

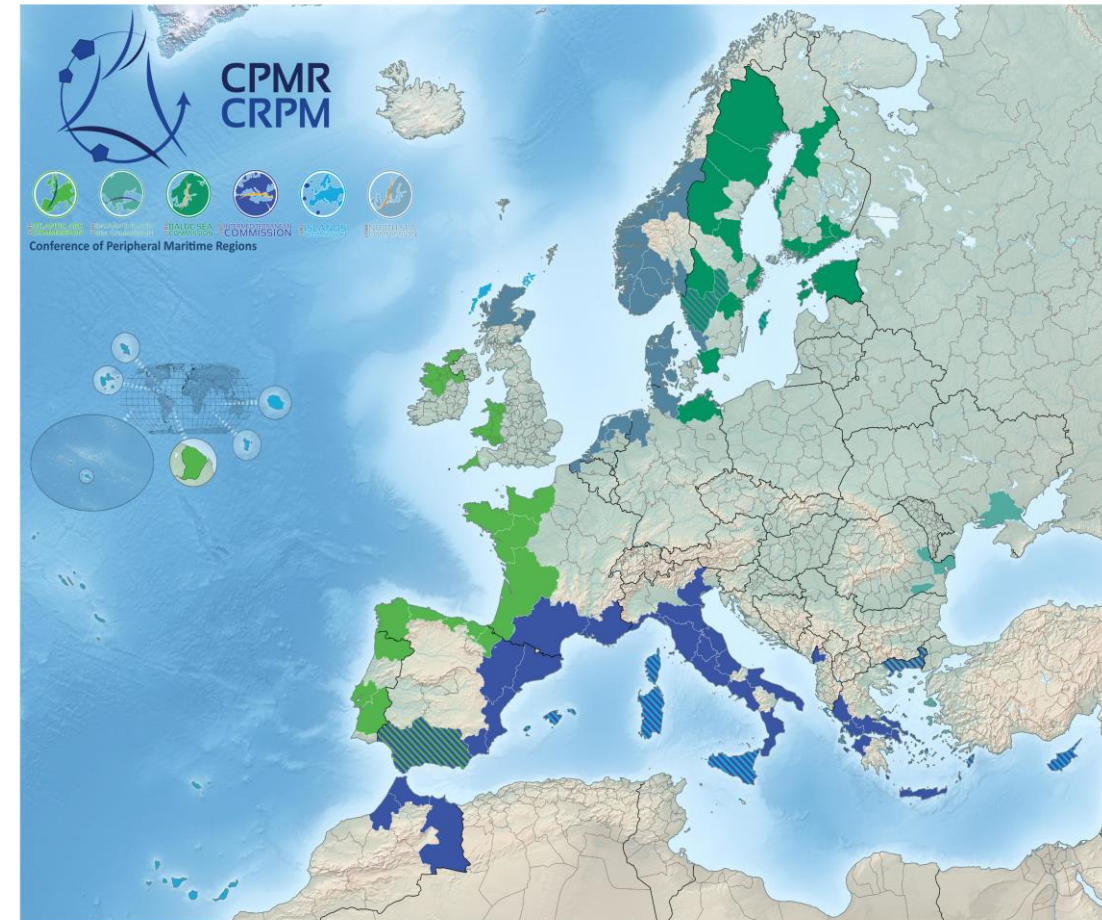
The lobbying work of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

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CPMR: WHO WE ARE

- A **political organisation** gathering 150 Member Regions
- A **well-established platform of lobbying** to defend the interests of **peripheral and maritime regions** in Europe towards the EU institutions
- A **policy-driven regional think tank**
- A **platform of cooperation for regions** to build strategic alliances across Europe

50 years at the service of Regions!



CPMR: OUR VISION

- A balanced **regional development across Europe**
 - ❑ **CPMR Cohesion Core Group** (Cohesion policy, RFF, European Semester, Next Generation EU...)
 - **Increased territorial accessibility** for all regions and **sustainable mobility**
 - ❑ **CPMR Transport Working Group** (TEN-T, sustainable mobility, maritime transport, ports)
 - A **green transition leaving no regions behind** and based on territorial strengths
 - ❑ **CPMR Climate Task Force** (Offshore wind, bioenergy, circular economy...)
 - A strong **maritime** dimension in EU policies
 - ❑ **CPMR Maritime Working Group** (Sustainable Blue economy, Common Fishery Policy, coastal Tourism...)
- CPMR promotes EU policies based on **multi-level cooperation** and a **place-based approach**

