

# 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



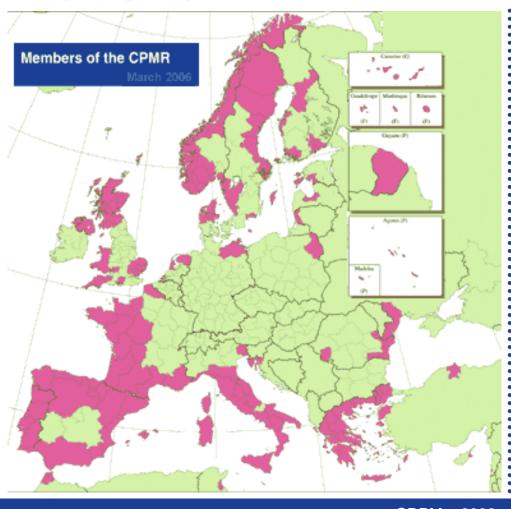
Disparities in competitiveness between the central part of Europe and its peripheries



Insufficient enhancement of Europe's maritime dimension



# A WIDE NETWORK



- 154 Regions
- 26 States
- 170 million inhabitants

6 Geographical Commissions



#### A WIDE NETWORK

# A polycentric structure based on 6 Geographical Commissions







Baltic Sea Commission

Inter-Mediterranean Commission

Balkans/ Black Sea Commission





# **DIVERSE MEANS OF ACTION**

#### THE REGIONS OF THE CPMR

Organising cooperation

Articulating common interests

CRPM CPMR

A representative voice

An active source of proposals

Negotiator



With regard to the EU



With regard to the member states



### THE CPMR IN BRUSSELS

#### Brussels office



The office was set up in 1997



The office is part of the General Secretariat



The office forwards the messages of CPMR Regions to the key actors in Brussels



### THE CPMR IN BRUSSELS

# 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** 







#### REDUCING PERIPHERALITY

# A more balanced development of the European territory



A regional policy focused on cohesion



Taking better account of territorial specificities

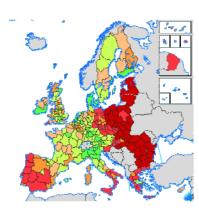


Territorial cooperation to promote the competitiveness of sea basins



Competition rules guided by the cohesion principle







#### REDUCING PERIPHERALITY

#### 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



# ENHANCING THE MARITIME DIMENSION

### 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** 



### OTHER KEY TOPICS





**Energy, agriculture and rural development** 





Governance: helping to establish an efficient territorial dialogue





External cooperation: expressing the opinion of peripheral maritime regions worldwide



# **THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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