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