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## PRESENTATION OF THE CPMR

An alternative way...

...of thinking Europe

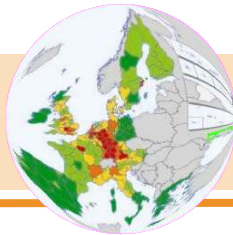


## A PIONEERING ASSOCIATION

Set up in 1973 on the basis of a threefold observation



Need for greater involvement of the Regions  
in European integration

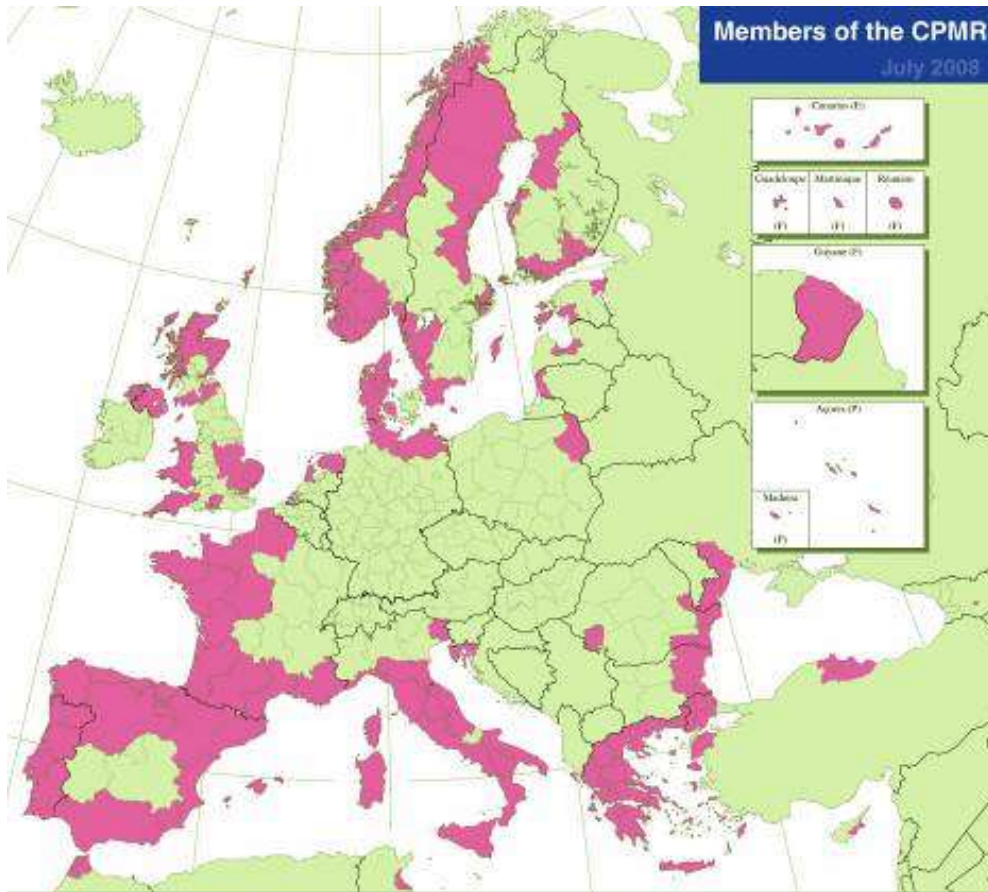


Disparities in competitiveness  
between the central part of Europe and its peripheries



