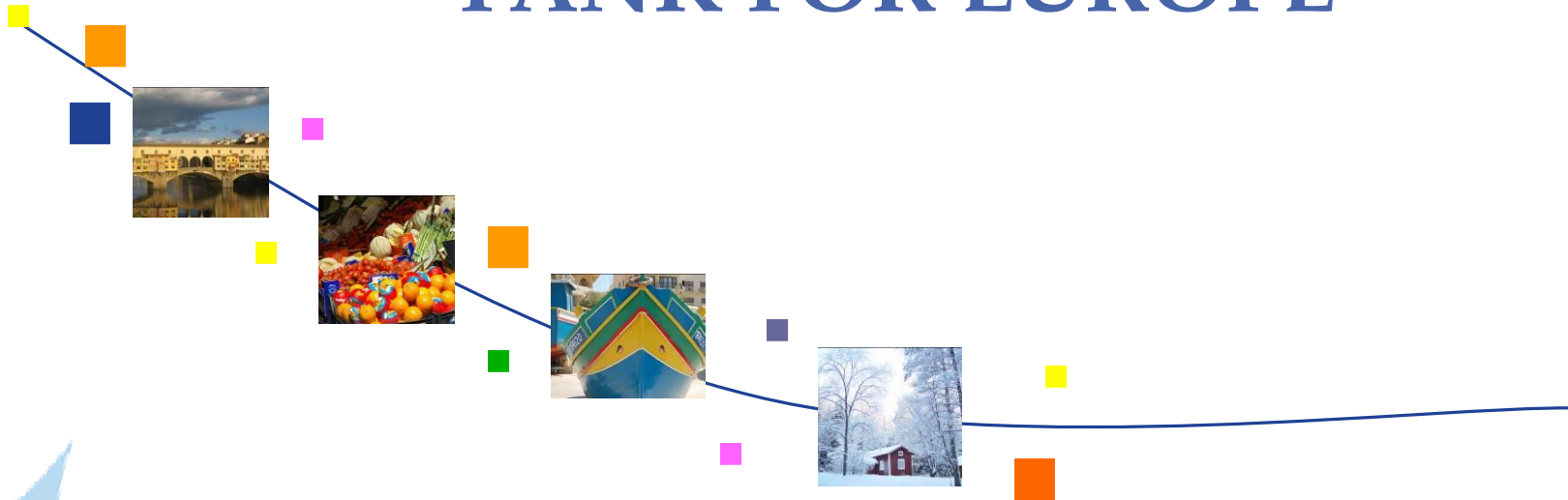


CPMR, NOT JUST A LOBBY, BUT A THINK TANK FOR EUROPE



Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)



- A think tank and a lobby for European Regions
- Independent of EU institutions
- Main focus on Maritime, Energy and Transport Issues, Cohesion Policy, European Governance and Development
- Maritime basin regions

SET UP IN 1973 ON THE BASIS OF A THREE FOLD 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 interfaces



