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EUROPEAN REGIONS MEET IN GÖTEBORG TO DISCUSS THE CRISIS

From 1 to 2 October 2009, the [Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions](#) will meet for its General Assembly at the invitation of Roland ANDERSSON, President of the Regional Executive Board of Västra Götaland.

The global economic crisis will be at the heart of discussions during this Assembly held in Göteborg. Indeed, a presentation of the CPMR's reflection on the impact of the crisis on European regions and on the measures they have taken to tackle it will show the differences among EU regions. Hopefully some initial lessons for the future will emerge from the discussions and above all, some concrete measures related to the expertise within the regions will be presented to the EU Commission and Parliament.

Rudolf NIESSLER, Director for Regional Policy at the European Commission and Jöran HAGGLUND, Swedish State Secretary, Ministry of Enterprise, representing the Swedish EU Presidency will participate in the discussions and will be invited to give their opinion on what the challenges will be for the European Union in the upcoming years.

Among the policies to aid recovery from the crisis, research and innovation are definitely very important. Annika ANNERBY JANSSON, President of Region Skåne (SE) and Alain BENETEAU, Vice-President of Midi-Pyrénées Regional Council (FR) will be the testimonials for CPMR regions and will highlight the importance of the role of the Regions in the European research and innovation area together with new initiatives launched by the CPMR in this field. Moreover, Vicente ÁLVAREZ ARECES, President of Asturias (ES), Ramón Luis VALCARCEL SISO, President of Murcia (ES) and Claudio MARTINI, President of Tuscany (IT) will be also among the speakers talking about maritime and fisheries issues and the global crisis.

Furthermore in Göteborg, CPMR regions will discuss their expectations of the international agreement on the climate change that hopefully will be reached in Copenhagen in December. Indeed, speaking of climate change, the involvement of the sub-national level of governance is necessary as regions are responsible for 80% of mitigation actions and almost 100% of adaptation actions.

The meeting venue for the CPMR General Assembly is the Svenska Mässan - Swedish Exhibition & Congress Centre - at Mässans Gata, Göteborg, (Entrance no 8).

A press conference is scheduled for Thursday 1 October 2009 at 11.00.

A [detailed agenda](#) and [the list of participants](#) are available at www.cpmr.org.

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