition that the SDGs can only be realized with strong global partnerships and regional cooperation. By operating under the UN constituency, the CMI will act as a regional initiative specialized in implementing SDG17 in the Mediterranean by revitalizing partnerships for sustainable development and regional integration.

### **UN Habitat joins the CMI as Member**

In July 2021, the CMI formally welcomed UN Habitat as a new member. Long time partner of the CMI, the participation of UN Habitat in strategic decisions, particularly in connection with the forced displacement agenda, will be conducive to achieving further synergies within

Currently CMI Members are: Palestinian Authority, Egypt, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, the European External Action Service (observer), Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, the City of Marseille, the European Investment Bank, UN Habitat, and the World Bank.

### **Governance Adapted, Morocco Elected President of the Center's Oversight Committee**

As this new phase is being launched, the CMI's governance has also been adapted. Following the World Bank, the chairmanship will rotate every three years among the Members of the Center, starting with the Kingdom of Morocco that was elected to the Presidency of the CMI's Oversight Committee for the period between 2021-2024.

This new governance model is a signal of the Members' strong involvement in the Center's activities.

### **The World Bank Group Remains an Active Member**

The World Bank will remain an active member. At the strategic level, it will continue contributing to the Center's main orientations. On the operational side, it will maintain its financial support as well as the solid technical partnerships that have been built over the years.

### **Thematic Focus and Business Lines**

With this new impetus, the CMI will pursue the overarching goal of enhancing Mediterranean integration. Socioeconomic transformation, resilience to conflict, and proactively fighting climate change, along with gender and youth as transversal dimensions, will remain the overarching objectives of the CMI to be achieved through regional partnerships. A new Strategy for CMI for 2021-2024 is being prepared.

In pursuing SDG17, the CMI will aim at enhancing Mediterranean integration by delivering analytical products, knowledge exchanges, capacity building, and incubation of investment regional projects.

### **A New Scientific Council for Technical Excellence**

A new [Scientific Council](#) composed of a group of 12 renowned Mediterranean academics and experts in various areas relevant to the CMI's work was created in May 2021. The Scientific Council will provide quality control and scientific advice on specific thematic issues, and assist in liaising with academics, think-tanks, and research centers.

### **Same Offices, Same Team**

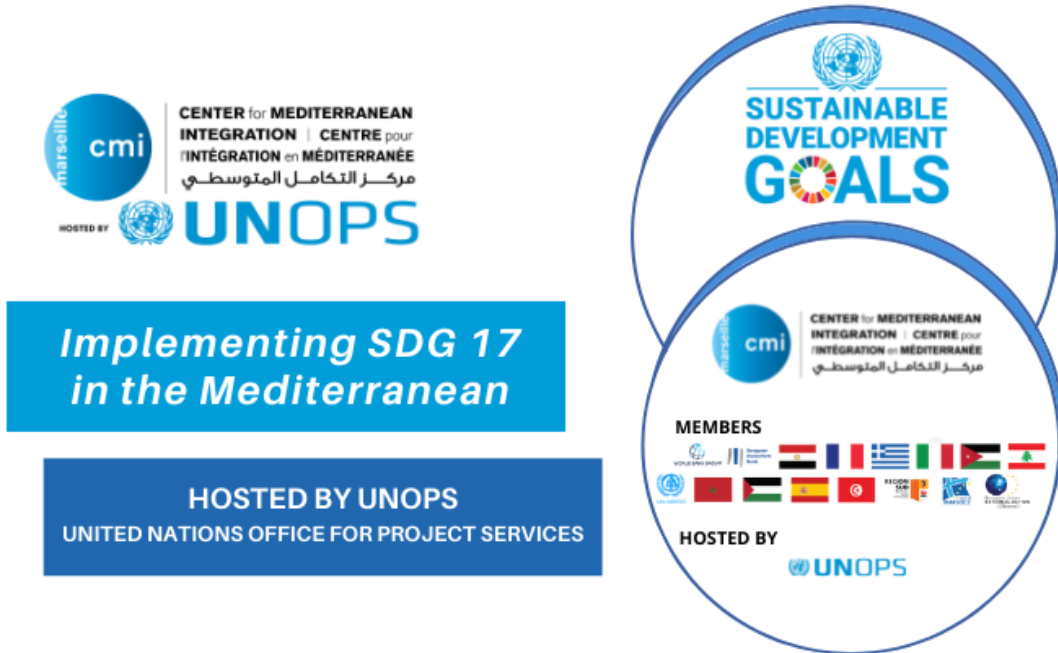
The CMI offices remain hosted by France in the city of Marseille. After ten years at Villa Valmer, the CMI offices have been located at La Tour Marseillaise since 2020.