Insufficient enhancement of Europe's maritime dimension

# A WIDE NETWORK



**159 Regions**



**29 States**



**200 million inhabitants**



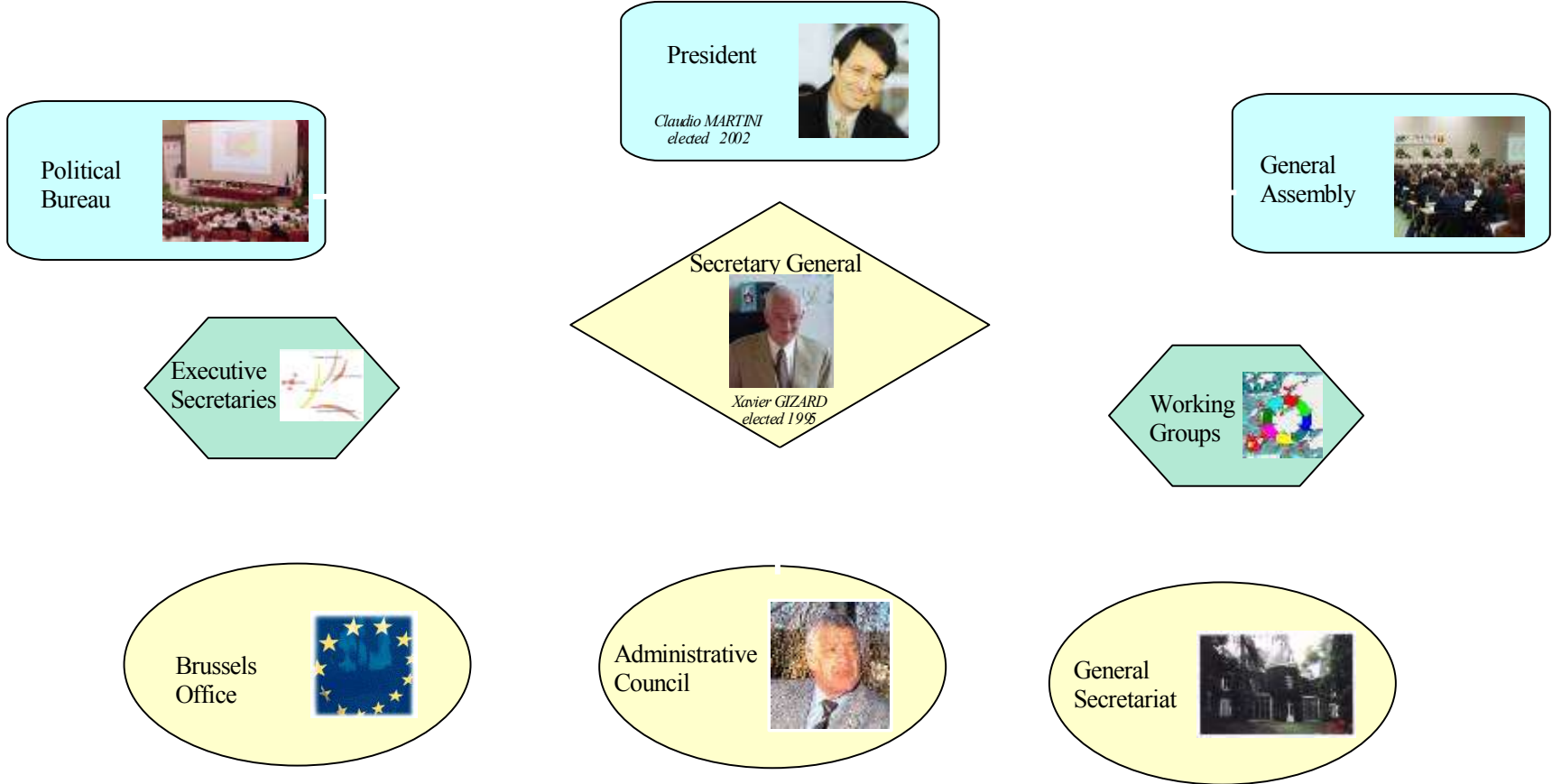
**6 Geographical Commissions**

## A polycentric structure based on 6 Geographical Commissions

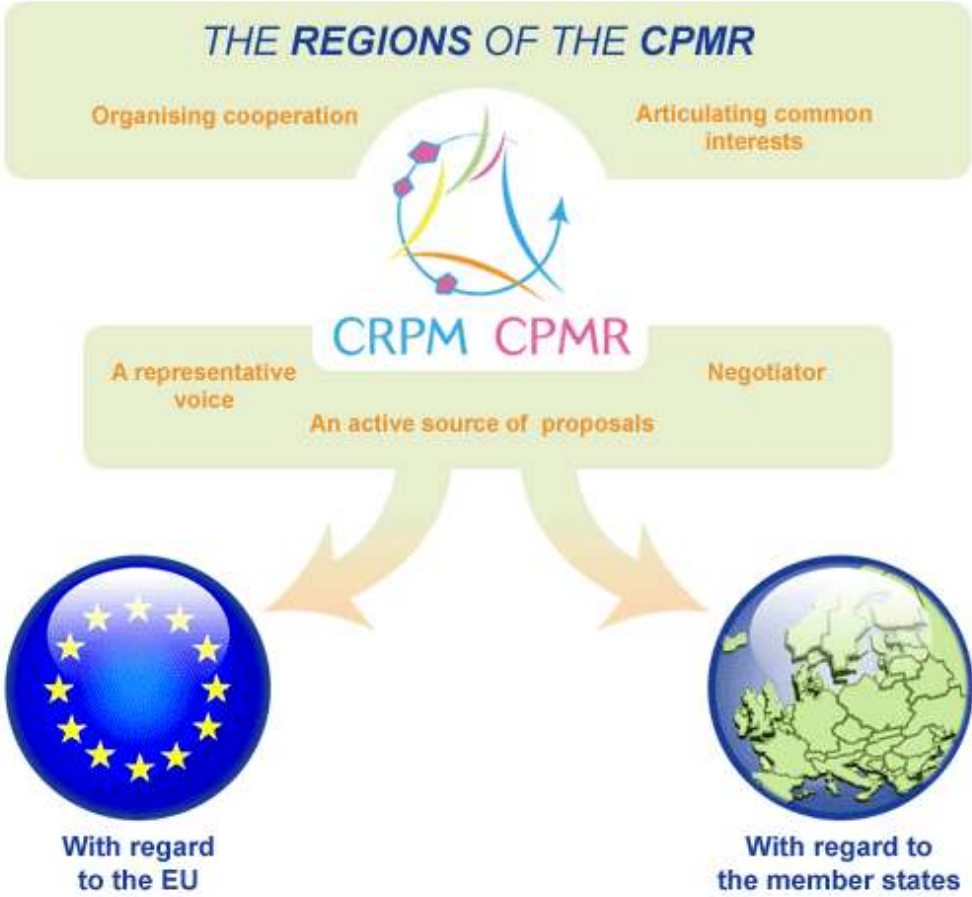
-  Islands Commission
-  Atlantic Arc Commission
-  North Sea Commission
-  Baltic Sea Commission
-  Inter-Mediterranean Commission
-  Balkans/ Black Sea Commission



# AN ADAPTED ORGANISATION



# DIVERSE MEANS OF ACTION



In the right place at the right time

Lobbying :



