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## LEADERSHIP ON THE SUBJECT OF MARITIME POLICY BY BRITTANY: *SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AQUAMARINA GROUP*

*(Draft)*

### I. MANDATE

The decision to set up this group was taken by the CPMR General Assembly held on 19th October 2007 in Florence. The chairmanship of the group was given to the Brittany.

Brittany's general task as a pilot Region is to set up the resources required to prepare points of view (resolutions, technical memos, reports etc.) for the CPMR's executive bodies (General Assembly, Political Bureau, Presidency) on all issues relating to the integrated European maritime policy.

### II. TIMETABLE AND AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT

The group's work will lie within the timetable of Community progress in this respect, in particular in the follow-up to the European Commission's publication of the Blue Book on maritime policy on 10th October 2007.

The group is scheduled to operate for two years, 2008 and 2009, which corresponds to the period of implementation of the Action Plan accompanying the Blue Book. If appropriate, its duration could be extended, depending on the CPMR's priorities and the situation within the Community.

There will be two main areas of concern:

- monitoring the Blue Book and the EU Action Plan to maintain strong involvement on the part of the CPMR network and executive bodies and to enable the CPMR to react to the continuation of the Action Plan;
- and, for certain priority subject areas, an analysis of the needs for change in Community policies that are not covered in the Blue Book and the Action Plan. This will enable the CPMR to table proposals to the EU on such topics. An open-ended list of priorities will be drafted at the group's first meeting.

Through its meetings, the Aquamarina group will strengthen the ties between maritime regions and will provide a platform for discussions on past experience.

### III. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

The group's membership will consist of the following:

- representatives of interested Regions with recognised expertise in the relevant subject i.e. politicians or executives from regional authorities.
- Executive Secretaries of the relevant Geographical Commissions.
- representatives from Brittany Regional Council and the General Secretariat of the CPMR.

Where appropriate, observers or experts/speakers may be invited to attend meetings by mutual agreement of the organisers.

The meetings will be chaired by the President of Brittany Regional Council, Jean-Yves Le Drian, or his representative.

All Regions that are members of the CPMR and that have an interest in this subject area are invited to take part in the Group. The General Secretariat will send out an invitation to all member Regions for the first meeting.

For reasons relating to finance (cost of meals), logistics (room size) and quality of work, the meetings cannot involve more than 45 people. If this was the case, the organisers would suggest a "fallback" solution.

### IV. OPERATING CONDITIONS

The **Aquamarina Group** will meet approximately 3 times a year.

The Group will be assisted by a **Technical Committee** which will meet regularly and establish a limited network of technical executives in the Regions to discuss maritime issues. A member of the CPMR General Secretariat will also be part of the Committee. Its role will be to closely monitor the Blue Book and the Action Plan. It will prepare meetings of the Aquamarina Group and provide a link between thematic commissions.

The Aquamarina Group may provide for the setting up of **Thematic Commissions** with a brief to give greater consideration to specific subjects linked to maritime policy.

The group's working languages will be French and English.

Each member of the Group will be responsible for his/her own travelling expenses and accommodation.

### VI. LEADERSHIP - COORDINATION

The Group will be led by the Brittany Region, acting jointly with the CPMR General Secretariat.

**Aquamarina Group:** The Aquamarina Group will meet in Brussels or in another location at the invitation of any participating Region wishing to host such a meeting. The host Region (or, for meetings in Brussels, the Brittany Region) shall ensure the availability of the following resources:

- Meeting rooms;
- Simultaneous translation in English/French during meetings
- Organisation and funding of the Group's lunch during the meeting

In all cases, the Brittany Region will pay for the following:

- Preparation of minutes of the meetings
- Funding of travelling and accommodation expenses for experts taking part in meetings at the request of the CPMR and the Brittany Region.

**Technical Committee:** the Brittany Region shall ensure the availability of the following resources for the technical committee:

- Meeting rooms;
- Organisation and funding of the group's lunch;
- If necessary, simultaneous translation in English/French .

The possible shared forms of strategic intelligence relating to the Blue Book and the Action Plan will be established by mutual agreement between the members of the Technical Committee.

**Thematic Commissions:** the Commissions will be chaired by any Region or Geographical Commission which asks to do so. The Region or Geographical Commission in charge of a meeting shall organise as many meetings of the Thematic Commission as it considers necessary.

The CPMR shall provide secretarial services for the group and shall assist with the preparation of meetings. It will be responsible for the costs of translation of the documents submitted to the Political Bureau and the General Assembly, preparatory documents and minutes of meetings.