



COMOF STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2019-2022

Orienteering sport in Mediterranean Games 2021

First step towards Olympic Games

PREFACE

The Confederation of Mediterranean Orienteering Federations (COMOF) is an Association of National Federations which practice and promote the sport of Orienteering in the Countries of the Mediterranean Basin.

The aims of COMOF are **to spread the sport of orienteering into Mediterranean basin, to promote its development and to create and maintain an attractive event programme.**

Our **vision** is that **orienteering is recognized as a truly global sport, attractive to all, having presence and credibility on the world sporting stage; included in the Mediterranean Games and Olympic Summer and Winter Games.**

The goals and strategic initiatives presented in *Strategic Directions* will promote the realization of this vision.

The actions required to implement the strategy are contained in the *Activity Plan*.

The COMOF will work on these goals in cooperation and accordance with IOF (International Orienteering Federation) and member Federations of COMOF.

KEY GOALS

Our key goals to be achieved by the end of the strategy period 2019 - 2022 are:

- ❑ **Orienteering as demonstration sport in the programme of 2021 Mediterranean Games in Algeria, Oran, and in 2025 Med. Games to be into official programme**
- ❑ **Mediterranean Championships in Orienteering and other events with increased attraction value well established**
- ❑ **Presence and increased credibility on the world sporting stage**



A GLOBAL SPORT / INCREASING NUMBER OF MEMBER COUNTRIES

Our goal is to have:

- 18 members by 2020, and 20 members by 2021
- At least 30% of new members should also join IOF

Introduction / History of Mediterranean Games

The Mediterranean Games are sport competitions that are organized in every four years among the countries along the Mediterranean Sea. These competitions are organized with the aim of ensuring the social and cultural rapprochement among the Mediterranean Countries. The Mediterranean Games are based on the Olympic rules, and the competitions are completed within 13 days.

The idea of the Mediterranean games first came up during London Olympic Games in 1948 with Turkish origin Muhammed Tahir Pasha's proposal, the president of Egyptian Olympic Committee and the Vice-President of International Olympic Committee.

The nine Mediterranean countries including Turkey accepted this proposal, and the International Committee for the Mediterranean Games (ICMG) was established in 1961. The committee, whose seat has been founded in Athens, decided to hold the Games in a coastal city of a Mediterranean Country in every four years among athletes of those countries.

The first Mediterranean Games were held in Alexandria on 5-12 October in 1951 with the participation of 734 athletes from 10 countries.

Having participated in all the Mediterranean Games, Turkey had hosted the VIth Mediterranean Games, in İzmir 1971, and XVIIth in Mersin 2013.

Athleticism, basketball, cycling, boxing, gymnastics, fencing, football, wrestling, weightlifting, handball, judo, table tennis, tennis, sailing, swimming and volleyball are compulsory sport branches partaking in all Mediterranean Games program.

The most successful country of the Mediterranean Games held up to now is Italy regarding number of medals.

COMOF History with Mediterranean Games

During XVII Mediterranean Games in Turkey, Mersin, at 22nd June 2013, COMOF and Turkish Orienteering Federation organised promotional orienteering event „**Sprint Orienteering - Race to the Olympics**“ with the main goal of introducing orienteering sport to the Mediterranean Games participants, officials, spectators, but as well as to journalists.

More than 250 participants from 3 countries took part in Mersin Atatürk park running with a map and compass.

The winners in Man Elite and Woman Elite classes were sportsmen from Italy- Adrienne Brandi and Nisi Giacomo.

Mediterranean member Countries (based on CIJM, December 2018)

- 1. Albania**
- 2. Algeria**
3. Andorra
- 4. Bosnia Herzegovina**
- 5. Croatia**
- 6. Cyprus**
- 7. Egypt**
- 8. France**
- 9. Greece**
- 10. Italy**
11. Kosovo
- 12. Lebanon**
13. Libya
- 14. Malta**
15. Monaco
16. Montenegro
- 17. Morocco**
- 18. Portugal**
19. San Marino
- 20. Serbia**
- 21. Slovenia**
- 22. Spain**
23. Syria
- 24. North Macedonia**
25. Tunisia
- 26. Turkey**

Key:

- 12 countries marked in **red** are COMOF members
- 6 countries marked in **green** are target group to joining COMOF until 2020
- from the rest of 8 countries at the list, we expect that few of them can be potential COMOF members until 2024

Membership goals:

Until the COMOF General Assembly meeting in 2020, we shall have 18 member countries.

