



## 2019 Transport Action Plan

### General transport related activity

In 2019, there will be:

- a new European Parliament that will take office in July 2019;
- a new European Commission and a new Transport and Mobility Commissioner, depending on how the new EP will look like, the whole audition process could be tricky and long.

There will be a double objective for the CPMR:

- To be identified by the new-comers as a key player in transport matters. DG MOVE's staff being stable ensuring a relative continuity should be eased;
- To pass-on to the new MEPs and new Commissioner its key messages on transport.

#### Publications

Transport Briefing for the new TRAN Committee to be published in September 2019.

Transport Briefing for the Commissioner to be published as a Policy Position of the CPMR General Assembly.

#### Events

Meeting a transport delegation with the TRAN Committee (all MEPs, advisers and Secretariat invited) in the EP after CPMR AGM.

High level meeting of a CPMR Delegation with Transport and Mobility Commissioner (most likely in 2020 but contact with cabinet to be initiated as soon as possible).

### Connecting Europe Facility

The European Parliament voted its report in December 2018. Several points are in line with CPMR messages on CEF.

The Council adopted its general approach in December. Trilogue started in January 2019. It seems unlikely (however, possible) that they would reach an agreement before the end of this term.

At this stage, actions are aimed towards the trilogue. The following initiatives are taken:

- Contacts of the SG with Perm Rep;
- Contacts of the SG with key MEPs (rapporteurs, shadows and influential MEPs)

Member Regions can bring a major support by contacting their Government and advocating for key messages included in the EP report to be maintained in the final Programme.

#### Publications

Key messages to be used by member Regions to send to their Transport Ministry (to be integrated in the next Transport email)

Briefing paper for new MEPs will include messages on CEF (to be presented at the PB in June)

Depending on when the Trilogue will reach a consensus, technical paper comparing CPMR messages with final text will be published (June Political Bureau at the earliest).

## Trans-European Network for Transport

The CPMR aims to better integrate territorial accessibility matters in the Regulation. It should ensure a better coordination between core and comprehensive network avoiding a 2 speeds Europe. It would include a re-evaluation of the criterion on the basis of existing flux and anticipating post Brexit balances.

The CPMR will answer to the consultation on the basis of:

- Concise questionnaire to Member Regions focusing on a limited number of questions with the support of each GC ;
- Meeting of the Transport WG to wrap-up

Organisation of meetings with expert and EC during the second phase of consultation:

- Organise a meeting for each GC (DG MOVE shown interest for this idea)

#### Publications

Technical paper in Spring 2019

Policy position Autumn 2019 (AGM)

#### Events

Meeting of the transport working group on 10 April

Workshop with GC during Spring/Summer 2019

## Invest EU and Transport

The objective is to contribute to the work of the GS on Invest EU conducted by the Cohesion team.

From a transport perspective, this work could focus on ports for 2 reasons:

- Echoes CPMR DNA ;
- Need to narrow the focus a bit to be efficient.

This work would aim at showing that there is a lack of European investments in port infrastructures, resulting in multiplication of third countries investing massively in EU ports.

The objective consists in drawing a picture of European Investments for ports in the Framework of EFSI to stress the need for a stronger effort.

A later stage could be comparing EU Investments to foreign investments in EU ports.

### Publications

Depending on Cohesion team Agenda

### Events

Depending on Cohesion team Agenda

## Sustainable and Innovative Transport

The CPMR will develop an approach focused on the Region through the RIS3. It would aim at showing:

- That Regions are delivering on transport sustainable and innovative actions;
- That Structural funds are key to foster investments in the territories;
- That a best practice RIS3 for sustainable and innovative transport can be drawn.

### Publications

A concept paper to be published in March after contact with JRC have been established and presented at the occasion of the next Transport WG in April.

A recommendation paper to be presented at a later stage after the Seminar

### Events

Seminar involving member regions selected, JRC and key DGs. It would be organised after the 2019 AGM, during Winter, potentially in 2020. This seminar could be located either in Brussels or hosted in a member Region.

## Brexit

There is still major uncertainty on what the Brexit will look like. There is also an on-going work of the co-legislator on how to connect Ireland in case of a no deal Brexit, idea of a Brexit compensation fund aimed for transport is being discussed. Its exact setting is still to be defined.

In this context the CPMR aims to:

- Ensure Ireland connection;
- Support Its UK members;
- Ensure an equitable support to relevant EU ports and Regions;
- Ensure that the EU will provide efficient tools to mitigate the impact of Brexit on Regions and transport infrastructures.

### Events

Focus on impact of Brexit on Transport during a session of the BP in Donegal

## Aviation

Aviation has come up as a working theme for the CPMR in 2017. The members identified a series of issues to be addressed.

