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CPMR BALTIC SEA
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The **Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions** & its **Baltic Sea Commission**

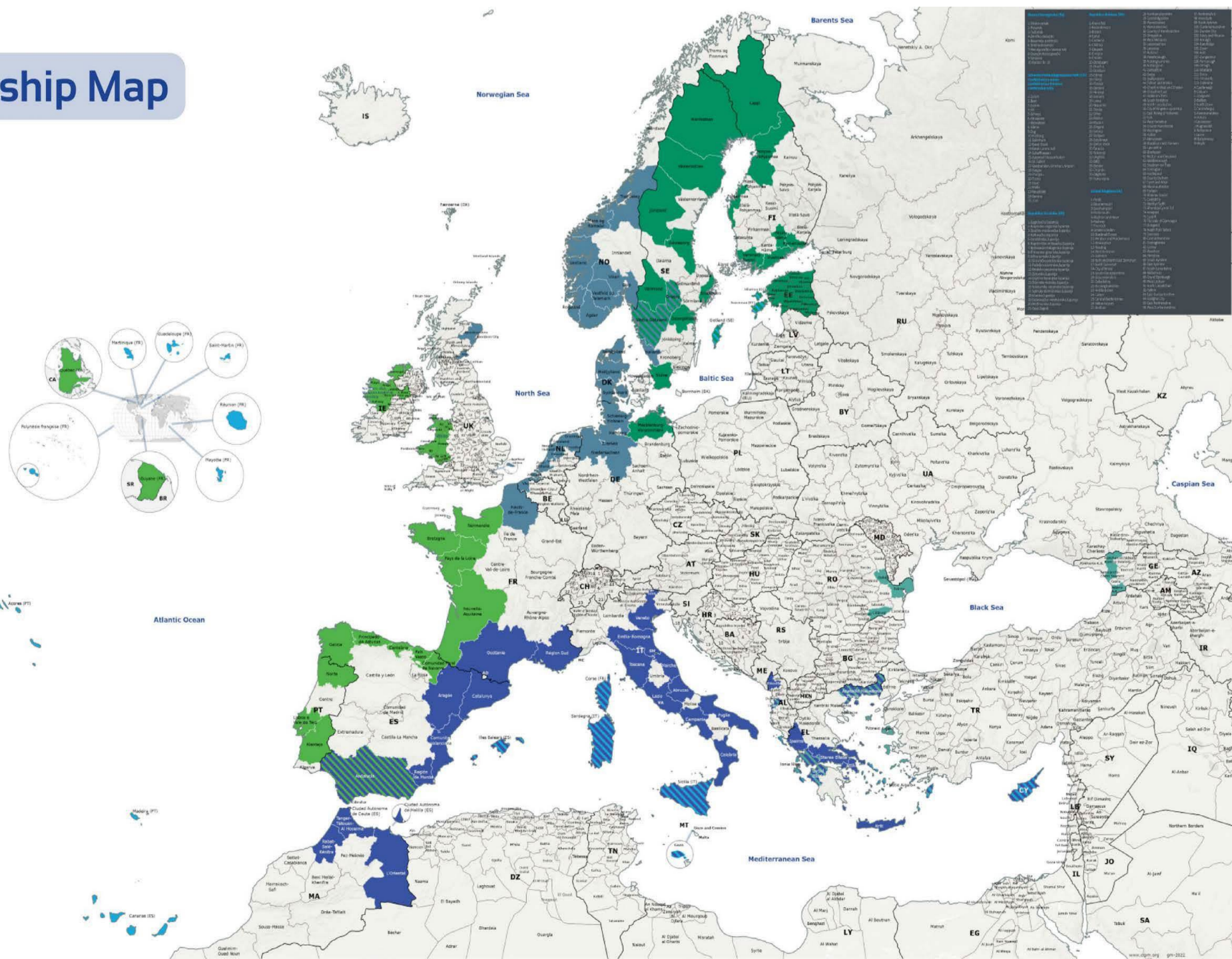
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CPMR: in a nutshell

- **A network by the regions for the regions since 1973**
- **A political organisation** gathering 150 EU and non-EU Member Regions
- **A well-established network** to promote the interests of peripheral maritime regions towards the EU institutions. (Lobbying with impacts)
- **A platform of cooperation for regions** to build strategic alliances across Europe

50 years at the service of Regions!

