



REVISED COMOF STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2019-2022

Orienteering sport in Mediterranean Games 2026

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 2022 Mediterranean Games in Algeria, Oran, and in 2026 Med. Games in Tarranto, Italy to be into official programme**
- Mediterranean Championships in Orienteering and other events with increased attraction value well established**
- Youth training Academies to help new nations in sport every year together with MCO**
- 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 2022
- 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 then 250 participants from 3 countries took part in Mersin Ataturk 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:

- 13 countries marked in **red** are COMOF members
- 5 countries marked in **green** are target group to joining COMOF until 2022
- from the rest of 8 countries at the list, we expect that few of them can be potential COMOF members until 2026

Membership goals:

Until the Mediterranean Games in Algeria, Oran and COMOF General Assembly meeting in 2022, we shall have 18 member countries.

This also means that COMOF Strategy will bring to IOF more than 6 new country members till 2022.

For the Mediterranean Games in 2026 in Italy, 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
21-26 th January Algeria, Tlemcen	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
6 th August ONLINE	18 th COMOF Council online meeting	In accordance with agenda	COMOF Council members
End of September/beginning of October	19 th COMOF Council online meeting	In accordance with agenda	COMOF Council members
12 th November ONLINE	COMOF General Assembly online meeting	In accordance with a Statute and Strategic Directions	COMOF and member federations
November/December 2020 Algeria, Oran	Mapping for Med.Games 2022	-to prepare maps and events for Med.Games 2022	COMOF and member Federations

NOTE: Almost all activities planned from March 2020 were canceled due to a COVID 19.

2021

Date, place	Activity	Goal	Person/Federation in charge
05/08 th April 2021 Serbia, Novi Sad	2 nd Youth training Academy	-as an part of the programme and preparations for Med. Games 2022	COMOF with OSS, National Olympic Committees and National Federations
08-11 th April 2021 Serbia, Novi Sad	9 th MCO Mediterranean Championships in orienteering	-participation of minimum 10 countries members of COMOF	COMOF with OSS and all National Federations
10 th April 2021 Serbia, Novi Sad	COMOF Council meeting, and celebration 10 years of COMOF	Updates of plans and activities -Reports and evaluations -accepting of new members -delivering 10 years of COMOF Jubilary prizes	COMOF with OSS and National Federations
22-31 st July 2021 Sweden, Uppsala	O Ringen Academy	Participation of new nations members of COMOF	COMOF/IOF

2022

Date, place	Activity	Goal	Person/Federation in charge
01-04 th March Portugal, Figueira da Foz e Montemor-O-Velho	3 rd Youth Training Academy	as an part of the programme and preparations for Med. Games 2025	COMOF, Portuguese Orienteering Federation and National Olympic Committee
04-06 th March Portugal, Figueira da Foz e Montemor-O-Velho	10 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 2022-2026 -Orienteering in official programme of Med. Games 2026	COMOF, host Federation and all other National Federations COMOF member
July 2022 Sweden, Are	O Ringen Academy	Participation of new nations members of COMOF	COMOF/IOF
25 th June until 5 th July 2022 Algeria, Oran	Mediterranean Games	-orienteering as an demonstration sport in the official programme of Med. 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

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