The [CMI team](#) remains the same, only with a renewed enthusiasm!

*I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your trust and look forward to pursuing enhancing Mediterranean Integration together. Many actors are involved. Many lives will benefit from such integration. Now is the time to push forward.*

**Blanca Moreno-Dodson,**  
**Director of the Center for Mediterranean Integration**

# Center for Mediterranean Integration joins the United Nations with a New Mandate



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## [Press Release] Morocco Elected President of the CMI's Oversight Committee for 2021-2024

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CMI's new mandate was accompanied by reforms at the CMI's governance level with the presidency of the Center's Oversight Committee rotating every three years among the Members. As such, in July, the Kingdom of Morocco became the first member country elected to chair the CMI's Oversight Committee for the period between 2021 and 2024, taking over from the World Bank which has undertaken this mission since the creation of the center.

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## [Communiqué de presse] Marseille accueille un nouveau bureau des Nations unies: le Centre pour l'intégration en Méditerranée



Onze ans après sa création à Marseille en tant que partenariat entre le Gouvernement français et la Banque mondiale, et depuis le 1er juillet 2021, le Centre pour l'intégration en Méditerranée (CMI) a officiellement rejoint les Nations unies (ONU), hébergé par le Bureau des nations unies pour les services d'appui aux projets (UNOPS). Sous les auspices de l'ONU, le CMI s'est vu

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## SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

### Co-Development and Integration

**[CMI/WB Webinar] Trade, Employment and Post-COVID Integration in Global Value Chains**



*Virtual, July 27:* How do trade promotion policies affect labor market outcomes? How has the trade substitution of goods due to a GVCs reconfiguration after the pandemic affected countries and workers? What are the conditions for a successful GVC participation to be a driver for Mediterranean growth? This joint CMI-WB event presented the findings of the recent [WB report](#) and of selected [CMI publications](#) that answer these questions. The event included high-level officials, representatives from multilateral organizations, renowned research scholars, and experts to discuss, exchange, and share their thoughts on trade integration and post-COVID challenges, particularly for employment, in Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia.

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**[CMI Participation] Technology Transfer and Capitalisation Water Energy Food Nexus Project Kick-Off Meeting**



WEF-CAP

The Technology Transfer and Capitalization of Water Energy Food NEXUS

*Virtual, September 14-15:* Funded by ENI CBCMED and led by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS, Jordan) in partnership with FEMISE, the "Technology Transfer and Capitalisation Water Energy Food Nexus (WEF-CAP)" project seeks to build on previous efforts around the Water Energy Food (WEF) nexus. CMI Director Blanca Moreno-Dodson attended the project's kick-off meeting intervening in a FEMISE-moderated session entitled "Status-Quo and Enablers for WEF NEXUS-Linked Policy". Ms. Moreno-Dodson highlighted the convergence and complementarity between CMI's workstream and the project and called for larger partnerships around the WEF nexus in order to better influence policy making and foster institutional change with the ultimate goal being socio-economic and environmental transformation. CMI Senior Programme Officer Constantin Tsakas also contributed to a session on Science-Innovation clusters and capitalization, sharing thoughts on how to best share innovative ideas and solutions through networks in the Mediterranean.

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*Venice, Italy and Virtual, September 14:* The workshop was organized by BlueMed with the support of the European Commission and of the National Research Council of Italy, in collaboration with Federpesca and Cepsca in the framework of the Bluemed Pilot project for a Healthy, Plastic free Mediterranean Sea. It looked at policy instruments to address plastic litter in the Mediterranean. CMI Director, Blanca Moreno- Dodson, stressed on the importance of involving Southern Mediterranean countries in formulating good practices, defining standards and sharing know-how when it comes to restoring healthy oceans and eliminating sea activity pollution; an element crucial to attain the EU Green Deal objectives.



*Cairo, Egypt and Virtual, September 08:* The high-level forum was organized by the Egyptian Ministry of Internal Cooperation, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the World Bank, the Organisation for Economic Co- operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations. Chairing a workshop on "Triangular Cooperation with Africa", CMI Director Ms. Blanca-Moreno Dodson underlined that a large and more integrated market would offer a strong incentive for investors to bring their businesses to South Mediterranean countries while pin-pointing the opportunities offered by a digitized economy.

