



## 47<sup>TH</sup> CPMR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16-18 October 2019, Palermo (Sicily, Italy)

**Meeting venue:** Real Albergo delle Povere  
Corso Calatafimi, 217, 90129 Palermo, Sicily (Italy)

### Wednesday 16 October 2019

**Working languages:** English, French, Greek, Italian and Spanish

8.45-9.15: Registration

9.15-16.00

### CPMR INTER-COMMISSION SEMINAR ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND THE ROLE OF THE REGIONS

*(See separate draft agenda)*

**Meeting venue:** Real Albergo delle Povere - **Room 2** (*General Assembly room*)

13.00-14.30: Lunch on site

16.00-16.30: Coffee break

16.30-17.30:

**PARALLEL SESSION ORGANISED BY SICILY REGION "TERRITORIAL COOPERATION -  
THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE ISLANDS: THE CASE OF ITALY-  
MALTA"**

*- Interpreting provided -*

### 16.30-19.00: CPMR TECHNICAL SIDE MEETINGS (no interpreting)

16.30-18.00 Migration Task Force Meeting – **Room 4**

16.30-17.30 Maritime Group Meeting – **Room 6**

17.30-18.30 Climate Task Force Meeting – **Room 6**

17.30-19.00 Cohesion Core Group Meeting – **Room 2** (*General Assembly room*)

Free evening

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### EU project stands

EU project stands from the CPMR and its Member Regions will be open around the main rooms throughout the day for participants to interact with on Thursday and Friday

## GEOGRAPHICAL COMMISSION MEETINGS

**8.30-9.20** Balkan & Black Sea Commission (EN, GR) – **Room 2**

**9.30-10.45** Islands Commission (FR, EN, IT, ES, GR) - **Room 2**

**10.00-11.00** North Sea Commission (EN) - **Room 6 (no interpreting)**

**11.00-12.00** Atlantic Arc Commission (FR, EN, ES) - **Room 2**

**11.15-12.15** Baltic Sea Commission (EN) - **Room 6 (no interpreting)**

**12.15-13.30** Intermediterranean Commission (FR, EN, ES, IT, GR) - **Room 2**

**9.00-12.00: Coffee available**

## SIDE MEETINGS (no interpreting)

**9.00-10.00** Meeting of the Norwegian Regions – **Room 6**

**9.00-10.45** Meeting of the Reflexion group on Atlantic Cooperation of the Atlantic Arc Commission - **Room 4**

**11.00-12.00** Meeting of the Greek Regions – **Room 4**

**12.00-13.30** Meeting of the Strategy task force of the North Sea Commission – **Room 4**

**12.15-13.15** Meeting of the UK Regions – **Room 6**

**13.00:** 1<sup>st</sup> transfer to the Lunch venue

**13.30:** 2<sup>nd</sup> transfer to the Lunch venue

**13.30-14.45: Lunch (venue to be confirmed)**



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## 15.00-15.30 – WELCOME SESSION

- Welcome address by **Mr Nello Musumeci**, President of Sicily Region
- Address by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores
  - *Approval of the minutes of the Madeira General Assembly (October 2018)*
  - *Approval of the General Assembly Agenda*
- Presentation of the CPMR Activity Report by **Ms Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR
- Debate
- Vote and approval of the CPMR Activity Report

## 15.30-16.45: SESSION 1 - THE 2021-2027 EU BUDGET

*Chaired and introduced by Mr Vasco Cordeiro, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores*

*Moderator: Mr Nicolas Brookes, CPMR Executive Director*

- Opening statement by **Mr Marko Pavić**, Minister for Regional Development and EU Funds, Government of Croatia (*tbc*)
- Address by **Mr Jan Olbrycht**, Member of the European Parliament, Co-rapporteur on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027
- Panel discussion with **CPMR Members**
  - **Mr Michiel Rijsberman**, Regional Minister of Flevoland
  - **Mr Alfonso González Bondia**, Director General for European and Mediterranean Affairs, Generalitat de Catalunya

**16.40:** Conclusions by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores, and **Mr Nicolas Brookes**, CPMR Executive Director

**16.45–17.15: Coffee break**

## 17.15 - 18.30: SESSION 2 – THE FUTURE OF EUROPE AND TERRITORIES

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*Chaired and introduced by Mr Vasco Cordeiro, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores*

**Moderator: Mr Normunds Popens, Deputy Director General, DG REGIO-European Commission (tbc)**

- Address by **Mr Gaetano Armao**, Vice-President, Sicily Region
- Address by **Mr Gilles Siméoni**, President of the Islands Commission and President of the Executive Board of Corsica
- Address by **Ms Forough Salami-Dadkhah**, Vice-President, Brittany region
- Address by **Mr Patrizio Bianchi**, Regional Minister, Emilia-Romagna region
- Address by **Mr Santino Severoni**, Acting Director of the Division of Health Systems and Public Health, Coordinator Public Health and Migration, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Keynote speech by **Mr Andrea Noferini**, Expert on multilevel governance in the EU, Senior researcher & Professor at “Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona & Universitat Pompeu Fabra”
- Panel discussion with **CPMR Members**

**18.25:** Conclusions by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores and **Mr Normunds Popens**, Deputy Director General, DG REGIO-European Commission (tbc)

**18.30 –19.30:**

**MEETING OF THE CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU** (Members only)

**20.00:** Transfer by bus to the dinner venue

**20.30: Gala Dinner (venue to be confirmed)**

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## 9.00-9.30 - OPENING SESSION

