



IX Meeting of the MCAF Foundation

THE MCAF AND ITS MEETINGS

The Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly Foundation (MCAF) is a network that promotes dialogue, proposals and citizen action and fosters the democratic values of freedom, peace and respect for diversity, as well as environmental responsibility in the Mediterranean. It is present in 19 countries and 29 Euro-Mediterranean cities through its citizens' circles, understood as spaces for dialogue and action by local citizens, and which are permanently open to civil society in their respective geographical areas. **The MCAF, based in Valencia, prioritizes among its main lines of action the promotion and visibility of the cultural diversity of the Mediterranean area**, with special emphasis on gender and youth in the region.

The MCAF has completed 10 years of action. In this decade it has organized thematic meetings about key issues for the region on the different shores of our sea: "Institutions and citizenship in the Mediterranean", **Valencia, Spain 2010**; "Crisis and changes in the Mediterranean" **Tunis, Tunisia, 2011**; "The future of citizenship on the move", **Volos, Greece, 2012**; "Mediterranean citizenship in the face of regional crises and conflicts", **Istanbul, Turkey, 2013**; "Towards the construction of a community of Mediterranean peoples", **Marseille, France, 2014**; "Five years of MCAF: Evaluation and future perspectives", **Tirana, Albania, 2015**; "Necessary conditions and means of action of citizens towards peace and progress in the Mediterranean", **Casablanca, Morocco, 2017**; "Youth in the Mediterranean" **Barcelona, 2019**.

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The next meeting will be held in **València** between November 11 and 14, **2021**, under the title "From a divided Mediterranean to a shared Mediterranean. A decade of citizen resistance".

In a first stage as an association and since 2016, constituting itself as a Foundation, based on Spanish law, but with an international and specifically Mediterranean scope of action. Since its constitution, and with more than 70 international actions per year (accessible in the attached activity reports), MCAF has consolidated its main lines of action through various projects and activities throughout the Mediterranean: **the transition towards sustainable societies; governance and regional cooperation; responsibility and ethics; the promotion and dissemination of human rights and cultural diversity.**

Its work has been recognized with the "**SLOBODA**" / **Freedom Award**, which was awarded by the International Peace Center of Sarajevo in recognition of the promotion of human rights, freedoms and diversity in the Mediterranean; and with the Laureate Award of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean.



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THE MCAF AND THE IX MEETING

The Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly Foundation (MCAF), over a period of ten years practicing citizen diplomacy, has built a network of 29 citizen circles in 29 cities and 19 countries in the region. The MCAF has held **eight major meetings** highlighting key issues in various countries ((Valencia/Spain, Tunis/Tunisia, Volos/Greece, Istanbul/Turkey, Marseille/France, Tirana/Albania, Casablanca/Morocco), with the last taking place in Barcelona in November 2019. That meeting was focused on addressing the situation of youth in the Mediterranean, promoting a large **civil movement** aimed at political institutions to urgently place the issues of young people in the Mediterranean at the center of their agendas.

Now, eleven years after the celebration in Valencia/Spain of the 1st MCAF Assembly, this city will host **the IX Meeting under the title "FROM A DIVIDED MEDITERRANEAN TO A SHARED MEDITERRANEAN: A DECADE OF CITIZEN'S RESISTANCE"** which will take citizens' perspective of the phenomenon of the **"Mediterranean springs"** and their attempt to move towards more just, democratic, sustainable and cohesive societies. The new circumstances forced upon the world by the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative effects on people, the economy and society will also be considered. The event will offer a space for dialogue, reflection, and proposals by citizens coming to Valencia from all over the region. The meeting will have a hybrid format due to the current health situation, making use of digital technologies to connect people from all shores of the Mediterranean who are unable to attend.

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1. DATES, LOCATION AND FORMAT

DATES

From Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 November 2021

LOCATION

Valencia (Spain), Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Valencia.

FORMAT

The format of the Meeting will be semi-presential and will use streaming and zomm to facilitate exchanges and participation between all shores of the Mediterranean.

DISSEMINATION

All recorded videos will be available on the YouTube channel and on the websites of the ACM Foundation and the Faculty of Social Sciences.



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2. PARTICIPANTS

- **The ACM Circles:** 1 or 2 members of each circle physically present, and a proposal from invited representatives contributing to the field of citizen activism in on-line format.
- **The Advisory Council and Governing Board of the MCAF:** as experts in different thematic areas of the Mediterranean from 15 countries of the region.
- **Special guests:** members of civil society who will enrich the analyses and proposals of the different thematic areas
- Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), European Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Committee of the Regions (ARLEM), Union for the Mediterranean, League of Arab States, African Union, Center for the Integration of the Mediterranean (CMI), European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), the network of Mediterranean cities Medcités.
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain; Govern de la Generalitat Valenciana - Diputació de València; València City Council.
- Fundación Tres Culturas del Mediterráneo/Seville, Casa Árabe/Madrid, Casa Mediterráneo/Alicante.

Total number of participants: 50 in face-to-face format and 50 in online format. Total 100 participants.





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3. THE PROGRAM: FOUR AGORAS

The agoras will correspond to thematic blocks in which **all those registered will participate (in physical and online format).**

Each Agora will be attended by 25-30 people, with moderators, rapporteurs and experts from all four sides of the Mediterranean. Simultaneous translation will be provided in French, English, Arabic, Spanish and Valencian.

AGORA 1:

Mediterranean springs and Mediterranean citizenship: 10 years later. Analysis.

Diagnostics. Evolution. Current situation, perspectives. Active presence of new and old powers. Armed conflicts, violence and terrorism in the region and adjacent areas. Citizen resistance.

AGORA 2:

Mediterranean inequalities in the context of the COVID-19 crisis

Impact on Mediterranean societies. Different crisis variables: economic, climatic, social, political, cultural and environmental.



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AGORA 3:

Solidarity and plural exchanges in the context of Covid-19. Proposals.

Health rights in the era of the Covid-19 pandemic. The urgency of effective cooperation between the various levels of representative public institutions and citizenship. Youth and gender. The religiosity of Mediterranean societies today. The prevention of hate speech. Citizen initiatives.

AGORA 4:

What future after the pandemic?

Circular economy and food. Agri-food transition in the Mediterranean. Territorialized and sustainable economic systems. Renewable energies. Blue economy. Towards new "springs" or "autumns"?



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4. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

Arrival of the participants in Valencia. Accommodation and accreditation.

FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER

08:30 - 09:00 Accreditations

09:00 - 10:30 Opening session auditorium (broadcast via streaming)

10:30 - 11:00 Group Photo

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 14:00 Agora 1 (physical and online)

14:00 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00 - 17:30 Agora 2 (physical and online)

Evening, free night.



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SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER

9:00 – 11:30 Agora 3 (physical and online)

11:30 -11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 14:10 Agora 4 (physical and online)

14:15 – 15:30 Lunch

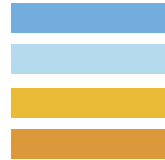
15:30–17:00 Conclusions/proposals of the 4 agoras

17:00 – 18:30 Closing session and reading of the statement of the Advisory Council of the MCAF (broadcast via streaming)

20:00 Cultural evening

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Departure of participants from Valencia



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