## Human Capital and Mobility

### [New Policy Paper] Youth, Actors for Change: Rethinking Mobility

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This paper aims to contribute to a new discourse – around education, employability, and mobility, to enable the youth to become drivers for change in the Mediterranean region. This new narrative was directly appealed for in the "Commitments for a New Ambition in the Mediterranean", made in the framework of the Summit of the Two Shores held in June 2019. The new policy paper is the result of the CMI's "Cycle Economique" discussion series, which has mobilized more than 100 experts from across the Mediterranean over the past 7 years.

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## Resilience

### Climate Change: Water, Energy, and Territorial Resilience

## Energy

### [CMI Participation] Webinar: Implementation of NDCs & Links with the Reform of Fossil Fuel Subsidies



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**Agenda (1/4) – Webinaire n°4 – Jeudi 16 septembre 2021 de 13h00 à 14h30 GMT**  
**Lancement du Guide méthodologique et de son MOOC associé et présentation de l'étape « Planifier une réforme des subventions aux énergies fossiles »**

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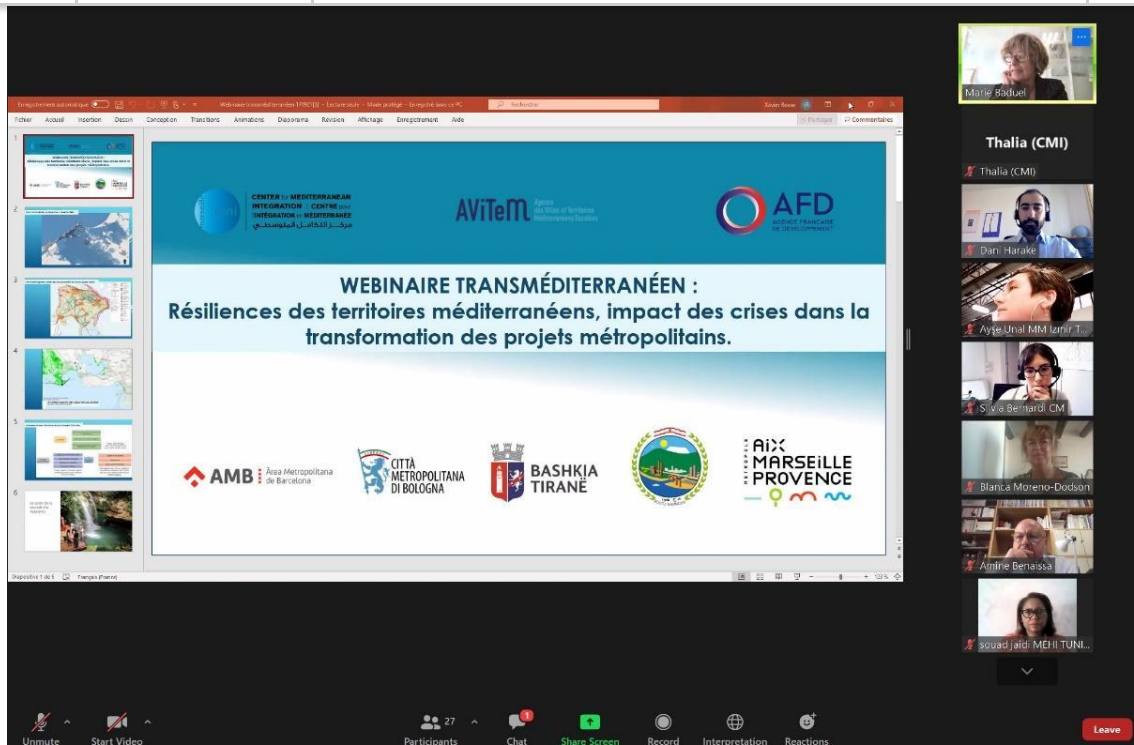


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*Virtual, September 16:* The fourth webinar of this series organized by Energies 2050, the Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs, and the Friends of Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform, was marked by the launch of a practical Guide and a MOOC on the topic. The CMI intervention by Constantin Tsakas, CMI Senior Programme Officer for Sustainable Development Policies, focused on the post-Covid-19 energy transition in the Mediterranean by presenting preliminary findings of a forthcoming CMI report. It highlighted how there are opportunities for the Mediterranean countries to seize following the recent EU Green Deal and how the timing is right for a Med Green Deal that includes attracting investments in RE and strengthening cooperation.

