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42ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CPMR
24-26 September 2014 – Umeå (Västerbotten, Sweden)

Venue: Umeå Folkets Hus

DRAFT AGENDA

(As of 19 September 2014)

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2014

12.00 – 17.00: Open buffet and coffee break

Meetings of the Geographical Commissions:

Simultaneous interpreting will, **in principle**, be provided in: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Greek and Turkish. However, we reserve the right to cancel a language if there are insufficient registrations.

- 13.30 – 14.30 Islands Commission (Fr, En, It, Es, Gr) – Idun Room (General Assembly Room)
- 15.00 – 16.00 Intermediterranean Commission (Fr, En, Es, It, Gr) - Idun Room (General Assembly Room)
- 15.00 – 16.00 North Sea Commission (En) - Loke Room – 2nd floor (no interpreting)
- 16.00 – 17.00 Baltic Sea Commission (En) - Loke Room – 2nd floor (no interpreting)
- 16.30 – 17.30 Atlantic Arc Commission (Fr, En, Es) - Idun Room (General Assembly Room)
- 17.45 – 18.45 Balkan & Black Sea Commission (En, Gr, Tr) - Idun Room (General Assembly Room)

Fringe meetings (no interpreting)

If you would like to benefit from a room, please inform the CPMR Secretariat by email (secretariat@crpm.org) **before 1st September**. After this date rooms cannot be guaranteed.

- Meetings of national delegations (to appoint the full and alternate member of the Political Bureau)
 - 11.30 – 12.30 Meeting of the Greek Regions (Ask Room – 2nd floor)
 - 17.00 – 18.00 Meeting of the Swedish Regions (Loke Room – 2nd floor)
 - 17.00 – 18.00 Meeting of the Finnish Regions (Embla Room – 2nd floor)
 - 17.00 – 18.00 Meeting of the Norwegian Regions (Ask Room – 2nd floor)
 - 17.30 – 18.30 Meeting of the UK Regions (Mimer Room – 2nd floor)
- Meetings of CPMR Working Groups
 - 09.00 – 11.00 Joint meeting (BSC / NSC) Transport Working Group (Rist Room – 1st floor)
 - 11.00 – 12.00 Meeting of the External Cooperation Group (Mimer Room – 2nd floor)
 - 12.00 – 13.00 Meeting of the Macro-Regions Task Force (Rist Room – 1st floor)
 - 16.00 – 17.00 Meeting of the Adriatic-Ionian Task Force (Mimer Room – 2nd floor)
 - 17.00 – 18.30 Meeting on Cohesion Policy indicators (Rist Room – 1st floor)
 - 17.45 – 18.45 Meeting of the Maritime Working Groups (PB-Salen Room – 1st floor)

19.00: Welcome reception at the Art and Design Campus in Umeå (10 minutes' walk from Folkets Hus)
+ Open visit of the Art Museum and visit to the humanistic/art "Humlab"

- 8.30** **OPENING SESSION with short cultural performance**
- **Mr Erik Bergkvist**, President of the Regional Executive Committee, Region Västerbotten
 - **Mr Jens Nilsson**, Swedish MEP
 - **Mrs Annika Annerby Jansson**, President of the CPMR, President of the Regional Council, Region Skåne
- Approval of the minutes of the Saint-Malo General Assembly (September 2013)*
Approval of the General Assembly agenda
- 9.30** **SESSION 1: THE CPMR ACTIVITY REPORT AND OUTLOOK**
- Presentation of the 2014 Activity Report by **Mrs Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR
- 9.55** Debate
- 10.25** Summing up by **Mrs Annika Annerby Jansson**, President of the CPMR, President of the Regional Council, Region Skåne and adoption of the 2014 Activity Report

10.30: Coffee break

- 11.00** **SESSION 2: WHAT FUTURE FOR EUROPEAN REGIONAL POLICY AND CPMR REGIONS?**
- Introduction and welcome by Mr Erik Bergkvist**, President of the Regional Executive Committee, Region Västerbotten
- Moderator: Sir Graham Watson**, former Member of the European Parliament
- 11.05** Powerpoint Presentation on 6th Cohesion Report by **Mr Wolfgang Streitenberger**, Advisor to the Director General, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- 11.20** Powerpoint Presentation of the CPMR Technical Note “Analysis of 6th Cohesion Report” by **Mr Nicolas Brookes**, CPMR Director for Regional Policy
- 11.30** Round table discussion
- **Mrs Iskra Mihaylova**, President of the REGI Committee in the European Parliament: Work perspectives of the European Parliament on the future of Regional Policy (*tbc*)
 - **Mr Michel Vauzelle**, President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur Region
 - **Mr Emídio Gomes**, President of Norte Region
 - **Mr Georgios Hatzimarkos**, President of South Aegean Region
 - **Prof. Lars Westin**, Professor, Centre for Regional Science of Umeå University, specialised in Regional Development, Urbanisation and Social Capital
- 12.05** Debate
- 12.25** Summing up by **Mr Erik Bergkvist**, President of the Regional Executive Committee, Region Västerbotten

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch on site

14.00 -16.30 *Meeting of the Final Declaration Overview Group*
(Rist Room - 1st floor)

14.00 SESSION 3: CONNECTING EUROPE GLOBALLY

Chaired and introduced by Mr Wulfran Despicht, Vice-President, Nord-Pas de Calais Region

