



Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions Gozo 2024

52nd CPMR General Assembly

2-4 October 2024 | Gozo (Malta)

Meeting venue: Gozo Conference & Expo Centre
100 Republic Street, Victoria (100 Triq ir-Repubblika, Ir-Rabat), Gozo

AGENDA

(3/10/2024)

Thursday 3 October 2024 – Afternoon

Working languages: English, French, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish

13.30-14.30

SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION

- Welcome by **Mr Clint Camilleri**, Minister for Gozo and Planning
- Address by **Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen**, Acting President of the CPMR, Councillor-Telemark County
 - Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly (November 2023)
 - Approval of the General Assembly Agenda
- Presentation of the CPMR Activity Report by **Ms Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR
- Debate
- Vote and approval of the CPMR Activity Report
- General policy debate on current CPMR priorities and activities
- Presentation of new CPMR Member Regions:
 - Central Ostrobothnia (Finland): **Mr Timo Pärkkä**, Chair of the Board
 - Regional Council of Vlora (Albania): **Mr Ervis Mocka**, Chairman

14.30-15.15

SESSION 2: FINAL DECLARATION PREPARATORY SESSION

- Presentation of the CPMR Final Declaration by **Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen**, Acting President of the CPMR, Councillor-Telemark County, and **Mr Davide Strangis**, Deputy Secretary General of the CPMR
- Debate with CPMR Member Regions
- Vote on the single amendments by the General Assembly

15.15-15.45: Coffee Break

15.45-16.30

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Proposed amendments to the CPMR Statutes (Vote)
- Information on amendments to the Rules of the Procedure

16.30-16.45

Ratification of the Political Bureau Members by the General Assembly

17.00-18.30

MEETING OF THE NEW CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU (Members only)

Including Election of the CPMR President and Vice-Presidents and nomination of the Treasurer of the CPMR

NB: A detailed agenda will be distributed to the Political Bureau Members in Gozo

19.00: Bus transfer from Gozo Conference & Expo Centre to dinner venue

19.30: Gala Dinner (Gozitan Night at Santa Lucija Square)

22.30: Bus transfer to hotels

Friday 4 October 2024

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Transfers from hotels to Conference Centre:

07.15: for delegates attending the breakfast debate / **08.15:** for the rest of delegates

8.00-9.00

Special breakfast debate on women's empowerment in politics (Room 2)

With the participation of representatives from the Mediterranean Youth Council and the North Sea Commission Youth Initiative

- Introduction by **Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen**, Councillor, Telemark County
- From Gozo to the European Parliament: Keynote speech by **Ms Josianne Cutajar**, MEP 2019-2024
- Actions from Gozo Government by **Mr Joseph Farrugia**, Manager II, Policy Development and Programme Implementation Directorate, Ministry for Gozo and Planning
- Address from **Ms Antonella Bugeja**, Member of the Mediterranean Youth Council
- Interactive exchange among CPMR Members and young representatives
- Next steps: the CPMR Equality Week 2024, by **Basque Country Representative**, Chair of the CPMR Gender Task Force (*tbc*)

8.30-9.00: Welcome coffee

9.00-9.45

SESSION 3: INTRODUCTORY SESSION

- Welcome speech by **Mr Clint Camilleri**, Minister for Gozo and Planning
- Video address by **Mrs Elisa Ferreira**, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
- Address and introduction by the **President of the CPMR**
- Keynote speech by **Mr Younous Omarjee**, Vice-President of the European Parliament in charge of relations with Regions, Cities, Islands and Outermost Regions
- Approval and vote of the CPMR Final Declaration by the General Assembly

9.45-11.00

SESSION 4: BUILDING A BUDGET FIT FOR EUROPE'S FUTURE

Chaired and introduced by the President of the CPMR

Moderated by Ms Eleni Marianou, CPMR Secretary General

- Introduction and presentation by the **President of the CPMR** of the Reflection paper on reform proposals for the future of the EU budget based on territorial cohesion
- Address by **Mr Damian Boeselager**, Member of the European Parliament
- Damien Video address by **Mr Enrico Letta**, former Prime Minister of Italy, author of "Much more than a market" (April 2024) on the Future of the Single Market (*tbc*)
- Debate with CPMR Member Regions
- Vote on the CPMR Policy Position on the future EU Budget post 2027
- Conclusions