CPMR: HOW WE WORK

- **Influence EU policies and negotiations**
 - Recognised as strong and influential regional organisation in Brussels, driven by **regional politicians**
 - A General Secretariat staffed with 40+ analysts and experts **well connected to EU institutions** (European Parliament, European Commission, Council).
 - A **strong impact on policy via analysis and position papers**
- **Foster cooperation and increased capacity among Member Regions**
 - Strong knowledge building through an **extensive network**
 - A network **to meet, learn, exchange & cooperate with reliable partners**
 - High-level working groups providing **valuable information to members regions** on key issues at stake for EU policies

What to lobby
When to lobby
Who to lobby

The impact of the CPMR

This publication showcases the most important successes and achievements of the CPMR:

- its impact on European legislation
- how the work carried by the CPMR from 2014 to 2020 has influenced the current period (2021-2027)
- the more intangible impacts that all together place the CPMR as a recognised and reputable stakeholder for European policies with a regional relevance:
 - Joining forces
 - CPMR at the negotiation table
 - Influencing the influencers
 - CPMR in the Media



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Timeframe of CPMR action (influencing the 2021-2027 period)

EVALUATION

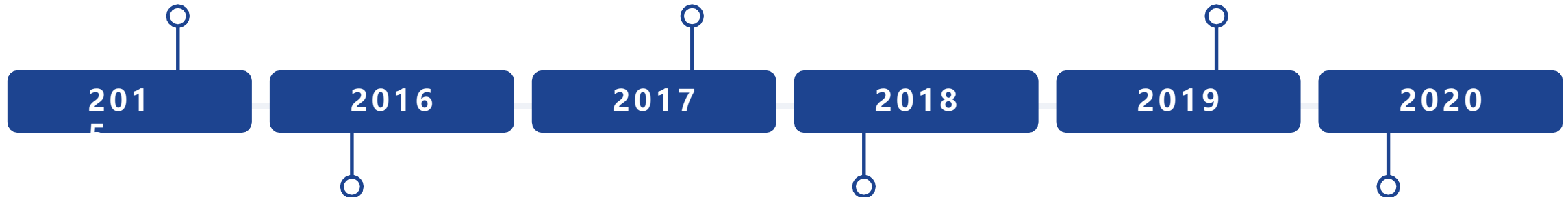
The CPMR launches several studies and conducts questionnaires with its Member regions to evaluate key aspects of EU policies of regional relevance

ANTICIPATION

The CPMR adopts detailed proposals ahead of the European Commission proposal on the future of the EU Budget and core EU policies

DIFFUSION

Much of 2019 is spent influencing the European Parliament and Council as negotiations on key EU policies were taking place



REFLECTION

The CPMR organises several initiatives to prepare for the post-2020 period, from reflection seminars to the elaboration of principles for the future of EU policies

REACTION

The CPMR provides a detailed analysis to lay the ground for a political reaction on EU legislation of regional relevance

CONSOLIDATION

The CPMR devotes a significant amount of energy to consolidate its proposals until the final hours of the negotiations over the post-2020 period, whilst taking action on new proposals to address the COVID-19 pandemic

Thanks to the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions:

- 1** Major cuts to the cohesion policy budget were avoided under the **2021-2027 EU Budget**
- 2** Peripheries are better covered by the nine Core Network Corridors under the **Connecting Europe Facility** (CEF) 2021-2027
- 3** Cohesion policy covers **all regions** in the European Union
- 4** A greater flexibility in the use of the **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund** emergency measures for the aquaculture and fisheries sector was achieved
- 5** The 2021 **EU Strategy on Offshore Renewable Energy** mentions specifically peripheral and maritime regions and acknowledges its needs and specificities

6 The **partnership and multilevel governance principles** have been safeguarded in the cohesion policy package 2021-2027, reinforcing the role of regions regarding cohesion policy management and delivery

7 Regional authorities can apply for direct access to funding under the **Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund** (AMIF) of the European Commission

8 A share of the EU recovery plan will be delivered via **Cohesion policy**

9 The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) 2021-2027 includes an additional objective and award criteria on **territorial accessibility and connectivity**, and a higher share of the transport envelope is allocated to the Comprehensive Network

10 **Maritime cross-border cooperation** programmes are a reality in the 2021 – 2027 period

2021 | EVALUATION

The CPMR has already launched several initiatives to evaluate the implementation of EU core policy areas within its membership

2022 | REFLECTION

The CPMR will build on evidence and input from its studies on the post-2027 period. The 'Territories Matter' initiative will lead to reflection on the future of EU investment policies

Repower EU

2023 | CONCEPTION

The CPMR will be in a position to adopt principles for future EU policies based on the studies, input and evidence provided by its Members

Common Fisheries Policy revision?

