



MEETING OF THE CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU

7 March 2019, Brest (Brittany, France)

Venue: Océanopolis (Brest Aquarium)

Wednesday 6 March 2019

Arrival of participants

19.30: Welcome reception

Venue: Brest City Hall (8 min walk from hotels)

Thursday 7 March 2019

Working languages: English, French, Spanish, Italian and Greek

8.00: Transfer from hotel "Le Continental" to meeting venue (Océanopolis)

8.30: Welcome coffee

9.00-9.20 OPENING SESSION

- Welcome address by **Mrs Forough Salami-Dadkhah**, Vice-President of Brittany Region
- Address by **Mr François Cuillandre**, Mayor of Brest or his representative
- Opening speech by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Azores Government
 - Approval of the minutes of the Political Bureau in Funchal on 18 October 2018 included in the minutes of the General Assembly in Funchal
 - Adoption of the agenda

9.20-9.45 SESSION 1: CPMR PROGRESS REPORT AND FUTURE STEPS

- CPMR Progress Report by **Mrs Eleni Marianou**, CPMR Secretary General
- Debate

9.40 Summing up and conclusions by **Mrs Eleni Marianou**, CPMR Secretary General

9.45-10.15 SESSION 2: MIGRATION

Chaired and introduced by Mr Apostolos Katsifaras, President of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission and Regional Governor of the Region of Western Greece

Moderator: Mr Davide Strangis, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission

- Presentation of the CPMR's 2nd issue paper on the external dimension of migration policy by **Ms Gemma Pinyol**, Head of Migration & Diversity Policies, Instrategies, CPMR consultant on migration
- Presentation of the preliminary version of the "CPMR visual mapping on migration and the role of the regions" and the latest activities of the Task Force on projects and synergies with other events and initiatives by **Mr Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission
- Debate

10.10 Conclusions by **Mr Apostolos Katsifaras**, President of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission and Regional Governor of the Region of Western Greece

10.15-10.45: Coffee break

10.45-12.30 SESSION 3: BREXIT CHALLENGES FOR CPMR REGIONS

Chaired and introduced by Mr Loïg Chesnais-Girard, President of Brittany Region

Moderator: Mrs Eleni Marianou, CPMR Secretary General

- Address by **Mr Marc Joulaud**, Member of the European Parliament, on EU support for post-Brexit negative consequences on Regions
- Address by **Mr Jean-Luc Vanraes**, Member of the Brexit Interregional Group, Committee of the Regions
- Address by **Mr Julian German**, Deputy Leader, Cornwall Council: Presentation of Brexit challenges for Cornwall and presentation of Channel Alliance
- Debate with Members introduced by **Mr Julian German**

12.20 Conclusions by **Mrs Eleni Marianou**, CPMR Secretary General and **Mr Loïg Chesnais-Girard**, President of Brittany Region

12.30-13.00

Address by **Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian**, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, former President of the CPMR

13.00-14.00: Buffet lunch on site

14.00-15.00 SESSION 4: TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY

Chaired and introduced by Mr Erik Bergkvist, President of the Regional Executive Committee of Västerbotten and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Transport

Moderator: Mr Lucas Bosser, CPMR Senior Policy Officer

- Presentation of the CPMR 2019 Transport Action Plan by **Mr Lucas Bosser**, CPMR Senior Policy Officer
- Address by **Mrs Christiana Kalogirou**, President of the CPMR Balkan & Black Sea Commission and Regional Governor of North Aegean
- Address by **Mr Pontus Lindberg**, Vice-President of Region Skåne
- Debate

14.55 Conclusions by **Mr Erik Bergkvist**, President of the Regional Executive Committee of Västerbotten and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Transport, and **Mr Lucas Bosser**, CPMR Senior Policy Officer

15.00-15.45 SESSION 5: CLIMATE & ENERGY

Chaired and introduced by Mrs Kerstin Brunnström, President of the CPMR North Sea Commission and Regional Councillor-Region Västra Götaland

Moderator: Mr Damien Périssé, CPMR Director

- Address by **Mr Clément Serre**, Policy officer, DG Energy, European Commission
- Address by **Ms Consuelo Rosauero Mesaguer**, Director General for Environment, Region of Murcia

15.40 Conclusions by **Mrs Kerstin Brunnström**, President of the CPMR North Sea Commission and Regional Councillor-Region Västra Götaland

15.45-16.30 SESSION 6: MARITIME AFFAIRS

Chaired and introduced by Mr George Alexakis, Vice-Governor of Crete and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Maritime Affairs

Moderator: Mr Damien Périssé, CPMR Director

Fisheries and EMFF

- Address by **Mr Pierre Karleskind**, Vice-President of Brittany Region
- Debate

Maritime Industries

- Presentation of a draft Policy Position on Maritime Industries by **Mr Sébastien Pilard**, Regional Councillor, Pays de la Loire region
- Debate
- Vote on the draft Policy Position

16.25 Conclusions by **Mr George Alexakis**, Vice-Governor of Crete and CPMR Vice-President in charge of Maritime Affairs, and **Mr Damien Périssé**, CPMR Director

16.30-17.00: Coffee break

17.00-18.00 SESSION 7: THE RENEWAL OF THE EU TERRITORIAL AGENDA

*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 Director

- Presentation of the Technical Paper: “The renewal of the Territorial Agenda: Issues at stake for the CPMR” by **Mr Nicolas Brookes**, CPMR Director
- Address by **Mr Kai Böhme**, Director of Spatial Foresight: “Perspectives on the renewal of the Territorial Agenda”
- Debate with Members:
 - **Mrs Vanessa Charbonneau**, Vice-President, Pays de la Loire Region
 - **Mr Jari Nahkanen**, President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, Member of the Board, Oulu Region

17.55 Conclusions by **Mr Enrico Rossi**, President of Tuscany Region and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Cohesion Policy, and **Mr Nicolas Brookes**, CPMR Director

18.00-18.25 SESSION 8: FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Financial issues by **Mrs Gunn Marit Helgesen**, 1st Vice-President and Treasurer of the CPMR

- Forecast income and expenditure for 2018/2019

Membership

For information: The membership applications of the following regions were approved by a written procedure

1/ On 9 November 2018 for:

- Valcea County Council (Romania)
- Thessaly (Greece)

2/ On 10 January 2019 for:

- Collectivity of Saint-Martin (France)

18.25 NEXT MEETINGS OF THE CPMR

- **Political Bureau**

13 June 2019, Donegal (Ireland) – Video presentation (5 min)

March 2020: Cornwall (UK) – date to be confirmed

June 2020: Noord-Holland (The Netherlands) – date to be confirmed

- **General Assembly**

16-18 October 2019, Palermo (Sicilia, Italy)

2020: Crete (Greece) - date to be confirmed

2021: Gozo (Malta) - date to be confirmed

18.30 Summing up and conclusions by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Azores Government, and **Mrs Eleni Marianou**, CPMR Secretary General

End of proceedings

18.45: Visit to the Brittany Pavilion at Océanopolis

20.00: Official Dinner (Venue: Océanopolis - meeting venue)

22.30: Return to hotels

Friday 8 March 2019: Guided tour

9.00-12.00

- *Walk from hotel "Le Continental"*
- *Guided tour of the Capucins eco-district (French and English)*
- *Cable car over the River Penfeld*
- *Boat tour in Brest Harbour ("La Rade de Brest") (depending on the weather)*
- *Return to hotel "Le Continental"*

12.00-13.00 *Brunch in hotel "Le Continental"*

13.00 *Departure of delegations*