

MedRIN: 'Current Activities, What's Next'

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Overview- Accomplishments



Kick off meeting at
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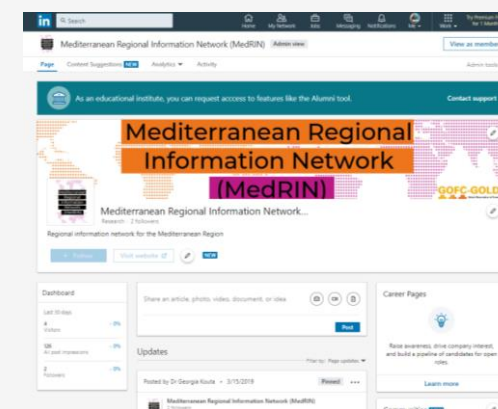
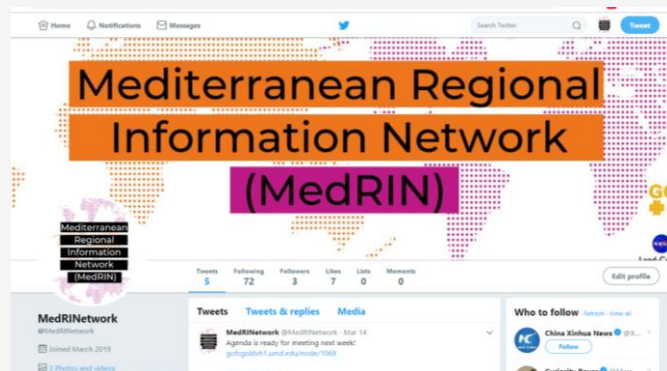
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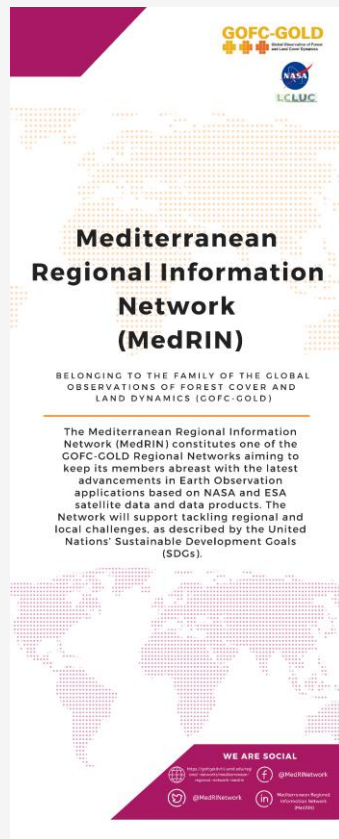
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Overview – Accomplishments – Communication



Banner ready



Form of Interest for new members/observers

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Some Initiatives up to now

- Joint PhD supervision for MED region problems
- Leaders in each Focus Group (in progress)
- Joint paper for SPIE Proceedings for MEDRIN
- Joint webex meetings
- Guest editing in special issues for regional problems e.g MDPI
- Joint Educational Distance Learning Programs in the Region, e.g MSc in Earth Observation

Overview – Geographic Domain

Mediterranean Region



Member Countries...

Observers...

Join Forces...

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Overview – Objectives

Objectives:

1. better coordination and linkage of monitoring systems and databases across Mediterranean,
2. strengthening and upgrading regional/national EO networks,
3. alignment of multi-modal and multi-source data compliant to international norms,
4. utilization of Copernicus and relevant freely distributed services in the region by end users,
5. contribution to free publicly-available data through interoperable databases and services.
6. Proposed new objective: *Education/Training component*

Overview – MedRIN Priorities

Priorities

- › Fires
- › Agriculture
- › Urban
- › Soil Degradation (Desertification)
- › Water Resources Management (Irrigation/Hydrology)
- › Climate Change
- › Training/Education
- › Proposed: *Rainfall / Precipitation*
- › Proposed: *Hazards*

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Approval of MINUTES (Kick Off Meeting)

Main points of Minutes in bullet points:

- MedRIN has to have a specific governing mandate and be sustainable.
- The stakeholders and recipients of the network's collaborative products will be the same as those of GOFC-GOLD. But since the region has specific requirements and needs the users/stakeholders will be an overlap between those of GOFC-GOLD and the local ones.
- Action Item: One of the first tasks should be the creation **of an inventory of capacities and achievements from the members of the network, in order to seek synergistic collaborations.**
- **Our aim is to attract new members of the region to join.**
- Collaboration on **transnational issues and topics** (i.e. coastal land cover change).

Priorities:

Fires, Agriculture Urban, Soil degradation (Desertification), Water Resources Management (Irrigation/Hydrology?), Training

Minutes will be upload to the website after approval

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Current Priorities – Action to be taken:

TASK 1

Creation of an **inventory of capacities** and **achievements** from the members of the network, in order to seek **synergistic collaborations**.

TASK 2

Establish Focus Groups in order to achieve international scientific collaboration and cooperation in existing and future projects

Format for the Workshop

- › Presentation on the Communication and Dissemination Strategy of the MedRIN in order to foster collaboration between current and future members
- › Presentation of SCERIN network best practices and successful path- lessons learned
- › Members and Observers are to present on certain priorities with the aim to create an achieve TASK 1:
“creation of an inventory of capacities and achievements from the members of the network, in order to seek synergistic collaborations”

Future Perspectives – What's next

- › Register MedRIN as a legal entity?
- › Closer cooperation with other regional networks and organisations in the region
- › Decide on how to proceed with the Communication Strategy/plan
- › Assign Communication Team: Dr Georgia Kouta will be the Communication Manager/ Contact Point from Eratosthenes. Other countries should also actively participate in dissemination/communication with Contact Points
- › Next meeting and workshop



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Thank you for your attention!

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