CPMR Membership Map



Country	Region	Membership Status
Austria	Lower Austria	Member
Austria	Upper Austria	Member
Austria	Carinthia	Member
Austria	Salzburg	Member
Austria	Styria	Member
Austria	Tyrol	Member
Austria	Vienna	Member
Austria	Burgenland	Member
Belgium	Flemish Region	Member
Belgium	Walloon Region	Member
Belgium	Capital Region	Member
Bulgaria	Blagoevgrad Province	Member
Bulgaria	Burgas Province	Member
Bulgaria	Gabrovo Province	Member
Bulgaria	Veliko Tarnovo Province	Member
Bulgaria	Vidin Province	Member
Bulgaria	Vratska Province	Member
Bulgaria	Yambol Province	Member
Bulgaria	Other Provinces	Observer
Czech Republic	South Moravia	Member
Czech Republic	Other Regions	Observer
Denmark	Capital Region	Member
Denmark	Central Denmark	Member
Denmark	North Denmark	Member
Denmark	South Denmark	Member
Estonia	Harju County	Member
Estonia	Other Counties	Observer
Finland	Southwest Finland	Member
Finland	Other Regions	Observer
France	Alsace	Member
France	Brittany	Member
France	Normandy	Member
France	Other Regions	Observer
Germany	Bavaria	Member
Germany	Other States	Observer
Greece	Attica	Member
Greece	Other Regions	Observer
Hungary	Budapest	Member
Hungary	Other Regions	Observer
Italy	Liguria	Member
Italy	Lombardy	Member
Italy	Emilia-Romagna	Member
Italy	Other Regions	Observer
Latvia	Capital Region	Member
Latvia	Other Regions	Observer
Lithuania	Capital Region	Member
Lithuania	Other Regions	Observer
Malta	Malta	Member
Netherlands	North Brabant	Member
Netherlands	Other Provinces	Observer
Poland	Lower Silesia	Member
Poland	Other Regions	Observer
Portugal	Alentejo	Member
Portugal	Other Regions	Observer
Slovakia	Bratislava	Member
Slovakia	Other Regions	Observer
Spain	Basque Country	Member
Spain	Other Regions	Observer
Sweden	Capital Region	Member
Sweden	Other Regions	Observer
Switzerland	Basel-Stadt	Member
Switzerland	Other Cantons	Observer
UK	England	Member
UK	Scotland	Member
UK	Wales	Member
UK	Northern Ireland	Member

CPMR: our Member Regions' vision

- A balanced **regional development across Europe**
- **Increased territorial accessibility** for all regions and sustainable mobility
- A **green transition leaving no regions behind** and based on territorial strengths
- A strong **maritime** dimension in EU policies
- Promoting **multilevel governance** and a **place-based approach to EU policies**

The CPMR is:

- Strong knowledge building through an extensive network
- A two-way exchange channel with the European Institutions
- A network to meet, learn, exchange & cooperate with reliable partners
- High-level working groups providing valuable information to members
- Expert analysis and studies on various priority issues
- A strong influence in European negotiations



The CPMR in 3 keywords

- **INFLUENCE:** the most influential regional organisation in Brussels well-connected to decision-making and a source of expertise and information for the European institutions
- **EXPERTISE:** a long-standing and consistent presence with highly professional and articulated positions on the key policy concerns of it's members
- **VISIBILITY:** Visibility of it's member regions through high level events and bilateral meetings with Commissioners, Ministers and other regional Presidents

CPMR : the structure



Loïg Chesnais-Girard
President (politician)



