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CPMR APPEALS FOR A MARITIME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The 160 European maritime Regions of the CPMR are keen to take forward and develop the integrated EU maritime policy launched in 2004 and implemented by Commissioner Borg following its adoption by the Council of Heads of States and Governments in December 2007.

A few months ahead of the end of the first two-year action plan agreed by the Council in 2007, they want the new European Parliament to help provide the EU with the instruments needed to support a truly integrated and cross-cutting maritime agenda. This will be a decisive element in the new drivers for the development of the EU in the context of regulated globalisation.

To this end, Claudio Martini, President of the CPMR and of Tuscany Region, has addressed [a letter to the Presidents of the Political Groups](#) inviting them to organise Parliament with a view to addressing this challenge. He suggests that at the inaugural plenary session on 14 to 16 July they might agree to set up a specific Committee dedicated to maritime and coastal affairs.

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