## Territorial Resilience to Climate Change

### [AViTEM/AFD/CMI Metropolitan Workshops 2021] Territorial Resilience – The Impact of Crises on the Transformation of Metropolitan Projects



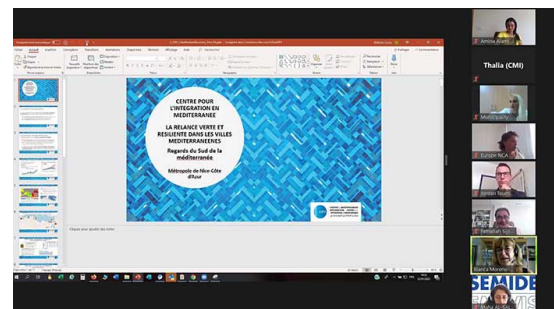
*Virtual, September 17:* The 2nd webinar of the 2021 [Metropolitan Workshops Cycle](#), jointly organized by Avitem, AFD and CMI, sought to pursue the multi-sectoral approach adopted in the previous episode while providing a trans-metropolitan vision of socio-economic, health and climate resilience issues and methods based on concrete projects. In that regard, CMI Director Blanca Moreno-Dodson praised the work carried out by participants throughout the various sessions as it allows to identify current concrete local and regional solutions to strengthen the resilience of Mediterranean territories. For his part, Dani Harake, Programme Officer on Resilience and Climate Change, noted that Mediterranean metropolitan cities are growing rapidly and face increasing climatic and socio-economic challenges, hence the importance of addressing their planning and development in a coordinated way.

### [CMI Participation] IUCN World Conservation Congress



*Marseille, France, September 05:* Held once every four years, the IUCN World Conservation Congress brings together several thousand leaders and decision-makers from government, civil society, indigenous peoples, business, and academia, with the goal of conserving the environment and harnessing the solutions

### [CMI Participation] Green and Resilient Recovery of Cities in the Mediterranean



*Virtual, July 12:* During this webinar organized by the French City of Nice, Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur, and EuroMed Cities, the CMI showcased some of its activities and analytical products aiming to boost [territorial resilience to climate change](#), namely MedCCA, a knowledge platform co-developed with the French

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French Government and aimed to foster collaboration at various levels to create good environmental governance, engaging all parts of society to share both the responsibilities and the benefits of conservation. Speaking at one of the sessions, CMI director, Blanca Moreno-Dodson, stressed on the need for Mediterranean actors to work together to ensure climate aware policy-making and encourage eco-investments. She unveiled the Center's new collaborative strategy to build resilience to climate change in the region now that it has joined the United Nations' family.

well as ClimaMed, a climate action support network for cities in the southern Mediterranean.

## Dialogue of the Two Shores

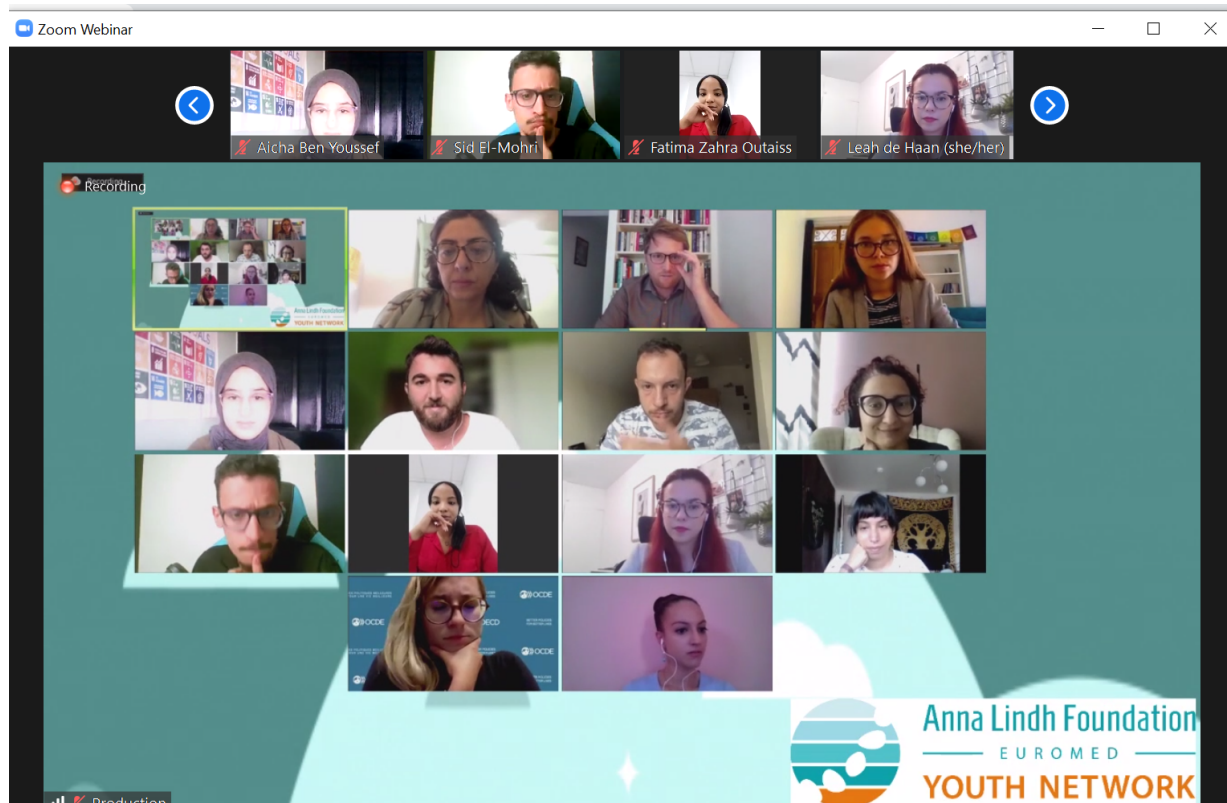
### The CMI Supports “SALAM”, an Initiative to Strengthen Mediterranean Civil Society