For the Mediterranean Games in Algeria, Oran, 2021, COMOF should have more than 20 member countries.

This also means that COMOF Strategy will bring to IOF more than 4 new country members till 2019, with projection till 2021 for at least 6 more totally new countries.

For the Mediterranean Games in 2025, COMOF should include into membership almost all countries from the CIJM list of members.

Activity plans 2019-2022

towards including orienteering as an demonstration sport into programme of Mediterranean Games in 2021.

2019

Date, place	Activity	Goal	Person/Federation in charge
22 nd February 2019 Bullas, Spain	17 th COMOF Council meeting and Extraordinary General Assembly meeting	-Approval of new Strategic Direction plan for the period 2019-2022 with a following budget -accepting of new members	COMOF with FEDO and all member Federations
18 th -20 th February 2019	Training possibilities around Bullas	-preparations of National teams	FEDO with FORM
21-24 th February 2019 Bullas, Spain	8 th MCO Mediterranean Championships in orienteering	-participation of minimum 8 countries members of COMOF	All national Federations members of COMOF
18-28 th July 2019 Kolmarden, Sweden	O Ringen Academy	-training possibilities for young athletes and 5 days competition	IOF, O Ringen, PWT and COMOF
12-17 th November 2019 Algeria	Youth Training Academy	-to help development of orienteering in Algeria but also as common regional activity with Arabic Orienteering Federation	COMOF, IOF, AOF and member Federations

2020

Date, place	Activity	Goal	Person/Federation in charge
11-13 th April France, Correze	18 th COMOF Council meeting and COMOF General Assembly meeting 10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY	-Updates of plans and activities -Reports and evaluations -accepting of new members -celebration of 10 years COMOF Anniversary	COMOF with FFCO and all other member Federations
08-11 th April France, Correze	Youth Training Academy	-as an part of the programme and preparations for Med. Games 2021	COMOF with FFCO, National Olympic Committees and all other member Federations
11-13 th April France, Correze	9 th MCO Mediterranean Championship in orienteering	-participation of minimum 12 countries members of COMOF	COMOF with FFCO and all other member Federations
July 2020 Uppsala, Sweden	O Ringen Academy	-training possibilities for young athletes and 5 days competition	IOF, O Ringen, PWT and COMOF
November 2020 Algeria	Youth Training Academy Regional training camp for young athletes potential participants in Med. Games 2021	-to prepare National teams for the Med. Games in Oran	COMOF, AOF, IOF, and member Federations

2021

Date, place	Activity	Goal	Person/Federation in charge
January/February 2021 Algeria, Oran	Mapping and course planning for events at Mediterranean Games	-to prepare maps and courses for Med. Games	COMOF, IOF, CIJM and Organization Committee of Mediterranean Games
April 2021 Serbia, Novi Sad	COMOF Council meeting	Updates of plans and activities -Reports and evaluations -accepting of new members	COMOF and National Federations
4 days, April 2021 Serbia	Youth training Academy	-as an part of the programme and preparations for Med. Games 2021	COMOF with OSS, National Olympic Committees and National Federations
April 2021 Serbia, Novi Sad	10 th MCO Mediterranean Championships in orienteering	-participation of minimum 16 countries members of COMOF	COMOF with OSS and all National Federations
July 2021 Algeria, Oran	Mediterranean Games	-orienteering as an demonstration sport in the official programme of Mediterranean Games -participation of minimum 18 countries members of CIJM and COMOF	COMOF, CIJM, Organization Committee of Med. Games, National Federations of COMOF members and National Olympic Committees members of CIJM

2022

Date, place	Activity	Goal	Person/Federation in charge
01-04 th March Portugal, Figueira da Foz e Montemor-O-Velho	Youth Training Academy	as an part of the programme and preparations for Med. Games 2025	COMOF, Portuguese Orienteering Federation and National Olympic Commitee
04-06 th March Portugal, Figueira da Foz e Montemor-O-Velho	11 th MCO Mediterranean Championships in orienteering	-participation of minimum 20 countries members of COMOF	COMOF, host Federation and all other National Federations COMOF member
04-06 th March Portugal, Figueira da Foz e Montemor-O-Velho	COMOF Council meeting and General Assembly meeting	-Approval of Strategic Directions and activity plans 2022-2025 -Orienteering in official programe of Med. Games 2025	COMOF, host Federation and all other National Federations COMOF member