



CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU

11 (afternoon)-12 (morning) June 2024, Shkodër (Albania)

Meeting venue: Grand Hotel Europa

Address: Sheshi "2 Prilli", Shkodër

- AGENDA -

(as of 11 June 2024)

TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2024 (afternoon)

Working languages: English, French, Greek, Italian and Spanish plus Albanian

12:30-14:00

Welcome light lunch and arrival of participants

14:00-14:45

SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION

- Welcome address by **Mr Edmond Ndou**, President of Regional Council of Shkodër
- Address by **Mr Loïg Chesnais-Girard**, President of the CPMR and President of Brittany Region
 - Approval of the minutes of the Political Bureau meeting held on 22 March 2024 in Patras (Western Greece)
 - Adoption of the agenda
- Presentation of CPMR work progress by **Ms Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR

Debate with Members of the Political Bureau

Moderated by Ms Eleni Marianou, Secretary General of the CPMR

14:45-15:45

SESSION 2: COHESION POLICY – Impact of Enlargement on Cohesion Policy and development traps

Introduced and chaired by Mr Filip Reinhag, Regional Commissioner, Region Gotland

- Presentation of the results of the CPMR Study on the “impact of Enlargement on EU Cohesion Policy” and reflection on “development traps” by **Mr Jorge Nuñez Ferrer**, CPMR Director for Cohesion Policy and EU Budget
- Intervention of **Mr Aldrin Dalipi**, President of Tirana Region and of the Albanian Association of Regions, 1st Vice-President of Adriatic Ionian Euroregion
- Debate with Members of the Political Bureau

Moderated by Mr Jorge Nuñez Ferrer, CPMR Director for Cohesion Policy and EU Budget



15:45-16:00 - Coffee Break

16:00-17:30

SESSION 2: COHESION POLICY - Exchange of views on reforming Cohesion Policy

*Chaired by **Mr Filip Reinhag**, Regional Commissioner, Region Gotland*

- Keynote speech by **Mr Benoît Nadler**, Deputy Head of Unit - Policy Development and Economic Analysis, DG REGIO, European Commission
- Debate with Members of the Political Bureau on proposals for the reform of future cohesion policy

*Moderated by **Mr Jorge Nuñez Ferrer**, CPMR Director for Cohesion Policy and EU Budget*

- Conclusions

17:30-18:30

SESSION 3: TRANSPORT - Focus on TEN-T Connecting Europe Facility

- Presentation of the CPMR Policy Position on the Connecting Europe Facility III by **Mr George Alexakis**, Vice Governor of Crete Region representing Mr Stavros Arnaoutakis, CPMR Vice-President in charge of Transport and Accessibility, Governor of Crete Region

- Debate with Members of the Political Bureau

*Moderated by **Ms Karin Smit Jacobs**, CPMR Director for Transport & Energy*

- Vote on the Policy Position on the Connecting Europe Facility III by **Mr George Alexakis**, Vice Governor of Crete Region

- Conclusions

19:00-19:15 - Departure from meeting venue

Sightseeing tour to Velipoja Beach

20:00 - Official dinner (venue: Velipoja Grand Europa Resort)

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2024 (morning)

Working languages: English, French, Greek, Italian and Spanish plus Albanian

<p>9:00-9:45</p>	<p>SESSION 4: CPMR DEBATE ON THE ELECTION RESULTS AND WAY FORWARD</p> <p><i>Chaired and introduced by Mr Loïg Chesnais-Girard, President of the CPMR and President of Brittany Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Keynote speech by Sir Graham Watson, former Member of the European Parliament – Debate with Members of the Political Bureau <p><i>Moderated by Ms Eleni Marianou, Secretary General of the CPMR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Conclusions
<p>9:45-10:30</p>	<p>SESSION 5: PROPOSALS FOR UPDATING THE STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation by Mr Davide Strangis, Deputy Secretary General of the CPMR – Debate with the Members of the Political Bureau – Summing up and next steps by Ms Eleni Marianou, Secretary General of the CPMR
<p>10:30-11:15</p>	<p>SESSION 6: HIGHLIGHTS FROM CPMR VICE PRESIDENTS AND ON THE EVOLUTION OF MACRO REGIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Marcos Ortuño, CPMR Vice-President for Climate and Energy and Regional Minister of the Presidency, Spokesperson and for External Action, Murcia Region. – Ms Talvikki Jori, CPMR Vice-President for Maritime Affairs and Member of the Regional Board, Region of Southwest Finland. – Updates on the evolution of EU Macroregions by Geographical Commissions
<p>11:15-11:45 - Coffee break Press Conference</p>	
<p>11:45-12:15</p>	<p>SESSION 7: INTERNAL BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial issues by Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen, 1st Vice-President and Treasurer of the CPMR (online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the 2023 annual accounts - Presentation by the Statutory Auditor of the progress of their work on the 2023 financial statements (remote connection) - Vote on the 2023 annual accounts - Update on the implementation of the 2024 budget (for information) - Presentation of the 2025 draft budget (for information) • 52nd General Assembly of the CPMR in Gozo (Malta) on 2-4 October 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the draft Agenda, by Ms Eleni Marianou, Secretary General of the CPMR - Approval by the Members of the CPMR Political Bureau

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of membership applications: Vlora Region (Albania) • Forthcoming meetings of the CPMR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Bureau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ March 2025, venue and date to be confirmed ▪ June 2025, venue and date to be confirmed General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2-4 October 2024, Gozo (Malta) ▪ November 2025, Barcelona (Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain)
12:15-13.30	<p>SESSION 8: FINAL DECLARATION 2024</p> <p><i>Chaired and introduced by Mr Loïg Chesnais-Girard, President of the CPMR and President of Brittany Region</i></p> <p>Debate with Members of the Political Bureau on the proposed CPMR Final Declaration to present at the CPMR General Assembly in October 2024</p> <p><i>Moderated by Mr Davide Strangis, Deputy Secretary General</i></p> <p>–Conclusions</p>
13:30-13:45	<p>Conclusions by Mr Loïg Chesnais-Girard, President of the CPMR and President of Brittany Region</p> <p style="text-align: center;">End of proceedings</p>
13:45 - Lunch in situ	