**The European Commission**



**The European Parliament**



**The European Council**



**The Committee of the  
Regions**

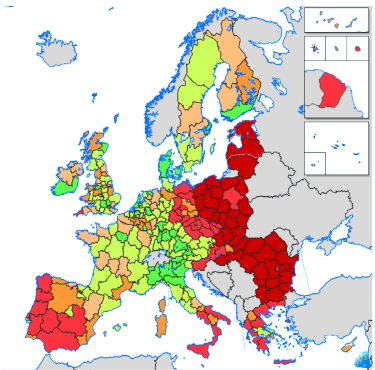
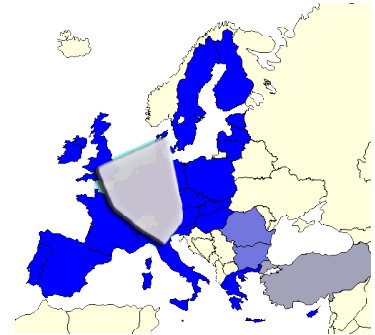
## COMMON GOALS

-  **Reducing peripherality**
-  **Enhancing the maritime dimension**
-  **Exploiting the benefit of being close to Europe's citizens**



## A more balanced development of the European territory

-  A regional policy focused on cohesion
-  Taking better account of territorial specificities
-  Territorial cooperation to promote the competitiveness of sea basins
-  Competition rules guided by the cohesion principle



