

SOS MEDITERRANEE

CHARTER

Faced with repeated shipwrecks of migrants and refugees trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea in order to reach Europe,

Considering that there is no adequate rescue mission in the Mediterranean Sea to help migrants and refugees in distress in an efficient, appropriate and lasting manner

As citizens convinced that human rights apply to everyone, we are calling for a large-scale mobilisation centred on a civil society working to save migrants in the Mediterranean Sea: SOS MEDITERRANEE.

- **SOS MEDITERRANEE** is an initiative composed of European citizens with various professional backgrounds (maritime, humanitarian, medical, judicial, etc.). The association aims to link actors of European, Mediterranean and African civil societies, all concerned with migration patterns to Europe via maritime paths.
- **SOS MEDITERRANEE** is a humanitarian association, politically and religiously independent, based on the principles of respect for human beings and their dignity, without partiality as concerns their nationality or origin, their social belonging, religious belief, political position or ethnic identity.
- **SOS MEDITERRANEE** has set the following goals:
 - **To save human lives**
 - Through maritime rescue operations for boats in distress
 - Through emergency care delivered on board of the rescue boats
 - **To protect and assist**
 - Through listening and offering medical and psychological support
 - Through guidance and accompaniment to the proper authorities and sources of information and by offering assistance to the migrants once on European soil
 - **To testify about the realities and the many faces of migration**
 - To inform European public opinion on the situation of migrants in the Mediterranean Sea, to testify about the realities of migration and to pay tribute to those who disappeared on their journey
 - To inform migrants in their home and/or transit countries of the reality of the access conditions to Europe and the dangers they expose themselves to
 - To raise awareness amongst the public, European institutions and national governments about the dramatic consequences of their migratory politics.