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47TH CPMR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Meeting venue: Real Albergo delle Povere - Corso Calatafimi 217, 90129 Palermo

Room 1 (General Assembly room)

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

Circular economy, sustainable tourism, waste management and energy transition: benchmarking experiences, needs & investment priorities in regions coming from different Geographical Commissions of the CPMR.

9.15-10.00: INTRODUCTORY SESSION

- Opening address by **Mr Gaetano Armao**, Vice-President of Sicily Region, President of the Insular Regions Interregional Group-Committee of the Regions
- Introduction and concept of the seminar by **Mr Davide Strangis**, CPMR Executive Director
- Presentations on the legislative package and EU action on circular economy by:
 - **Mr François Alfonsi**, Member of the European Parliament
 - **Mr Georges Kremlis**, Honorary Director and Active Senior for circular economy and insularity, DG Environment, European Commission
- **Keynote speaker: Mr Frederic Lopez**, Expert on circular economy, environment and energy

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10.00-11.15: SESSION 1 – FOCUS ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY & SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

The session will address the relations between circular economy and the thresholds for sustainable tourism management at regional and destination level in territories with strong pressures in high touristic season (e.g. relation and impact with water and waste management, decision support systems, involvement of the private sector etc.)

Moderation and wrap-up: Mr Giovanni Ruggieri, Professor at University of Palermo and President of OTIE

- Panel discussion with representatives of **CPMR regions & other stakeholders from the private sector/universities**
 - **Mrs Justyne Caruana**, Minister for Gozo, Islands and Intermediterranean Commissions
 - **Mr Rubén Martínez Dalmau**, Vice-President of the Regional Council and Regional Minister for Housing and Bioclimatic Architecture, Region of Valencia, *Intermediterranean Commission*
 - **Mr Horia Teodorescu**, President of Tulcea County Council, CPMR Vice-President responsible for Neighbourhood Policy, and **Mr Valentin Moldoveanu**, County Councillor of Tulcea and Vice-President of the *Balkan and Black Sea Commission*
 - **Ms Jelena Marjanovic**, University of Corsica, *Islands and Intermediterranean Commissions*
- Debate

11.15–11.45: Coffee break

11.45 -13.00: SESSION 2 – FOCUS ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WASTE MANAGEMENT

The session will address the relations between circular economy and waste management (including marine litter), the competences at regional and local level as well as the potential for investing in the sector.

Moderation and wrap-up: Mr Jens Hjul-Nielsen, CEO, BOFA - Region of Bornholm, Islands Commission

- Panel discussion with representatives of **CPMR regions & other stakeholders from the private sector/universities**
 - **Mr Alberto Pierobon**, Regional Minister for Energy and services of public utility, Region of Sicily, *Islands and Intermediterranean Commissions*
 - **Mrs Kerstin Brunnström**, President of the *North Sea Commission*
 - **Mr Juan José Martínez Lozano**, Director General for European Affairs, Murcia Region, *Intermediterranean Commission*
 - **Mrs Claire Le Tertre**, head of office in charge of EU Programmes, Brittany Region, *Atlantic Arc Commission*
 - **Mr Alessandro Bettin**, Business Development Adviser, HITACHI
- Debate

13.00–14.30: Lunch on site

14.30 -15.55: SESSION 3 – FOCUS ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY & ENERGY TRANSITION

The session will address the relations between circular economy and energy transition, including biomass, geo-thermal energy, marine renewables & energy efficiency. It will focus on the potential for energy transition in islands and coastal regions, also from the point of view of investment priorities.

Moderation and wrap-up: Mr Giuseppe Sciacca, Executive Secretary
of the CPMR Islands Commission

- Panel discussion with representatives of **CPMR regions & other stakeholders from private sector/universities**
 - **Mr Guillaume Cros**, Vice-President of the Region of Occitania, Vice-President of the *Intermediterranean Commission*
 - **Mr Steven Frostdahl**, Second Vice-Chair of the Board, Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, *Baltic Sea Commission*
 - **Mr Mikel Antón**, Director General for European Affairs, Basque Country, *Atlantic Arc Commission*
 - **Mr Lorenzo Lo Cascio**, Expert on policies for territorial and economic development, research and innovation, financial matters, energy and environment, Directorate for Economic Development, Region of Lazio, *Intermediterranean Commission*
 - **Mr Gianni Chianetta**, Scientific Director of Greening The Islands
 - **Mr Paul Meissner**, CEO, Energy Everywhere
- Debate

15.55 – 16.00: CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

- Conclusions and next steps by **Davide Strangis** CPMR Executive Director

16.00-16.30: Coffee break