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- Keynote address by **Mr Francesco Boccia**, Italian Minister for regional affairs
- Address by **Mr Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, President of the European Committee of the Regions
- Keynote address by **Mr Antonio Tajani**, Chair of the AFCO Committee, European Parliament **(tbc)**

## 9.30-11.15: SESSION 3 - COHESION POLICY

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*Chaired and introduced by Mr Enrico Rossi, President of Tuscany Region  
and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Cohesion Policy*

*Moderator: Mr Nicolas Brookes, CPMR Executive Director*

- Keynote speech by **Mr Younous Omarjee**, Chair of the REGI Committee, European Parliament
- Contribution by **Mr Marc Lemaitre**, Director General for DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- Contribution by **Mr Dario Tornabene**, Director of ETC programme Italy-Malta
- Panel discussion with **CPMR Members**
  - **Ms Justyne Caruana**, Minister for Gozo
  - **Ms Vanessa Charbonneau**, Vice-President, Pays de la Loire Region
  - **Mr Julian German**, Leader, Cornwall Council

**11.10:** Conclusions by **Mr Enrico Rossi**, President of Tuscany Region & Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Cohesion Policy, and **Mr Nicolas Brookes**, CPMR Executive Director

**11.15-11.45: Coffee break**

## 11.45-13.00: SESSION 4 - ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSPORT

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*Chaired by the CPMR Vice-President in charge of Transport*

*Moderator: Mr Lucas Bosser, CPMR Director*

- Opening statement by **Mr Pierre Karleskind**, Member of the European Parliament
- Panel discussion with **CPMR Members**
  - **Mr Christian Solinas**, President of the Sardinia Region **(tbc)**
  - **Mr Mathieu Bergé**, Regional Councillor for Cross-border Cooperation, Euroregion, Ports and Airports, Nouvelle Aquitaine
  - **Mr Preben Friis-Hauge**, Regional Councillor, Region Syddanmark
  - **Mrs Kaarin Taipale**, Vice-Chair of the Baltic Sea Commission Transport Working Group, Helsinki-Uusimaa Region
- Vote on the Draft Policy Position on Accessibility and Transport

**12.55:** Conclusions by **the CPMR Vice-President in charge of Transport**, and **Mr Lucas Bosser**, CPMR Director

## 13.00-14.00: Buffet Lunch

### 14.00-15.15: SESSION 5 – CLIMATE AND ENERGY

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*Chaired and introduced by Mr Cees Loggen, Regional Minister of Noord Holland Province and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Climate & Energy*

*Moderator: Mr Damien Périssé, CPMR Director*

- Opening statement by **Mr Morten Petersen**, Vice-Chair of ITRE Committee, European Parliament **(tbc)**
- Panel discussion with **CPMR Members**
  - **Mr Joaquim Pereira Grilo**, President, Alentejo Region
  - **Mr Juan José Martínez Lozano**, Director General for European Affairs, Murcia Region
  - **Ms Meit Fohlin**, Deputy Mayor, Region Gotland **(tbc)**
- Vote on the Draft Policy Paper on Climate

**15.10:** Conclusions by **Mr Cees Loggen**, Regional Minister of Noord Holland Province and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Climate & Energy, and **Mr Damien Périssé**, CPMR Director

### 15.15-16.30: SESSION 6 – MARITIME POLICY AND FISHERIES

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*Chaired and introduced by Mr George Alexakis, Vice-Governor, Crete Region and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Maritime Affairs*

*Moderator: Mr Damien Périssé, CPMR Director*

- Opening statement by **Mr Pierre Karleskind**, Member of the European Parliament
- Address by **Ms Christiana Kalogirou**, Secretary General, Secretariat General for the Aegean and Island Policy, Greek Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy
- Address by **Mr Bernhard Friess**, Director, DG MARE, European Commission
- Panel discussion with **CPMR Members**
  - **Mr Antonio Basanta Fernandez**, Chief of Cabinet of the Regional Minister for Maritime Affairs, Xunta de Galicia

**16.25:** Conclusions by **Mr George Alexakis**, Vice-Governor, Crete Region and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Maritime Affairs, and **Mr Damien Périssé**, CPMR Director

## 16.30-17.00: Coffee break

### 17.00-17.45: SESSION 7 – CPMR MANIFESTO (Final Declaration)

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- Presentation of the CPMR MANIFESTO by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores, and **Ms Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR
- Vote by the General Assembly

**17.45-18.00: Extraordinary General Assembly  
Proposed modification of the CPMR Statutes**



## 18.00-18.30: SESSION 8 – ADMINISTRATIVE & BUDGET DECISIONS

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- **Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and Treasurer of the CPMR:
  - Presentation and vote on the 2018 annual accounts
  - Update on the implementation of the 2019 budget
  - Presentation and vote on the 2020 draft budget
- Presentation of the new CPMR Strategy on EU projects by **Mr Davide Strangis**, CPMR Executive Director
- Vote of confidence in the Secretary General by the General Assembly (cf. CPMR Statutes, point 7.4.e)

## NEW CPMR MEMBER REGIONS - PRESENTATION

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- Collectivity of Saint-Martin (France)
- Jämtland Härjedalen (Sweden)
- Thessaly (Greece)
- Valcea County Council (Romania)
- Värmland (Sweden)

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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### CPMR Political Bureau

- 19 March 2020: Cornwall (UK) (preceded by the CPMR Seminar on Aviation)
- 11 June 2020: Zaandam, Noord-Holland (NL)

### CPMR General Assembly

- 2020: Crete (Greece) - date to be confirmed
- 2021: Gozo (Malta) - date to be confirmed

**18.30:** Closing address by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores

**End of proceedings**

**Free evening**

**Saturday 19 October 2019**

Excursion to be confirmed (9.30-12.00)