2024 | ANTICIPATION

The CPMR will adopt detailed proposals ahead of the European Council on the future of the EU Budget and core EU policies

RRF mid-term evaluation

2025 | REACTION

The CPMR will analyse and react to the proposals on the post-2027 EU budget, and will initiate its lobbying to influence the future of EU policies with a regional relevance

Cohesion Policy mid-term review

POST-2027
MFF
proposal

CPMR Policy highlights - Cohesion Policy

Key priorities and issues at stakes

- Focus on the **implementation** of the Recovery plan and Cohesion Policy (What aspects of the Recovery and Resilience Facility should be embedded in the cohesion policy framework ?)
- Future of Cohesion Policy (**8th Cohesion report**)
- **Governance** of EU investment policies (How to make the link between Cohesion policy and the European semester?)
- How to ensure more coordination/synergies between funding instruments and avoid regulatory fragmentation ?

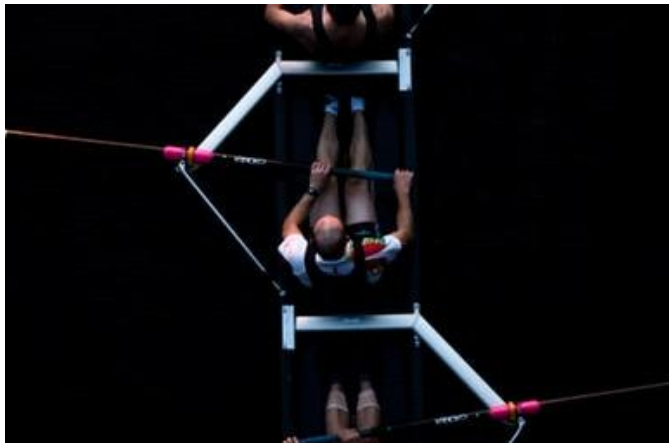
Upcoming events

- **CPMR Core Group Meeting** (Guest: Marc Lemaître) – 9 June, Brussels
- **CPMR Political Bureau** – 15 June (session on cohesion)



8th cohesion report

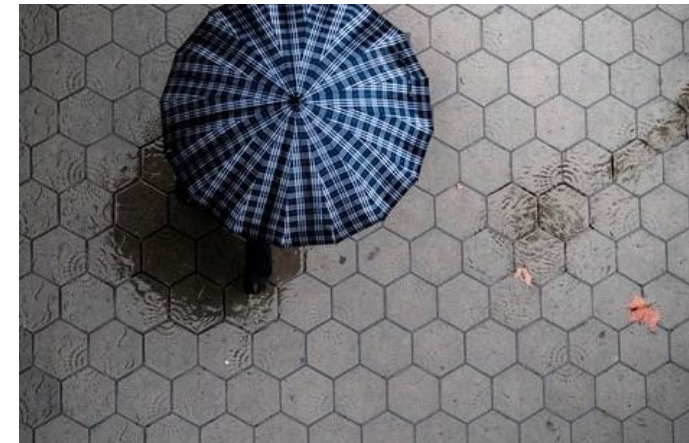
- Enhance ML and partnership principle



- Do no harm cohesion



- Cohesion Policy as a crisis-repair instrument



Additional aspects: Coordination with the RRF; expand JTF; new development paradigm for less developed/peripheral regions

What is missing: reference to European Semester; focus on all areas beset by handicaps

CPMR Policy highlights – Transport

Key priorities

- Focus on **TEN-T regulation, smart mobility and sustainable aviation**
- Defense of **'territorial accessibility'** within EU transport policies
- Focus on Fit for 55 Package legislation (AFIR, Fuel EU Maritime...)

Main events

- **'Regions on the move'** CPMR initiative: seminar in Barcelona on territorial accessibility (24 March)
- Workshops across CPMR Geographical Commissions focused on the **TEN-T review**

Upcoming events

- Heavy focus on **TEN-T lobbying** in the European Parliament
- CPMR Transport Working Group – 8 June
- CPMR Political Bureau session on transport – 15 June
- TEN-T Days – 28/29 June

Making the TEN-T fit for the CPMR member Regions.



Our views on TEN-T

CPMR messages included

- New approach to maritime transport
- Broader definition of urban nodes
- Stronger governance
- New milestone in 2040

Room for improvement

- Role of the Regions in the governance process
- Feasibility of technical requirements
- How to finance the TEN-T?
- Definition and identification of urban nodes

CPMR Policy highlights – Climate and Energy

Key priorities

- Focus on **Fit for 55** legislation
- Role of **regions in delivering the energy transition and the Green Deal objectives (Regions Act!)**
- **COP27**
- Focus on **RepowerEU**

Main events

- SEARica events on Fit for 55
- CPMR Climate Task Force meeting – 8 June 2022
- Territories Matter seminar on RepowerEU and future of EU investment policies – 8 June 2022

Lobbying

- Amendments on relevant Fit for 55 package legislation

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