11.00-11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-12.45	<p>SESSION 5: PRESERVING AND ENHANCING TERRITORIAL COHESION POST 2027</p> <p><i>Chaired and introduced by the CPMR Vice President in charge of Cohesion Policy</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Mr Jorge Nuñez Ferrer, CPMR Director for Cohesion Policy and EU Budget</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote speech by Mr Piotr Zuber, Principal Advisor to the Polish Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy and Senior Lecturer at the University of Warsaw • Keynote speech by Mr Nicola De Michelis, Deputy Director-General, DG REGIO, European Commission • Debate with CPMR Member Regions • Proposal of a strategy to publish the files on the various policy areas with the support of the regions • Q & A by members • Conclusions
<p>12.45-14.00 – Lunch (Gozo Conference & Expo Centre)</p>	
14.00-15.00	<p>SESSION 6: FORGING A CLIMATE-RESILIENT EUROPE</p> <p><i>Chaired and introduced by the CPMR Vice President in charge of Climate</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Mr Davide Strangis, CPMR Deputy Secretary General</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote speech by Mr Markku Markkula, CoR appointed Rapporteur and President of the Board of Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council • Debate with CPMR Member Regions • Presentation of the CPMR Policy Position on Climate Adaptation by Mr Sergio Arjona Jiménez, Regional Vice-Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, Government of Andalusia • Vote on the CPMR Policy Position • Conclusions
15.00-16.00	<p>SESSION 7: MARITIME AFFAIRS - SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES</p> <p><i>Chaired and introduced by the CPMR Vice President in charge of Maritime Affairs</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Mr Giuseppe Sciacca, CPMR Director for Maritime Affairs and Climate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Christophe Clergeau, Member of the European Parliament • Mr Thomas Bajada, Member of the European Parliament • Debate with CPMR Member Regions • Presentation of the CPMR Policy Position by Mr Antonio Basanta, Director General for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Technological Innovation, Government of Galicia • Vote on the CPMR Policy Position • Conclusions
<p>16.00-16.30 -Coffee break</p>	

16.30-17.30	<p>SESSION 8: CPMR ENERGY PRIORITIES & COOPERATION ON GREEN HYDROGEN VALLEYS</p> <p><i>Chaired and introduced by Ms Louise Åsenfors, First Vice President of the Environmental and Regional Development Committee, Region Västra Götaland, Chair of the CPMR Energy Working Group</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Ms Karin Smit Jacobs, CPMR Director for Transport and Energy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by Mr Vincent Berrutto, Head of Unit “Digitalization, Competitiveness, Research and Innovation, DG ENER, European Commission • Speech by Ambassador Lazăr Comănescu, Secretary General, Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) - Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) • Debate with CPMR Member Regions • Presentation on Hydrogen activities and draft policy position by Ms Marta Marin, Delegate of the Basque Country's mission to the EU (<i>outgoing Basque Government Chair</i>) • Vote on the CPMR Policy Position on hydrogen valleys • Conclusions
17.30-18.15	<p>SESSION 9: FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial issues by the (outgoing) Treasurer of the CPMR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the 2023 annual accounts - Vote - Update on the implementation of the 2024 budget - Presentation of the 2025 draft budget – Vote • Vote of confidence in the Secretary General by the General Assembly (cf. CPMR Statutes, point 7.4.d) • Update on PB work Internal procedures, governance and transparency of the CPMR by Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen, outgoing Acting President of the CPMR • Forthcoming meetings of the CPMR <p>Political Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ March 2025, venue and date to be confirmed ▪ June 2025, venue and date to be confirmed <p>General Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2025, Barcelona (Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain) • Autumn 2026, Rogaland (Norway)
18.15-18.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing address by the President of the CPMR <p style="text-align: center;">End of proceedings</p>
<p>19.00: Cultural event: European night of music and reception Venue: Astra Theatre (short walk from meeting venue) 22.00: Bus transfer to hotels</p>	

Saturday 5 October 2024

8.30-11.15: Cultural Visit in Gozo

See separate programme for more details