



CPMR BALKAN & BLACK SEA COMMISSION

Regional Business Forum

“Boosting Black Sea Blue Biz – 4BIZ”

9-10 May 2024, Varna - Bulgaria

Stavros Kalognomos, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Balkan & Black Sea Commission



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CRPM

The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)



 **150**
Member
Regions
24 countries

6 Policy areas
Cohesion | Transport | Energy | Climate
Maritime & Fisheries | Migration

6 Geographical
Commissions

 **200**
million
people

Since
1973



+40 Permanent
Staff



General Secretariat



Regular partner & interlocutor



Commission
Parliament
Council

+20
Ongoing
European &
Cooperation
Projects



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Stavros Arnaoutakis

*Vice-President for Transport & Accessibility
Governor, Crete Region (Greece)*



6 Geographical Commissions

- Corresponding to Europe's main **sea basins** and the **Islands**
- Assuring the **specific interests** and **promotion** of the 150 CPMR member regions
- Allowing to focus on the major **common challenges** in each territory
- A **stronger joint voice**, creating **synergies** & reducing overlaps
- Actively **contributing to the work of the CPMR** and its core policy positions



CPMR ATLANTIC ARC
COMMISSION



CPMR BALKAN & BLACK
SEA COMMISSION



CPMR BALTIC SEA
COMMISSION



CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN
COMMISSION



CPMR ISLANDS
COMMISSION



CPMR NORTH SEA
COMMISSION

The CPMR is:

- More than the voice of peripheral and maritime regions in Europe
- The most influential regional organisation in Brussels
- A quick reacting General Secretariat well connected to decision-making
- A highly competent team with direct access to European officials
- A source of expertise and information for the European institutions
- A strong impact on policy via excellent papers and analysis



The CPMR is:

- Strong knowledge building through an extensive network
- A two-way exchange channel with the European Institutions
- A network to meet, learn, exchange & cooperate with reliable partners
- High-level working groups providing valuable information to members
- Expert analysis and studies on various priority issues
- A strong influence in European negotiations



Priority Policy Areas



Cohesion Policy & European Budget



Transport & Accessibility



Maritime Affairs & Fisheries



Energy



Climate



Migration

The CPMR in 3 keywords

- **INFLUENCE:** the most influential regional organisation in Brussels well-connected to decision-making and a source of expertise and information for the European institutions
- **EXPERTISE:** a long-standing and consistent presence with highly professional and articulated positions on the key policy concerns of it's members
- **VISIBILITY:** Visibility of it's member regions through high level events and bilateral meetings with Commissioners, Ministers and other regional Presidents

Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas Intergroup (SEArica) of the European Parliament



With the support of the CPMR, Intergroup's Secretariat



Chair: MEP Tonino PICULA (HR)

Vice Chairs responsible for

- **Climate & Governance**
- **SMEs & Digitalisation**
- **Fisheries & Social Issues**
- **Biodiversity & Ocean Literacy**
- **Marine & Maritime Research**
- **Blue Economy, Maritime Industries & Ports**
- **Tourism & Mediterranean (MEP Vangelis MEIMARAKIS - GR)**
- **Maritime Transport & North Sea**
- **Danube & Black Sea (MEP Carmen AVRAM - RO)**
- **Islands**
- **Outermost Regions**
- **Atlantic**
- **Baltic Sea**
- **Arctic**

**INTERGROUP
SEAS, RIVERS, ISLANDS
AND COASTAL AREAS**



Cooperation with the wider Black Sea region



Memoranda of Understanding and Cooperation Agreement with



Union for the Mediterranean
Union pour la Méditerranée
الاتحاد من أجل المتوسط



There is also a [CPMR Adriatic-Ionian Task Force](#)
and we have been the Coordinator of the [AI-NURECC PLUS](#) Initiative.