Moderator: Sir Graham Watson, former Member of the European Parliament

- 14.05** Presentation by **Mr Kjell Nilsson**, Director, Nordregio: accessibility versus “massification”, decentralising European transport global gateways, challenges and opportunities for maritime regions
- 14.20** EU Transport Policy: Current priorities and long-term vision, by **Mr José Anselmo**, Team Leader, DG MOVE, European Commission
- 14.35** Maritime transport and sustainability, a role for the Regions, by **Mr Wulfran Despicht**, Vice-President, Nord-Pas de Calais Region
- 14.45** “The Sea could both connect and divide: how to secure connections between countries divided by water? Example “Kvarken Link – The Midway Alignment of the Bothnian Corridor” by **Mr Mathias Lindström**, CEO of the Kvarken Council
- 14.55** Debate
- 15.40** Summing up

15.45 – 16.00

ELECTION OF THE CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16.00: Coffee break (except for Political Bureau Members)

16.00: MEETING OF THE NEW CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU (Members only)

16.00 – 16.30: Election of the CPMR President and Vice-Presidents (1st Vice-President + 5 Vice-Presidents) + Appointment of the Treasurer of the CPMR

16.30 – 17.00: Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30: - Examination of and vote on the Final Declaration and its amendments
- Examination of and vote on the draft Budget 2015
- Vote of confidence on the Secretary General by the Political Bureau (cf. CPMR Statutes, point 7.4.e)

19.15: Departure by bus from the meeting venue to Gala dinner (3 minute drive)

19.30: Gala dinner with a performance by the famous Sapmi musicians
(Venue: Sävangården, Gammlia, Umeå) - 10 minute walk from the meeting venue

9.00 **Speech by the new President of the CPMR**

9.15 **SESSION 4: INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY**

Chaired and introduced by Mr Rodrigo Oliveira, Member of the Azores Government

Moderator: Sir Graham Watson, former Member of the European Parliament

9.25 European Parliament & European Commission's views on Europe of the Sea

- **Mr Bernhard Friess**, Director, DG MARE, European Commission

- **Mrs Gesine Meissner**, Member of European Parliament

9.45 Short speeches by the Regions on key actions involving the CPMR in maritime issues

- Fisheries and Aquaculture: **Mr Drew Ratter**, Councillor, Shetland Islands Council
- Maritime industries and marine energy: **Mr Christophe Clergeau**, 1st Vice-President, Pays de la Loire Region
- Blue Biotechnologies: **Mr Pierre Karleskind**, Vice-President, Brittany Region
- Maritime Safety: **Mrs Anna-Lena Cederström**, CEO, Blekinge Region

10.30 Debate and conclusions

11.00: Coffee break

11.30 **SESSION 5: MACRO-REGIONS AND SEA BASIN STRATEGIES FOR A BETTER EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

Chaired and introduced by Mrs Joanna Ortega, Vice-President of the Catalan Government

Moderator: Sir Graham Watson, former Member of the European Parliament

11.40 Presentation by **Mr Jozef Stahl**, Advisor to Deputy Director-General Mr Popens, DG REGIO: Presentation of the European Commission's Report on the Governance of Macro-Regional Strategies

12.00 Speech by **Mr George Siscu**, Vice-President of Tulcea Region, "Danube Strategy and Black Sea Synergy, as seen from the Danube Delta"

12.10 Speech by **Mr Enda Bonner**, Vice-presidency of the CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission and County Councillor, Border Midlands & Western Region (Donegal - IE): Sea Basin Strategies vs. Macro-Regional Strategies?

12.20 Speech by **Mr Roberto Ciambetti**, Regional Minister for Budget and Local Authorities of Veneto Region (IT): state of play of the Adriatic-Ionian Strategy

12.30 Debate and conclusions

13.00 - 14.00: Lunch on site

14.00 SESSION 6: THE PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS AND THE EU'S 2030 ENERGY AND CLIMATE GOALS

Chaired and introduced by **Mr Alin Guezello**, Regional Councillor from Reunion Island Region, in charge of new energies

Moderator: Sir Graham Watson, former Member of the European Parliament

Speeches by:

- **Mr Alyn Smith**, Member of the European Parliament (*tbc*)
- **Mr Alin Guezello**, Regional Councillor from Reunion Island Region, in charge of new energies
- **Mr Steven Heddle**, Convener of Orkney Islands Council
- **Mr Jon-Olav Strand**, Depute County Mayor, Aust-Agder, Vice-Chair of the North Sea working group on Energy and Climate Change
- **Mr George Alexakis**, Chief of International and European Affairs of Region of Crete

14.40 Debate and conclusions

15.00 SESSION 7: EXAMINATION AND VOTE ON THE FINAL DECLARATION
Presentation by the **President of the CPMR** and **Mrs Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR

15.45 - 16.15: Coffee break

16.15 SESSION 8:

BUDGET DECISIONS by the Treasurer of the CPMR

- Presentation and vote on the 2013 annual accounts
- Update on the implementation of the 2014 budget
- Presentation and vote on the 2015 draft budget

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

- Vote of confidence on the Secretary General by the General Assembly (cf. CPMR Statutes, point 7.4.e)

17.00 SESSION 9: PRESENTATION OF NEW CPMR MEMBER REGIONS

- French Polynesia (France)
- Gharb Chrarda Beni Hssen (Morocco)
- Taza-Al Hoceima-Taounate (Morocco)
- Laayoune-Boujdour-Sakia El Hamra (Morocco)
- Shkodër (Albania)
- Molise (Italy)

17.20 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- Invitations to host the next meetings of the Political Bureau (February and June 2015) and the General Assembly in 2015

17.25 Closing speeches by the President of the host Region and President of the CPMR

17.45 End of proceedings and cultural performance by a Choir

19.30: Dinner/Bufferet (Venue: Guitars - The Museum, Vasagatan 18-20, Umeå)

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014: Excursion (9.00 - 17.00)

Visit to the house of the Elks in Bjurholm and Stornorrfors hydropower plant

Free evening