Alliance of Mediterranean Regions for Climate Resilience

Side event

COP31 - Antalya

Mediterranean Pavilion

13 November 2026

3:00-4:00 PM (Antalya Time)

Agenda

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On 12 May 2026, in Alicante, the Alliance of Mediterranean Regions for Climate Resilience was launched with the aim of strengthening cooperation on the prevention of climate change-related natural hazards. This marked the first step towards a genuine alliance of Mediterranean regions facing common climate challenges and committed to addressing them collectively by pooling resources, expertise and capacities to maximize their impact.

The Alliance was promoted by the Valencian Region and initially brought together the regions of Murcia, Sardinia (Italy) and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (France). Tunisia and Morocco also took part in the launch as observers. Although still in its early stages, the Alliance is currently defining its first joint initiatives and priorities for action.

The event at the Spain Pavilion at COP31 provides an ideal opportunity not only to showcase the Alliance but also to expand its geographical reach by welcoming a new member region from Türkiye. It will also offer a platform for dialogue with policymakers, experts and stakeholders on the most urgent priorities and collaborative actions the Alliance should pursue in 2027.

To ensure broad participation and maximize the event's impact, the Generalitat Valenciana, through the Interreg NEXT MED Programme, which is a leading partner of the Mediterranean Pavilion, will bring together representatives from key multilateral pavilions, including the national pavilions of Mediterranean countries and the Climate Mobility Pavilion. The event will also actively involve youth delegates from the Mediterranean Pavilion, ensuring that the perspectives of younger generations contribute to shaping the Alliance's future agenda.

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- Welcome and opening remarks (Vincent Ernoux, Interreg NEXT MED Programme, Moderator)
- The Union for the Mediterranean's **Strategic Vision for 2025–2030** (Joan Borrell, Deputy Secretary General for Resilience and Stability, Union for the Mediterranean)
- The **alliance of Mediterranean regions for Climate Resilience** launched in May 2026 – a vision shared by two long lasting-cooperating regions:
  Raquel Aguado, Director General for EU Affairs, Region of Valencia
  Aldo Puleo, Interreg NEXT MED Managing Authority Programme Manager, Region of Sardinia
- The perspective of **regional development agencies from Türkiye, a potential newcomer to the Alliance**:
  Volkan Güler, Development Agency of the Antalya Region, Türkiye.
- **Interactive exchange with the audience** on the key priority actions to be implemented by the Alliance of Mediterranean of Regions
  Introduction by Elsy Milan, UN Climate Change Negotiator
- Conclusions and final remarks