*Virtual, September 01 and 16:* Another milestone for the CMI as a solid partner in the Dialogue of Two Shores (D2R) process. The Center has now been entrusted with supporting [SALAM](#), a program supported by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Expertise Frances, Labess, and Pulse Group. SALAM aims to facilitate the exchange of ideas between young civil society actors in the Mediterranean and foster innovative projects in areas that are considered as a priority in the region, in particular in the field of social and solidarity economy and sustainable development. More than 70 young members from across the Mediterranean will use the [D2R's digital platform](#), developed by the CMI, for their consultations. In that regard, two virtual sessions were held to train SALAM young project holders on the use of this e-tool.

# CROSS-CUTTING

## Youth

### [CMI Participation] Anna Lindh Foundation Youth-Led Online Consultation



*Virtual, September 14:* The session took place in the context of the Euro-Med Youth Network series organized by the Anna Lindh Foundation, in partnership with Chatham House. In its capacity as a partner organization with a sound experience with youth in the region, the CMI was invited to advise and provide expert opinion on the presentations made by two young teams on awareness raising projects around digital threats and opportunities and fighting gender stereotypes.

## MEDITERRANEAN RESPONSE TO COVID-19


### [Policy Briefs] COVID-19 Implications in the Mediterranean

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**UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF RETURNED  
MIGRANTS IN SOUTH MEDITERRANEAN  
COUNTRIES THROUGH A THREE-PILLAR  
STRATEGY**

 Hélène Syed Zwick  
Executive Director, Research Center of Excellence (ERCE),  
ESLSA University, Egypt

This MedBriefs series aims at addressing the urgent issue of the COVID-19 socio-economic effects and impact on the EU-Mediterranean region. During the month of July 2021, a policy brief on *Unlocking the Potential of Returned Migrants in South Mediterranean Countries Through a Three-Pillar Strategy*, by Hélène Syed Zwick, from ESLSA University in Egypt was published.

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## Events [October 2021]

01 Oct	Marseille, France [CMI Participation] Kick Off Meeting of 4th Mediterranean Water Forum By: Water and Energy Agency, IME, UfM <a href="#">[Resilience to Climate Change: Water]</a>	07 Oct	Virtual <a href="#">[Webinar] Perspectives on Mobility and Migration in the Mediterranean</a> By: CMI, PCNS <a href="#">[Human Capital and Mobility]</a>
11 Oct	Tunis, Tunisia and Virtual [CMI Participation] Economic Recovery in the South Med Region Post Covid-19 Workshop By: KAS PoDiMed & BUSINESSMED <a href="#">[Co-Development and Integration]</a>	13-14 Oct	Madrid, Spain [CMI Participation] 5th Annual MedThink 5 + 5 Forum By: UfM, Casa Arabe, IEMED <a href="#">[Co-Development and Integration]</a>
18 Oct	Greece and Egypt [CMI Participation] Circle The MED - The Mediterranean Hybrid Forum 2021 By: Circle the MED <a href="#">[Co-Development and Integration]</a>	20 Oct	Virtual (TBC) Report Launch: Post-Covid Growth Strategies By: CMI, Growth Dialogue <a href="#">[Co-Development and Integration]</a>
28 Oct	Virtual [CMI Participation] Global Citizenship Education in Higher Education in the Arab Region: Grassroots Experiences and Voices from Students and Professors By: UNESCO <a href="#">[Human Capital and Mobility]</a>		

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The Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) is a multi-partner platform where development agencies, Governments, local authorities and civil society from around the Mediterranean convene in order to exchange knowledge, discuss public policies, and identify the solutions needed to address key challenges facing the Mediterranean region.

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