MAIN ACTIVITIES

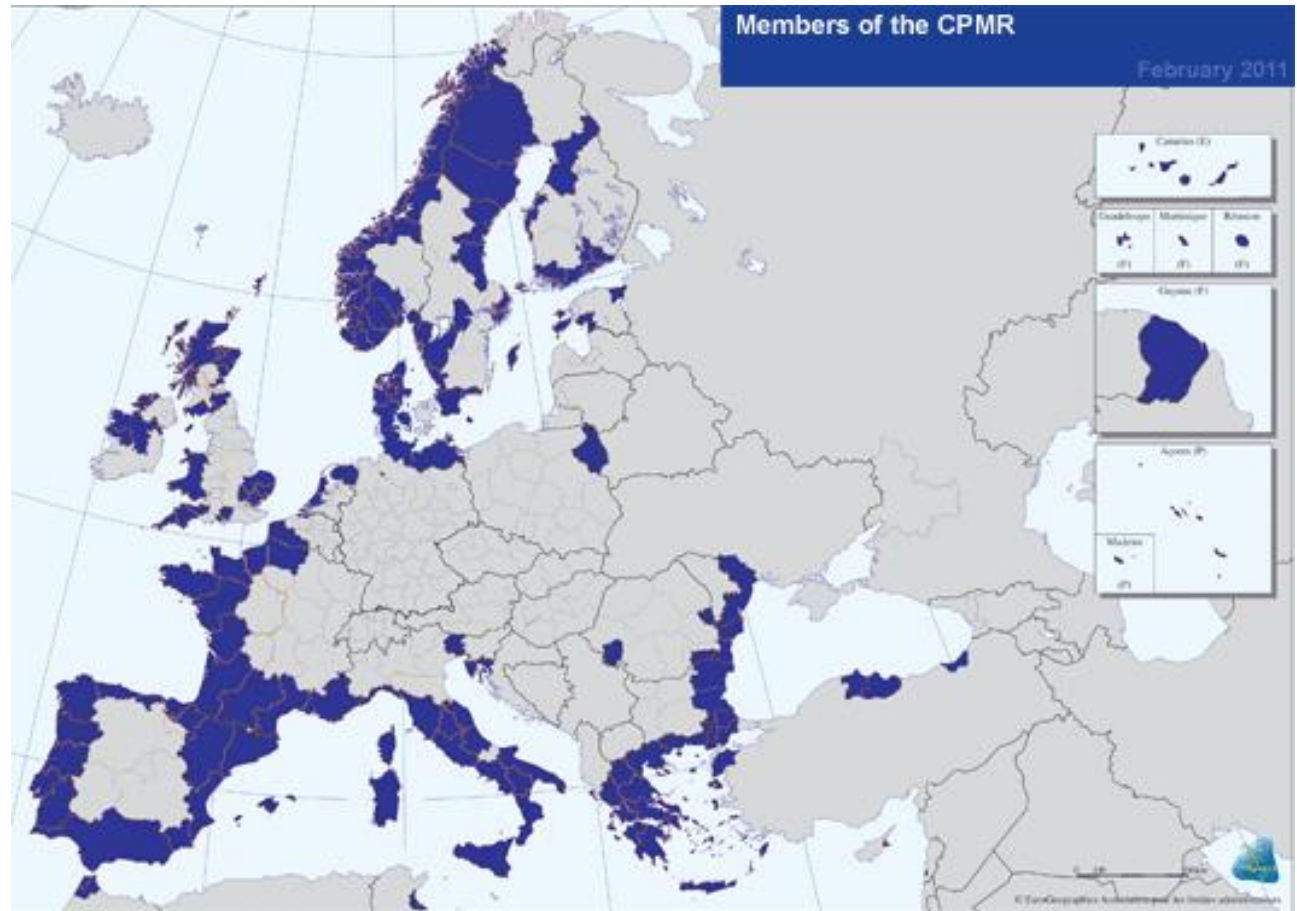
3 main priorities

- Cohesion
- Maritime issues
- Accessibility



MEMBERS

- 161 Regions
- 28 EU member and non-member States
- 200 million inhabitants
- 6 Geographical Commissions



A COMMON ORGANISATION AND 6 GEOGRAPHICAL COMMISSIONS

Islands
Commission



North Sea
Commission



Baltic Sea
Commission



Conference
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Maritime Regions
of Europe

Arc Atlantic
Commission



Balkan and Black
Sea Regional
Commission



Intermediterranean
Commission



CPMR Baltic Sea Commission (BSC)



- One of the Geographical Commissions of the CPMR
- **Secretariat in Helsinki-Uusimaa Region 2011–2014**
- Strong focus on the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
- Extensive contact network in Europe as a part of the CPMR

Baltic Sea Commission

Baltic Sea Commission is organising 23 regions in seven countries around the Baltic Sea, including Nordland in Norway

- FINLAND [Helsinki-Uusimaa](#), [Kymenlaakso](#), [Päijät-Häme](#),
 - [Oulu Region](#), [Ostrobothnia](#), [South-West Finland](#)
 - SWEDEN, [Stockholm](#), [Blekinge](#), [Gotland](#), [Gävleborg](#), [Norrbottnen](#),
 - [Skåne](#), [Västerbotten](#), [Västra Götaland](#), [Västernorrland](#), [Örebro](#)
 - GERMANY [Mecklenburg-Vorpommern](#)
 - ESTONIA [Hiiumaa/Dagö](#), [Saaremaa/Ösel](#), [Pärnumaa](#), [IdaVirumaa](#)
 - POLAND [Podlaskie](#)
 - NORWAY [Nordland](#)
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Baltic Sea Commission

President of BSC

Mr. Jari Sainio,
Helsinki-Uusimaa (Finland)

Executive Committee, vice-presidents,
7 members

Secretariat in Helsinki-Uusimaa Region
Executive Secretary: Janne Tamminen



CPMR Baltic Sea Commission MSP

- Specific work has been launched on the maritime dimension of the EUSBSR, and its links with the Regions.
- Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Management in line with the work carried out at CPMR level in that field, BSC will continue following debates concerning the next steps of the action of the European Union, especially in relation with the MSP Directive



- Specific work on MSP was done by CPMR and BSC over the past years, in line with negotiations of the draft directive
- Main elements put forward by CPMR-BSC regions :
 - Need for subsidiarity and involvement of the regions. The final text is positive on this since there are provisions referring to involvement of all authorities in the process.
 - Need to keep strong connexion between MSP and ICZM. Directive is now only on MSP but link to ICZM is mentioned : interpretation of this should be ambitious.
 - Need for cross-border dimension. On this, regions regret that the original text was weakened.



MSP directive should be a tool for the Integrated Maritime Policy, in link with EU policies concerning areas covered by MSP directive.

At national and regional levels, implementation of MSP directive will generate interactions with several sectors such as : fisheries, maritime industries, tourism, renewable energy...

CPMR and BSC active in all these fields.



Next steps in work of the CPMR-BSC on MSP :

- Follow-up of the implementation of the MSP directive through CPMR working group connected with Geographical Commissions in all EU basins
- Increase of work at sea basin level, through projects.
- Stronger links with other organizations at sea-basin levels (e.g. HELCOM-VASAB)



**Chairmanship
Helsinki-Uusimaa
2013-2014**



BSSSC

- The Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC)
- A political network for decentralised authorities (subregions) in the Baltic Sea Region
- Germany, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Russia



BSSSC

- Chairperson (a two-year period)
- Board consisting of two representatives of each country
- Secretariat (follows the Chairperson)
- Ad hoc Working groups
- Annual Conference
- BSSSC Newsletter and Brussels Antenna
- Co-operation with other Baltic Sea Region and European organisations and institutions



