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### THE CPMR IN MALAGA FOR THE INFORMAL TERRITORIAL POLICY MINISTERS MEETING

The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), in the framework of the Informal Territorial Policy Ministers Meeting which took place in Malaga (ES) on 17 March 2010, expressed its satisfaction with the commitment of the Spanish Presidency to make the regional dimension of the EU one of its priorities.

*"We are in agreement with the policy orientations highlighted in the EU2020 Strategy, however we must now ensure an effective delivery of those orientations by strengthening the EU cohesion policy,"* declared **Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR who spoke during the debates.

The Secretary General also invited the 27 Member State Ministers to include *"a plea for a strong cohesion policy for all European regions thus ensuring multi-level governance and an integrated approach become the right course for an effective implementation of the 2020 Strategy"* in the conclusions of this [informal meeting](#).

This ministerial meeting, held under the Presidency of **Manuel Chaves**, Spanish Minister for Territorial Policy, and former President of Andalucía, a very active CPMR member, bears witness to the Spanish government's determination to position cohesion policy and multi-level governance at the forefront of the European Union policy priorities. Throughout the Spanish presidency, **President Chaves** has demonstrated full commitment to strengthening the territorial dimension of European Union policies and promoting a more predominant role for local and regional authorities from the conception of those policies.

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