CLIMATE CHANGE
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- **Two policy positions that are the results of the 4th previous meetings of the TF (adopted by the CPMR General Assembly):**
  - Review of EU Adaptation Paper
  - Clean Energy Package and Energy Transition

- **Excellent engagement during the meetings:**
  - European Commission (DG CLIMA, DG ENERGY)
  - European Parliament (ITRE)
  - Committee of the Regions
  - Think Tanks (Jacques Delors, Heinrich Böll)
  - Networks/sectoral interests (Climate Group, RESCOOP, CAN Europe, nrg4SD)
  - Regional case studies (Central Denmark, Västra Götaland, Catalunya, Murcia, Balearic Isles, Gävelborg, Brittany, Nouvelle Aquitaine, Niedersachsen and Zuid Holland)
  - Numerous Regions participating in meetings
Climate Change

- Two policy positions adopted by the CPMR General Assembly

- Common themes/key messages:
  - Adaptation & mitigation go together... but need more priority on adaptation
  - Regions at frontline of climate action: role needs validation at EU level (has been strong focus on urban/local)
  - EU finance essential: need to reinforce and support small through to large scale actions
  - Cooperation, knowledge sharing: EU has role to play in facilitating this; regions central to such initiatives
Key messages

- **Adaptation**
  - Policy incoherence
  - Insurance: needs EU level action and involvement of regions
  - Capacity building and learning: regional co-operation; EU role in collecting/sharing good practice and data
  - Value of regional strategies on adaptation
  - Economic opportunities from adaptation

- **Clean Energy/Transition**
  - Binding & more ambitious targets
  - Policy tools that support implementation on ground
  - Citizens at heart of energy policy: support decentralisation
  - Energy islands initiative
  - Connectivity to grids of peripheral islands remains a priority
  - Regions should be in governance structures of Energy Union
IDEAS FROM REGIONS
(March 2017)

- **Agriculture**: Attica,
- **Energy Efficiency – renewable energies**: Attica, Västra-Götaland, Gävleborg, Midtjylland,
- **Mitigation strategies**: Attica, Västra Götaland, Gävleborg, Midtjylland, Intermediterranean Commission,
- **Islands**: Attica,
- **Smart cities**: Attica, Southwest Finland,
- **Coastal areas**: Nouvelle Aquitaine, Peloponese, Varna, Midtjylland, Bretagne, Intermediterranean Commission,
- **Mitigation strategies**: Västra-Götaland, Murcia, Gävleborg, Hordaland, Baltic Sea Commission,
- **Spatial planning & social acceptance**: Zuid Holland, Southwest Finland, Baleares, Midtjylland, Northern Nederlands, Baltic Sea Commission, Bretagne,
- **Adaptation strategies**: Nouvelle Aquitaine, Catalunya, Murcia, Hordaland, Niedersachsen, Northern Nederlands, Bretagne,
- **Economic impacts of climate change**: Southwest Finland,
- **Tourism**: Baleares, Northern Nederlands,
- **Social approach, science & policy**: Catalunya,
- **Cooperation**: Baltic Sea Commission
- **Transports & ecomobility**: Hordaland, Västra Götaland, Gävleborg,
- **Water management & renewable energies**: Intermediterranean Commission,
Work during 2018

Proposed approach for 2018
Meetings – Themes/ideas – Coordination - Cooperation

Meetings
- Same format as 2017 (seminar style): Morning sessions dedicated to the global vision of the issue followed by an afternoon session on showcases of Regions
  - Dedicated time for general discussion
  - 3 meetings in 2018 (including Annual General Meeting in Madeira)
    - February 2018 on Climate financing – Future EU budget
    - May
    - AGM

Themes/ideas developed below

Coordination with Geographical Commissions and other CPMR Working Groups

Partnership approach

Cooperation with other networks / EU Institutions (organisation of a meeting)

Delivering papers
Themes/ideas for 2018

- Climate Action in EU Budget post 2020
- Follow up on adaptation (consultation)
- Follow up on clean energy position
- Insuring climate-related events
- Climate resilience & land planning
- Agriculture
- Water Directive (Water/climate change)

- Renewable energy in islands & remote territories
- Energy democracy
- Climate talks update (including COP23)
- Innovation, R&D