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

**The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR - [www.crpm.org](http://www.crpm.org))** brings together some 160 regions from 28 Member States, both members and non-members of the European Union. Representing almost 200 million people, it campaigns in favour of a more balanced development of the Community territory.

In its dealings with EU institutions and national Governments the CPMR has, since 1973, been targeting its action towards ensuring the needs and interests of its member Regions' territories are taken into account in respect of policies with a high territorial impact, e.g. Cohesion, Maritime issues, EU 2020 strategy and budget, Governance, Agriculture and rural development, Research and innovation, Transports, Energy and climate change, Employment and social inclusion, Neighborhood and Development.

In order to foster regional development and territorial cohesion in Europe, the association also acts as an incubator for cooperation projects between its members. The CPMR is sub-divided into 6 Geographical Commissions centred on the Union's seas (Islands, Atlantic, Mediterranean, Baltic, North Sea, Balkans/Black Sea) and, as such, initiates and facilitates cooperation projects between the regions on shared issues of concern.

The CPMR's member regions often constitute Europe's seaboard, with assets - such as exchanges with the rest of the world, outstanding environment, good quality of life, major marine resources - and difficulties - remoteness from economic and decision-making centres, pollution due to shortcomings in the maritime safety system, lack of infrastructures. Their joint work, through the CPMR acting as a 'think-tank' agent, aims to ensure that their actions, together with those of national governments and the European Union, help to reduce their handicaps and enhance their assets.

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