



47TH 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 1** (*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" - Room 1**
- 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 1** (*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 1**
- 9.30-10.45** Islands Commission (FR, EN, IT, ES, GR) - **Room 1**
- 10.00-11.00** North Sea Commission (EN) - **Room 6 (no interpreting)**
- 11.00-12.00** Atlantic Arc Commission (FR, EN, ES) - **Room 1**
- 11.15-12.15** Baltic Sea Commission (EN) - **Room 6 (no interpreting)**
- 12.15-13.30** Intermediterranean Commission (FR, EN, ES, IT, GR) - **Room 1**

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**

13.30: Transfer to the Lunch venue

13.30-14.45: Lunch on the Boat "Tirrenia"



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15.00-15.30 – WELCOME SESSION

- Welcome address by **Mr Nello Musumeci**, President of Sicily Region
- Address by **Mr Leoluca Orlando**, Mayor of Palermo
- 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 **Ms Tajana Huzak**, Assistant Minister, Ministry for Regional Development and EU Funds, Government of Croatia
- Address by **Ms Margarida Marques**, Vice-Chair of BUDG Committee, European Parliament
- 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

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

Panel discussion moderated by Ms Gergana Miladinova, Deputy Head of Unit, Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission with the following panellists:

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

18.25: Conclusions by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores, and **Ms Gergana Milanidova**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG REGIO-European Commission

18.30 –19.30:

MEETING OF THE CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU (Members only)

20.00: Transfer by bus for the Political Bureau Members to the dinner venue
(departure from meeting venue)

20.30: Gala Dinner at “Villa Malfitano”
(Address: Via Dante 167 – Palermo)

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9.00-9.30 - OPENING SESSION

- Opening address by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores
- Institutional welcome address by **Mr Alessio Maria Villarosa**, Subsecretary of State, Italian Ministry for Economy and Finance
- Keynote address by **Mr Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

9.30-11.15: SESSION 3 - COHESION POLICY

*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

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 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**, Member of the Board, Regional Council of Helsinki-Uusimaa
- 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

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

- Address by **Mr Georges Kremlis**, Honorary Director and Active Senior Officer for circular economy and insularity, DG Environment, European Commission
- Panel discussion with **CPMR Members**
 - **Mr Joaquim Pereira Grilo**, President, Alentejo Region
 - **Ms Meit Fohlin**, Deputy Mayor, Gotland
 - **Ms Agnès Rampal**, Regional Councillor, Sud Region - Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur
 - **Mr Juan José Martínez Lozano**, Director General for European Affairs, Murcia Region
- 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

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, General Secretariat 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)

- 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
- Debate with members, introduced by **Ms Annika Sandström**, Member of Stockholm County Council
- 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

- **Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen**, 1st 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

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

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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

Guided tour of “Duomo di Monreale” (10.00-13.00)
Bus departure at 10.00 from the meeting venue (limited places)