Eleni Marianou
Secretary General



General Assembly



Political Bureau



**General Secretariat
(Brussels)**

Priority Policy Areas



Cohesion Policy & European Budget



Transport & Accessibility



Maritime Affairs & Fisheries



Energy



Climate



Migration

A grasp of recent policy successes of the CPMR

- **Peripheries are better covered by the nine Core Network Corridors** under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) 2021-2027
- Cohesion Policy covers **all regions** of the European Union
- A **greater flexibility in the use of European Maritime and Fisheries Fund emergency measures** for the aquaculture and fisheries sector was achieved
- The 2021 EU Strategy on Offshore Renewable Energy **mentions specifically peripheral and maritime regions and acknowledges its needs and specificities**
- The **partnership and multilevel governance** principles were safeguarded in the Cohesion policy package 2021-2027, reinforcing the role of regions regarding Cohesion policy management and delivery
- **Regional authorities can apply for direct access to funding** under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) of the European Commission
- **Maritime cross-border cooperation programmes** are a reality in the 2021-2027 period

The lobbying process

Influencing the course of EU policies of relevance to CPMR Member Regions is a long-term process which we carry in two phases:

- 1** At the beginning of a programming period: the CPMR General Secretariat gathers information from its Members which forms the basis of policy positions adopted ahead of the publication of European Commission proposals on key EU policy areas.
- 2** The second phase kick starts once the proposals are out: the work of the CPMR then revolves around analysing the proposals and drafting policy responses to be adopted by CPMR Members. The CPMR then focuses on the organisation of political actions and campaigns to influence the negotiations of the proposals by the European Parliament and the Council until an agreement is reached.

A key actor in the EU arena

- **JOINING FORCES:** As one of the key players in the EU bubble, the CPMR works together with like-minded associations and networks, both on punctual occasions and on a long-term basis. This collaboration allows to reinforce the voice of CPMR regions in concrete areas of action.
- **AT THE NEGOTIATION TABLE:** The CPMR is regularly invited to take part and present its policy research at high level meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe. As a recognised stakeholder dealing with the territorial aspect of different EU policies, the CPMR is often invited to represent the perspective of regions and regional authorities in meetings and events.
- **INFLUENCING THE INFLUENCERS:** the impact of the CPMR goes beyond influencing policy makers. As a recognised actor in its fields of expertise, the studies and technical papers of the CPMR – with a special interest for its budget projections and maps – are used by different stakeholders, including think tanks, associations and European institutions.

CPMR Action Plan: Where are we?

CONCEPTION

The CPMR will be in a position to adopt principles for future EU policies based on the studies, input and evidence provided by its Members

2023



ANTICIPATION

The CPMR will adopt detailed proposals ahead of the European Commission proposal on the future of the EU Budget and core EU policies

2024



EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

REACTION

The CPMR will analyse and react to the proposals on the post-2027 EU budget, and will initiate its lobbying to influence the future of EU policies with a regional relevance

2025



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Cohesion Policy & EU Budget



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European Elections 6-9 June 2024

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- Monitoring the implementation and assessments of the National Recovery and Resilience plans, paying particular attention to the impact on and involvement of regional authorities
- Analysing the impact that RRF reviews could have on the financial allocations in the CPMR core policy areas
- Nourish the reflection on the potential introduction of new own resources to ensure the EU budget is sufficiently endowed with resources based on the input of the CPMR membership
- Monitoring and advocating to ensure a regional dimension in the European Semester framework in particular for the post 2027 Multiannual Financial Framework
- Contributing to the debate on the future of Cohesion Policy, analysing the final report of the high-level group of specialists, the 9th Cohesion report, and debating with Presidency officials
- Advocate for cohesion values (place-based approach, multi-level governance, shared management) to be mainstreamed in other investment policies or instruments of the EU

Transport



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- Monitoring and influencing the TEN-T Legislative process during the last trilogues
- Analysis of the final TEN-T text, including ports and urban nodes, as well as missing cross border links and safeguarding implementation
- Start a reflection on the next CEF, part of CEF coalition/campaign with ESPO and other organisations
- Continuing the mapping work on territorial accessibility in the light of the new Regulation proposal for TEN-T
- Monitor the FuelEU Maritime initiative, ETS Maritime and the maritime dimension of the TEN-T
- Monitor RefuelEU aviation, ETS aviation, the revision of the Air Services Regulation and the Air Slots regulation
- Analysis on the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation final text and implementation for CPMR regions
- Setting of a series of policy recommendation to convey CPMR key priority messages to the new European Commission (2024) and European Parliament

