



CIMA - a Vision for the Mediterranean

CIMA aspires to become a meeting point for businessmen, civil society actors and researchers who share an intimate belief: **the Mediterranean Sea is a lake**. This lake does not separate nations, it connects peoples. CIMA's activities will aim at promoting this belief and increasing awareness about the Euromediterranean project through four channels:

1. the **provision of services to entrepreneurs** who wish to develop their activities at the basin
2. the **lobbying of public authorities** to promote basin-oriented
3. the **participation to the ongoing political and academic debate** about Euro- mediterranean cooperation, with the aim to inform the public.
4. the **organisation of civil society meetings**, cultural events and professional trainings at the basin level.

In so doing, CIMA wishes to contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives set by the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and the European Neighbourhood Policy - to strengthen prosperity, stability and security by increasing relationship in the whole region.

The Hestia Department

The Hestia department will become a platform **for economic cooperation at the basin level**. The department will function as an interface for *business to business* and *government to business* relations.

The Mediterranean Regional Economic Database:

The aim of this Hestia project, is to foster regional entrepreneurship by granting regional entrepreneurs access to essential information about cross-regional business. It will help to find partners for intra-regional business projects. Additionally it will provide informations concerning all regulations on economic cooperation between two countries and provide an overview about ongoing business projects and the EU Programmes.

The Metis Department

The objective of the Metis department will be **to initiate and participate in the ongoing scientific debate** on current phenomena concerning the Euromed. It will do so by organising academic seminars, participating in research projects and in publication of the results in various ways. Further it will provide the other two department with material relevant for the participants of their events. Additionally Metis will create an **online forum** opened to external contributions, as well as to contributions from former participants.

The EuroMed Platform:

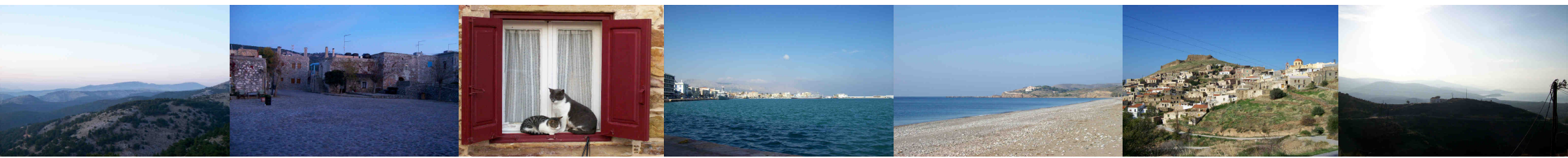
The aim of this anchor project will be to document and advertise the meetings organised in Chios and will help to share the results of the CIMA events among the region.

The Caerus Department

Caerus is the embodiment of CIMA's belief in the **cultural unity of the Mediterranean**. The Caerus department will provide **facilities and organisational support** for civil society meetings, youth exchanges, professional trainings as well as academic seminars and conferences on regional issues of common interests. The Aegean Regional House can develop through this programmes to a Mediterranean Center for European exchange and interregional cooperation for the civil society.

The Aegean Regional House:

The ARH will provide a meeting point in the region for the region, providing a stage for various social society meetings, professional trainings and academic events. Particular attention will be dedicated to the needs of NGOs.





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The location:

Chios, the home of Homer, island of mestika, tulips and shipping - represent the faith of the whole region. In a wild past the island was a ball, drifting between Byzantine, the Ottoman Empire and the Modern Greek state. Cultural and religious exchange and dialogue are here a vivid all-day experience, being mirrored by the importance of shipping for the island.

But as well facing the problems, the whole Mediterranean Region had to be suffered from.

The Amanis Region in the North of Chios is facing all of it: dominant agriculture, emigration and underdevelopment. The CIMA is here at the right place, to look together with the locals and citizens from all over the Euromed Region for solutions that not just will be talked about, but as well will be implemented.

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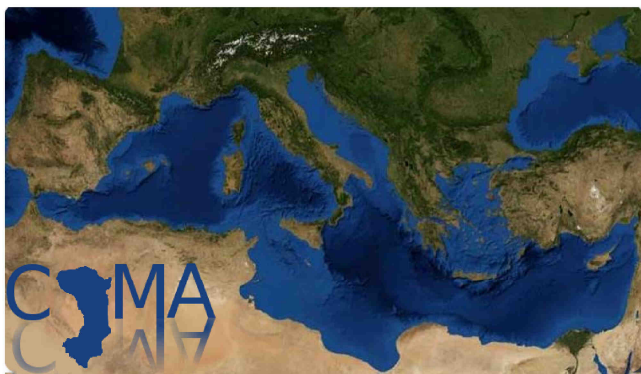
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