Created in 2006, IPEMED is an independent and international think tank balanced between North and South with a focus on the economy. Its activity has been recognised of general interest. Mediterranean countries need to work together to carry weight in globalization.

Regional integration involves coproduction and the optimisation of the value chain between both shores of the Mediterranean. Business leaders from North and South are key actors in promoting regional integration. Major North-South blocks are forming. The United States, China and Japan have allied with their southern neighbours (e.g. NAFTA, ASEAN+3). Similarly, countries from the North and the South of the Mediterranean must build a great world region based on proximity, complementarity and solidarity.

Produce forward-looking ideas and solutions

- To anticipate coming evolutions and don’t be the hostage of short term.

Influence political spheres

- So that they will implement public policies to encourage North-South exchanges and facilitate regional integration.

Open up and interweave ideas

- To enlighten and convince the largest possible number of decision-makers and opinion leaders on the benefits of bringing together the Euro-Mediterranean.

IPEMED IS ALSO

- A vision : North-South integration
- A concept : coproduction and the share of the added value
- A method : partnership and taking into account southern needs
- A strength : a network of experts and political influence
- A result : confidence in a common future
Mediterranean 2030

- Gather national, public and private, key foresight actors in order to elaborate a common vision of the future of the Mediterranean and to promote the scenario of Mediterranean convergence which involves a deep-seated integration based on proactive political action, coproduction dynamics and the development of a channel-based approach.

Coproduction

- Propose a regional integration based on geographic redistribution of production, transfer of technology and shared added value between two areas geographically close but having different levels of development.
- Implementing the Mediterranean Coproduction Observatory.

Energy

- Implement a new regional partnership based on the emergence of a “Mediterranean Energy Community” having as a main aim the transition towards decarbonised and sustainable economic models, integrating energy security and efficiency.

Water

- Promoting an integrated management of water demand and resources, and a more efficient and comprehensive governance through the implementation of a “Mediterranean Water Agency”.

Agriculture and rural development

- Make a priority of food security: support the implementation of a “Euro-Mediterranean agriculture and food policy” and encourage North-South territorialised agri-food systems.
- Do not be afraid of great innovations like the micro-algae.

Digital

- Accompany the digitalization of societies and economies by encouraging the emergence of a Euro-Mediterranean policy (“.med” area) and supporting the change from digital consumption towards content production and high-added-value activities, mainly in southern Mediterranean countries.

Financial area

- Ensure the mobility of capital and the security of long-term investments in the Mediterranean: promote measures to guarantee and finance projects, specially infrastructure ones, and suggest a harmonious regulatory framework for PPPs in the region.

Health

- Put health back at the heart of regional stakes, draw up a shared diagnosis of health systems in the Maghreb countries and encourage structural reforms and cooperation allowing a better access for all to high-quality healthcare and medication.

Migration and mobility

- Enhance Euro-Mediterranean mobility by moving away from an administrative vision of migration towards an economic vision of mobility, securing migrants’ professional journey and recognizing the role diasporas can play as key actors of regional integration.

FROM REFLECTION TO ACTION: THE MEDITERRANEAN IN MOTION

Profound changes are taking place in the north, south and east Mediterranean. My long diplomatic experience leads me to think that the next years will be crucial to securing the Mediterranean South and the European North. If Mediterranean business leaders have to strengthen their cooperation in order to accelerate these transitions, politics have also a role to play. Politics must show the way, convince, and work out compromises. These are the missions of IPEMED’s Political Steering Committee, of which I am president.

Miguel Angel Moratinos
FORMER MINISTER, PRESIDENT OF THE POLITICAL STEERING COMMITTEE
Mediterranean breakfast meetings

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The Political Steering Committee meeting

The permanent mobilisation of IPEMED’s PSC is an asset. A strong moment of this mobilisation is their annual meeting, in Paris, and the Gala dinner, the perfect occasion to agree on an appeal made to political leaders on both sides of the Mediterranean on the urgency of implementing active policies in favour of regional integration based on long-term partnerships and coproduction dynamics.

Political breakfast meetings

A privileged time for exchange and debate between top-ranking political figures invited to compare their strategic and political vision of the Mediterranean with the views of IPEMED founding company leaders.

Social and solidarity economy (SSE)

Create the conditions for the emergence of a Mediterranean social and solidarity-based entrepreneurship answering people needs, allowing job creation, mainly youth and women, and encouraging the transition to the formal economy.

Transport

Convey a transversal and complementary vision of transports and logistics in the Mediterranean and deploying a multi- and inter-modality system so railway transport becomes the backbone of North-African and Euro-African integration.

IPEMED symposiums

Ideal opportunities for learning about IPEMED’s work on different subjects as well as an occasion to open out the debate and suggest new areas for study, the symposiums are held in all Mediterranean countries.

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La Verticale

Promote the idea of a great world region Africa-Mediterranean-Europe taking hold in the creation of an international foundation, intellectual and political melting pot of this region in the making.

From left to right:
Jean-Louis Rastoin, associated expert and Xavier Beulin, President of the Supervisory board.

PSC meeting. From left to right:
Elisabeth Guigou and André Azoulay.
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