Climate Taskforce
1 February 2018
What we’ll cover

• Update on activities since Helsinki
• Taskforce Work Plan for 2018
• Update on adaptation
• Update on clean energy
• Any other business
Reminder of activities 2017

• Four meetings:
  – Launch meeting 31 Mar 2017
  – Adaptation meeting: 28 June 2017
  – Clean Energy/Energy Transition: 26 Sep 2017
  – AGM Helsinki: 18-20 Oct 2017

• Around 30 member regions

• Adoption of two political positions:
  – Review of EU Adaptation Strategy
  – Clean Energy/Energy Transition

• Re-establishing presence of regions on Climate Action

• Developing contacts with EU Institutions/networks
Activities since Helsinki

• Meetings of secretariat (Nov, Dec, Jan)
• Meetings with Commission:
  – DG CLIMA (mainstreaming unit) – 7 Dec
  – DG CLIMA (adaptation unit) – 11 Jan; 23 Jan; 31 Jan (including discussions on insurance)
  – DG Energy (on Clean Energy Package): 13 Dec
• Meetings with climate networks (Nov-Jan):
  – Heinrich Böll; CAN Europe; European Climate Foundation; ICLEI; E3G; Climate Alliance
  – Higher Ambition Coalition mtg (7 December)
Participation in events

- **FEDERICO TO ADD...**
- 6-17 Nov: COP23 (Bonn) – **Renaud** attended a number of days
- 5 December: **Renaud** attended climate meeting in Bordeaux (Nouvelle Aquitaine) and spoke about CPMR Taskforce
- 11 December: One Planet Summit (Paris) – **Renaud** attended
- 23 January: DG CLIMA Adaptation Stakeholder conference – **Gregg**
- 30 January: WWF Maximiser Project – Västra Götaland presented case study; **Gregg** participated
- 30-31 January: CPMR consultation meeting on **future of EMFF**
- 28 February: CPMR meeting on coastal data
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- Four meetings of Climate Taskforce:
  - 1 February:
    - Financing Climate Action in EU Budget post 2020
    - Post-Paris Agreement: role of regions
  - 23 May:
    - Focus on spatial planning and interface between maritime/land spaces
    - Focus on economic opportunities from Climate Action for CPMR regions
    - Resilience/insurance of regional infrastructure (DG CLIMA discussions – CPMR SURVEY?)
    - CPMR regions’ experiences/case studies
  - September (date tbc):
    - Focus on water including dealing with drought/flooding, review of Water Framework Directive
    - Strategic planning to 2050 and regional role in this?
    - CPMR regions’ experiences/case studies
  - AGM (Madeira):
    - Review of year’s activities
    - Priorities for 2019
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• Synergies with other CPMR activities:
  – Geographical Commissions
  – Maritime Working Group (e.g. EMFF position; ocean data)
  – Transport Working Group (e.g. letter to Commissioner Bulc on CEF/MFF)

• Opportunities for joint activities with networks?...
  – Open Days (8-11 October 2018) – 30 March DEADLINE
  – EU Sustainability Week (5-7 June) – CALL TO HOST PANEL DEBATE (23 Feb...)
  – Breakfast seminar (ICLEI?)
  – Global Summit (September/October – CAN Europe?)

• Potential for EU project(s) with Taskforce regions?...
  – E.g. follow up on adaptation; insurance?
  – Work with other climate networks/players

• Spin-off events led by CPMR Regions?
Adaptation event 23 Jan

• Presentation of initial findings of evaluation:
  – Evaluation report due to be completed in 2 months
  – Generally positive review of strategy but identified areas to be addressed including Paris Agreement and impacts from outside EU on adaptation agenda

• Weakest area of evaluation: Action 8 – insurance and financing of climate action
  – Lack of evidence base to take a view on how effective strategy had been in this area
  – Insurance identified as a key priority needing further attention

• Discussion of role of LRAs in adaptation:
  – E3G underlined central place of LRAs in adaptation agenda and need for more priority to this in future strategy
  – Central Denmark made several contributions from the floor
  – CPMR (Gregg) mentioned need for more attention on economic opportunities and innovation potential in the adaptation agenda

• On mainstreaming Climate Action in EU Budget:
  – Question whether sufficient being given to adaptation
  – Should adaptation/mitigation have separate targets?

• ONLINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION: DEADLINE 1 MARCH 2018
Clean Energy Package

• Update by Federico
Other business

• Appel pour un Pacte Finance-Climat européen (https://climat-2020.eu/l-appel/)

• Euskadi/Basque Country

• CPMR regions participation in:
  – OPEN DAYS 2018
  – EUSW 2018
  – Global Summit (California) Sept 2018