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MEETING OF THE CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU

Friday 19 February 2016

Meeting venue: Provincial Council of Noord-Holland, Haarlem

AGENDA

(16/02/2016)

Thursday 18 February 2016

9.00 – 17.00 Conference on Maritime Investment (Members of the Political Bureau are invited to attend this Conference)

18.30 – 19.30: Welcoming reception at restaurant Parck (Frederikspark 2, Haarlem)

19.30: Gala dinner at restaurant Parck

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9.00 Welcome address by **Mr Cees Loggen**, Regional Minister, Province of Noord-Holland

9.05 Speech by **Mr Roald Lapperre**, Director Water Policy & Water Safety and Deputy Director General at the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment

9.15 Opening speech by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores

- Approval of the minutes of the Political Bureau in Florence (5 November 2015, sent with the minutes of the General Assembly in Florence, December 2015)
- Adoption of this agenda

SESSION 1: CPMR WORK PLAN FOR 2016

9.20 Presentation of the CPMR Work Plan for 2016 by **Mrs Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR

9.30 Debate with Members

SESSION 2: THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION BUDGET

9.45 Introduction by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores – Presentation of a Technical Paper “The mid-term review of the EU budget: issues at stake of CPMR Regions”

Session moderated by Mr Nicolas Brookes, CPMR Director

10.00 **Mr Jean Arthuis**, Chair of the Budget Committee, European Parliament

10.20 Debate with Members, moderated by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores

SESSION 3: STATE AID

10.45 Presentation of a Technical Paper “Perspectives for CPMR action on state aid”, by **Mr Nicolas Brookes**, CPMR Director

10.55 Debate with Members, moderated by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores

11.15 -11.45: Coffee break

SESSION 4: ACCESSIBILITY AND MARITIME TRANSPORT

11.45 Introduction and moderation by **Mr Patrick Anvroin**, CPMR Director

11.55 Round table of Geographical Commissions: Prospects for action in the field of transport

- **Mr Francisco Martín Gallego**, AAC Presidency – Regional Minister of Innovation, Industry, Trade and Tourism, Government of Cantabria
- **Mr Jari Sainio**, President of the Baltic Sea Commission and Vice-Chairman of the Board, Region Helsinki-Uusimaa
- **Mr Steven Heddle**, President of Islands Commission and Convener of Orkney Islands Council
- **Mrs Kerstin Brunnström**, Acting President of the North Sea Commission, Regional Councillor, Region Västra Götaland

12.45 Summing up and conclusions

13.00 – 14.00: Buffet/Lunch on site

SESSION 5: MARITIME AFFAIRS

14.00 Introduction by **Mr Georges Alexakis**, Regional Councillor, Crete Region and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Maritime Affairs – Presentation of the CPMR maritime agenda

Session moderated by Mr Damien Périssé, CPMR Director

14.10 **Focus on the Vasco Da Gama project: Mr Reinhard Boest**, Director, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

14.15 **Mr Lodewijk Abspoel**, Senior Advisor North Sea Policy IMP and MSP, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment: Maritime priorities of the Netherlands Presidency of the EU

14.25 Debate on the CPMR maritime agenda and maritime priorities of the Netherlands Presidency

14.45 Speech on Maritime Spatial Planning, by **Mr Cees Loggen**, Regional Minister, Province of Noord-Holland

14.55 Debate on the role of Regions in Maritime Spatial Planning

15.25 Summing up and conclusions

SESSION 6: CLIMATE

15.30 Introduction and moderation by **Mr Rogier Van Der Sande**, Regional Minister of Zuid-Holland and Vice-President of the CPMR in charge of Energy and Climate – Presentation of the COP21 conclusions

15.40 **Mrs Beatriz Yordi Aguirre**, Head of Unit “Adaptation”, DG Climate Action, European Commission

15.50 **Mr Mark Dijk**, Program Manager External Affairs, Port of Rotterdam

16.00 Debate with Members

16.30 – 17.00: Coffee break

SESSION 7: SPEAKERS' CORNER: "BRING IN THE DUTCH! WATER SAFETY APPROACH 2.0"

- 17.00** Documentary presented by **Mr Cees Loggen**, Regional Minister, Province of Noord-Holland
- 17.10** Debate involving members of the PB / CPMR Geographical Commissions:
- **Mr Francesco Martín Gallego**, AAC Presidency – Regional Minister of Innovation, Industry, Trade and Tourism, Government of Cantabria
 - **Mr Mircea Stoian**, President of Balkan and Black Sea Commission and County Councillor, Tulcea County Council
 - **Mrs Annika Annerby Jansson**, Vice-President, Region Skåne and Member of the Baltic Sea Commission
 - **Mr Konstantinos Karpetas**, Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission and Deputy President of the Region Dytiki Ellada
 - **Mr Steven Heddle**, President of Islands Commission and Convener of Orkney Islands Council
- 17.50** Summing up and conclusions by **Mr Cees Loggen**, Regional Minister, Province of Noord-Holland
- 18.00** Information on the CPMR contribution to the consultation on the new Renewable Energy Directive post-2020 by **Mr Alexis Chatzimpiros**, Adviser Energy/Islands

18.05 – 18.15 - SESSION 8: FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

FINANCIAL ISSUES by **Mrs Gunn Marit Helgesen**, 1st Vice-President and Treasurer of the CPMR

- Estimated income and expenditure for 2015/2016

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores

- Ratification of the Internal Rules of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Attiki (Greece)
- Sousse (Tunisia)

SESSION 9: MISCELLANEOUS

- 18.15** **NEXT MEETING OF THE CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU**
- 17 June 2016, Kotka (Kymenlaakso, Finland)
- NEXT CPMR GENERAL ASSEMBLY (44th)**
- 2-4 November 2016, Ponta Delgada (Azores, Portugal)
- 18.25** Summing up and conclusions by **Mr Vasco Cordeiro**, President of the CPMR and President of the Government of the Azores and **Mrs Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR
- 18.30** End of proceeding

19.30: Dinner/Bufferet

Venue: Restaurant Stempels, Klokhuisplein 9, Haarlem (12 minute walk from the Regional Assembly and a stone's throw away from the Amrath and Ambassador hotels)

END OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU EVENT