



TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE ISSUES

I. DUTIES

The general task of the Lead Region shall be to provide the necessary resources to prepare policy positions (resolutions, technical papers, reports, etc.) for the CPMR's executive bodies (General Assembly, Political Bureau, Presidency) on all issues related to Energy and Climate in the peripheral maritime regions and the EU's climate policy. This TASK Force is not intended to replace the Commissions working on « climat » issues, but to integrate all the actions currently undertaken by the CPMR in favour of climate protection.

II. LEADERSHIP – COORDINATION

This activity shall be led by Brittany Region (France).

The CPMR General Secretariat shall be in charge of the technical coordination, in liaison with an officer appointed by the President of the lead Region.

Brittany Region shall undertake to provide the following resources in order to lead this activity:

- appoint and make available one or more specialised technical contacts with established expertise in this area;
- take part in preparatory seminars and meetings;
- take part, where necessary and when invited to do so, in meetings of the CPMR's bodies (Annual General Meeting and Political Bureau);
- submit grant or co-funding applications to EU authorities in order to obtain the necessary financial resources to achieve the objectives set out below.

The CPMR shall provide the secretariat for the Climate Task Force.

III. COMPOSITION

- the representative(s) of the lead Region;
- one CPMR Vice-President or his or her representative(s) and the CPMR General Secretariat (ex-officio)
- the technical coordinator nominated by the CPMR;

- the Executive Secretaries of the CPMR's Geographical Commissions (ex-officio)
- the representatives of CPMR Member Regions with an interest in the objectives and thematic areas;
- if necessary appropriate experts appointed by the Regions in charge of a thematic area or task
- if necessary, representatives appointed by the CPMR Geographical Commissions to coordinate where necessary the action of the Climate Task Force with actions or work led by the said Commissions;
- possibly, and on invitation, persons (politicians or officers from CPMR member Regions) with a recognised expertise in one of more of the areas addressed.

IV. AREAS OF ACTION

The Task Force's areas of action shall focus on:

- issues related to "mitigating" the causes of climate change
- issues related to the "adaptation" of these territories to the foreseeable effects of climate change.
- And be coherent with the CPMR Policy Position on climate change adopted in May 2016 in Heraklion.

Generally speaking, this shall consist in:

- Enroll the Regions in the implementation of the Paris Agreement;
- gaining better understanding, in light of the experience of different regions in climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- evaluating the economic, social and environmental repercussions of climate change on the peripheral maritime regions in particular on their shorelines (coastal erosion, marine submersion...) and freshwater resources. ;
- ensuring synergy between work led by this Task Force and cooperation projects on energy and climate issues;
- ensuring synergy with other programmes and major international networks such as key objectives of Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

With regards to mitigation of climate change, this shall consist in:

- fostering development of renewable energies and among others, marine energies and smart grids in peripheral maritime Regions structurally energy weaker, to encourage decrease in energy consumption
- promoting the active role of regional authorities, businesses, research centres and in general the population of these regions, in their energy and climate transition, with a view to strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the EU;
- promoting implementation of the provisions laid down in Article 170 of the Treaty on Trans-European Networks, with regard to TEN-EN;
- promoting the best forms of governance and participation allowing a higher acceptance and an harmonious development of renewable energy;

- Working to ensure that these priorities are taken into account in the organization of the European electricity and energy market, and in the framework reform of the European carbon market.

With regard to adaptation to climate change, this shall consist in:

- Understanding and sharing the consequences of climate changes regarding water resources and the evolution of coastal areas as well as the capacity for action of authorities to meet with these challenges;
- helping to implement the arrangements proposed in the European Commission's White Paper on adaptation and in the EU Adaptation Strategy Package including in particular the challenges linked to biodiversity;
- working to ensure that these priorities are taken into account in the future programming period for cohesion policy;
- working towards the introduction of arrangements enabling the Regions to access data, tools and information regarding adaptation.

V. OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

In order to distribute tasks within the Climate Task Force and take advantage of the high level of experience and competences of certain regional authorities, one Region can be given responsibility for coordinating action in a specific thematic area.

Sharing of expenses.

- The CPMR shall provide the secretariat for the Task Force and shall assist in the preparation of meetings.
- Each member of the Task Force shall cover his or her own travel and subsistence expenses, or those of any experts appointed by the Region.
- The Task Force's working languages shall in principle be English and French.

The CPMR shall cover costs of translation expenses for papers submitted to the Political Bureau and General Assembly.

- The CPMR shall be responsible for ensuring that the documents produced by the participants of the Task Force for seminars and conferences are available on the internet.
- Meetings will be organised in one single language which is satisfactory for all participants. If interpreting costs are considered necessary, these shall be covered by the host Region.

With regard to experts:

- Costs related to inviting experts from outside the CPMR or its member Regions chosen jointly by the host region of an event and the CPMR General Secretariat can, where necessary, be covered by the CPMR.
- If it is felt necessary to commission more sources of expertise requiring remuneration, the issue will be examined by the Region(s) concerned and the CPMR General Secretariat.