### Publications

Technical paper providing an update on aviation to be published at the occasion of the PB in March 2019

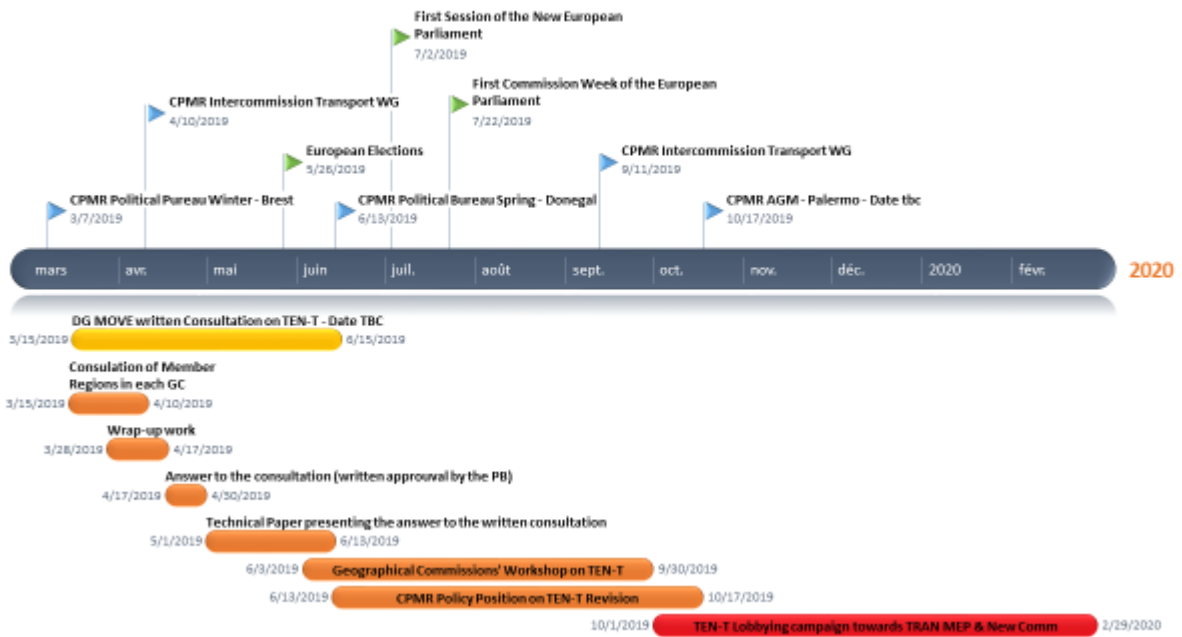
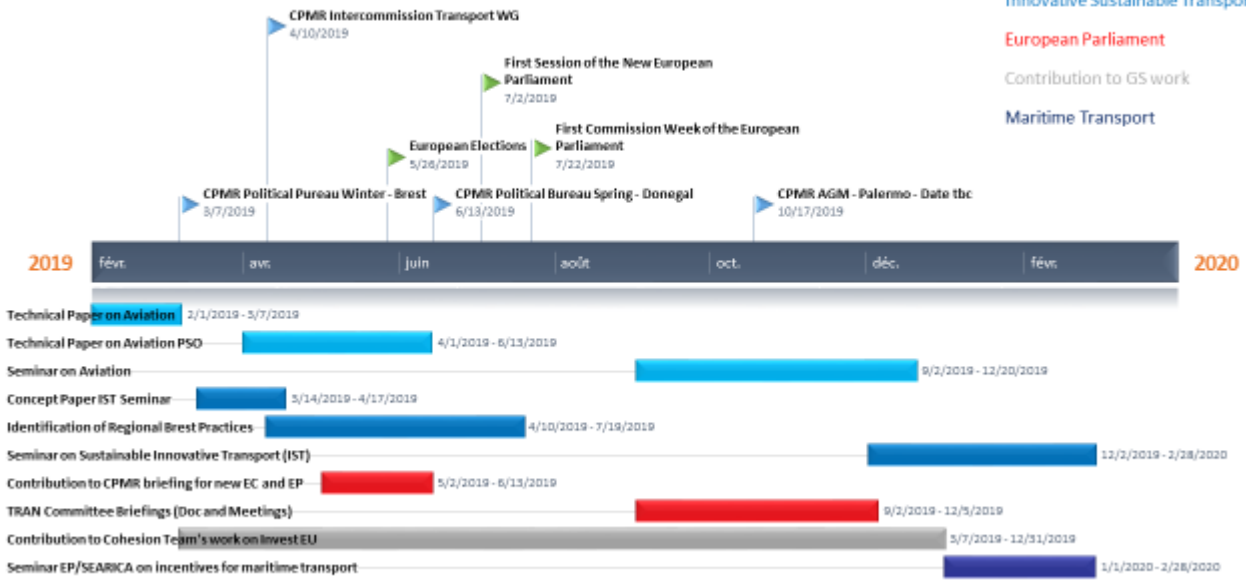
A technical paper will be published on Public Service Obligation after the EC will release its evaluation (spring 2019)

### Events

Aviation workshop in 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2019. Venue to be decided

**Annex 1 – CPMR 2019 Transport Action Plan**

- Aviation
- Innovative Sustainable Transport
- European Parliament
- Contribution to GS work
- Maritime Transport





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