## For an improved competitiveness of the Regions



**Need to compensate for the disadvantage of being located far from the central part of Europe**



**Need for territorialisation of the European Research Area**



**Need to increase jobs and improve workforce skills**

# THE OBJECTIVES SET IN 2007 AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENT

## First guideline

*Preparing a new stage of regional policy and the implementation of the principle of territorial cohesion*



### A new stage of regional policy

*“Friends of Cohesion” meeting (Seville 18/01/08)*

#### *PB Position*



- *A regional policy for all Regions*
- *To continue a convergence policy*
- *Creation of a policy of territorial excellence*
- *Strengthen territorial cooperation*

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### Territorial Agenda

*The CPMR associated with the successive EU Presidencies*

*Participation in the preparatory meetings of the DGs and Informal Council of Ministers*



PORTUGAL 2007



La Présidence slovène de l'UE 2008



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#### **Territorial Cohesion**

*In preparation for the Green Paper on territorial cohesion, the CPMR has sent “Some indications about the concept and how it can be put into practice”*

*Joint work with DG REGIO*

*Participation in the “Territorial Cohesion and the Future of Regional Policy” Conference (30-31/10/08 in Paris)  
and in the Informal Ministerial Meeting (25-26/11/08)*



**Energy, agriculture and rural development**



**Governance: helping to establish an efficient territorial dialogue**



**External cooperation: expressing the opinion of peripheral maritime regions worldwide**

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#### **Transport**

*In preparation for the TEN-T review,  
re-launch of a working group*



#### **Research and innovation**

*The TN-RIS group paves the way towards extending to include the  
Geographical Commissions  
Working seminar in 2009  
Recruitment of a Director responsible for this sector*



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#### Employment – Training

*Seminar in Bayonne (1/10/08)*

*4 thematic workshops have been held*

*Creation of a working group on the **social inclusion of migrants***



#### Fisheries

*Continuation of the inter-regional meetings  
and participation in the Regional  
Advisory Committees on Fisheries*



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### **Energy and sustainable development**

*Increasing the CPMR's capacity to act in this sector*

*Seminars to develop **energy policies at regional level***

*PB Opinion on the "Energy-Climate package"*

*The territorial dimension in Kyoto 2 (nrg4SD Summit in St-Malo)*



### **The future of Agricultural Policy**

*"CPMR contribution on the reform of the CAP"*

*One day seminar in Nantes with Ms Fischer Boel and Mr Barnier*

*Cooperation with the FAO in liaison with FOGAR*



### **Sustainable tourism**

*2 seminars to prepare a position on the Blue Paper*



## The sea: a factor of competitiveness for maritime regions



**A legitimate role for the Regions in a future integrated maritime policy through interregional cooperation**



**Garanteeing clean and safe seas for coastal regions**



**Promoting coordinated and sustainable fisheries management**

## THE OBJECTIVES SET IN 2007 AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENT

### Third guideline *Promoting Europe of the Sea*



#### Europe of the Sea

*EU adoption of guidelines  
and a “1st action plan for an integrated maritime policy”*

*Analysis of the European Commission’s Blue Book, PB held 19/01/08*

*Creation of the Aquamarina group*

*Seminar in Gijon (19/11/07) with Jacques Barrot*

*Supporting the work of Luis Valente de Oliveira on the Motorways of the Sea*

# THE OBJECTIVES SET IN 2007 AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENT

## Fourth guideline

### *Taking account of the global dimension*



#### The impact of globalisation on the territories

*Scientific Council, Lisbon Globalisation and Territorial Development*

*2<sup>nd</sup> International Convention on a Regional and Local Approach to Development, Tangiers (12-14/05/08)*



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**Participation of Member Regions in EU development aid policies**  
“The Regions and development aid” and “The territorial approach to development: in favour of more effective and strategic aid”, responses to the European Commission

Creation of a partnership framework with DG Development

Support for the Geographical Commissions on neighbourhood policies

President’s participation in the **Development Days**



**The CPMR’s support for FOGAR and nrg4SD**

*Voluntary contributions from some Member Regions*

*The United Nations and the Directorates General External Relations,*

*Development and REGIO encourage the creation of FOGAR*



**THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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