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- Concluding analysis on the Fit for 55 package and reflecting on the package implementation
- Monitor and analyse the REPowerEU chapters in the Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRP's) and reflecting on its implementation, including the different legislations
- Analysing the draft updated National Energy Climate Plans (NECPs)
- Analysing, influencing and monitoring the Net Zero Industry Act (NZIA) and the Raw Materials Act
- Convey key messages towards the new European Institutions, based on current work undertaken by the CPMR Energy Working Group and the evolution of the relevant EU legislation
- Active participation in the Working Group on Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) to contribute shaping the Final Report, as part of CPMR's membership in the European Commission's Clean Energy Industrial Forum

6 Geographical Commissions

- Corresponding to Europe's main **sea basins** and the **Islands**
- Assuring the **specific interests** and **promotion** of the 150 CPMR member regions
- Allowing to focus on the major **common challenges** in each territory
- A **stronger joint voice**, creating **synergies** & reducing overlaps
- Actively **contributing to the work of the CPMR** and its core policy positions



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CPMR BALKAN & BLACK
SEA COMMISSION



CPMR BALTIC SEA
COMMISSION



CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN
COMMISSION



CPMR ISLANDS
COMMISSION



CPMR NORTH SEA
COMMISSION



CPMR Baltic Sea Commission: Who we are

- Established in 1996, it promotes the **specific interests of Baltic sea regions towards EU institutions** since 1996 and **fosters regional cooperation**
- **20 Member Regions** (FI, SW, GER, EST)
- President **Tomas Mörtzell**, Västerbotten Region
Vice President, **Richard Sjölund**, Ostrobothnia Region
- Permanent Secretariat





CPMR Baltic Sea Commission: Our vision

The work of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission is anchored in the **EU Agenda** (EU Green Deal) and serve the three objectives of the **EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region** (Save the Sea, Connect the Region, Prosperous Region)

- A **climate neutral and energy resilient** Baltic Sea Region
- A **well-connected** Baltic Sea Region
- A **Sustainable Blue economy** for the Baltic Sea Region
- A **Resilient and a green recovery** of Baltic Sea Region
- An **innovative and competitive** Baltic Sea Region

BSC THEMATIC GROUPS	TOPICS OF WORK (For 2023-2024)
BSC Transport Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Policy making and infrastructure planning – The BSR perspective when shaping the EU transport system ✓ Sustainability - Contribute to the phasing out of fossil fuels by accelerating clean fuel development and deployment in the transport sector ✓ Promote innovative transport solutions – for people and goods
BSC Maritime Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Promote sustainable coastal tourism in the Baltic Sea Region ❖ Promote competitive and sustainable maritime industries ❖ Restore and protect the Baltic Sea
BSC Energy & Climate Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased production of sustainable renewable energy in the Baltic Sea Region. Increased added value in the energy production chain - from energy production to high added value products. ▪ Increasing sustainable and smart use of natural resources for climate transition in the Baltic Sea Region ▪ Promote adaptation of regions to the foreseeable effects of climate change
Arctic Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable economic and territorial development of the European Arctic Regions - Maintain European Arctic regions as low tensions areas through increased multilevel cooperation - Sustainable social development and attractive communities in Arctic regions

Päijät-Häme involvement in the CPMR Baltic Sea commission

- Promoting the views and positions of Päijät-Häme on the EU level and influencing EU legislation
- Getting visibility on the EU level and getting targeted information about EU/BSR information
- Building strategic alliance across Europe



Pekka Komu, Vice-Chair of the BSC Transport Working Group

- Meeting with European Coordinator of the Scan Med Corridor Pat Cox



- Meeting with European Coordinator of the North Sea Baltic Corridor Catherine Trautmann



For more information

- CPMR website [CPMR – Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions](#)
- BSC website: [CPMR Baltic Sea Commission – Website of the CPMR BSC \(cpmr-baltic.org\)](#)
- CPMR twitter account @CPMR_Europe
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