Cooperation Projects Report 2022-2023



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Some projects promoting sustainability in the wider Black Sea region and Europe





MINE-EMI



- Coordinated by the Piri Reis University (Türkiye), the Maritime Innovative Network of Education for Emerging Maritime Issues (MINE-EMI) Project focused on the elaboration of a Joint Master Programme (JMPs) that facilitates developing skills and competences to raise awareness on emerging maritime issues in the wider Black Sea region, in order to promote sustainable management of the maritime sector in the region.
- The consortium consisted of: Piri Reis University (Türkiye), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy (Bulgaria), Marine Cluster Bulgaria, University of the Aegean (Greece), Municipality of Piraeus (Greece), Constanta Maritime University (Romania)



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MINE-EMI



- The first [Master's Degree Programmes](#) by Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy are already available:
 - Integrated Maritime Policy
 - Port and Ship Operations
 - Port management and Logistics
- Piri Reis University has initiated an international “[Master Programme in Maritime Business and Economics](#)” that exactly reflects the MINE-EMI spirit and is open to foreign students as well as partners’ attendance



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iSOL-MET



- Coordinated by the University of the Aegean (Greece), the innovative SOft Skills to Maritime Education and Training (iSOL-MET) Project focused on the creation of a comprehensive Maritime skills course programme for multidisciplinary and multicultural groups of students – through case study methodology – aiming to bridge the gap between the shipping world requirement and the needs of maritime universities’ students and maritime professionals.
- The consortium consisted of: University of the Aegean (Greece), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy (Bulgaria), PPP Learn (Greece), Maritime University of Szczecin (Poland), Constanta Maritime University (Romania), Piri Reis University (Türkiye)



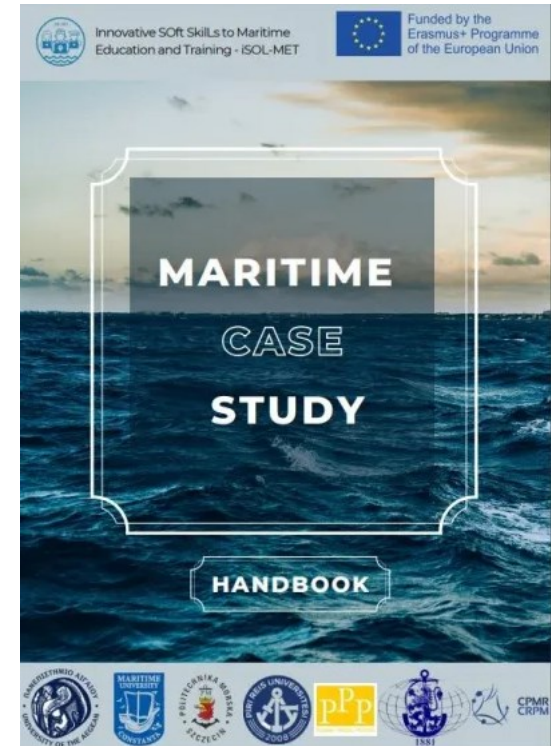
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iSOL-MET

- Identified as a [Black Sea Success Story](#) by the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea
- Identified as an Erasmus+ best practice





CUL-MAR-SKILLS



- Coordinated by the Romanian Naval Academy, [CUL-MAR-SKILLS](#) (MARitime Soft Skills for Onboard Healthy Nutrition and CULinary Arts in Seagoing Services) is an Erasmus+ project aimed at meeting the need for trained personnel to work in the galleys of all ships. The project will provide training in areas such as balanced and healthy nutrition, provisions, environmentally friendly practices in the galley and waste management. In addition, a maritime cookbook consisting of traditional maritime recipes will be created to keep the maritime cultural food heritage alive. The BBSC is mainly responsible for the dissemination of the project's deliverables.
- The consortium consists of: Romanian Naval Academy “Mircea cel Batran”, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy (Bulgaria), University of the Aegean (Greece), Piri Reis University (Türkiye)



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CUL-MAR-SKILLS



- Survey to gather insights and perspectives from various stakeholders, including seafarers, ship owners, and galley staff, within the maritime industry.

Seafarers and Students



Galley Staff



Employers



https://anmb.ro/cul-mar-skills/research_survey.html



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AI-NURECC PLUS Initiative

Main objective: **enhance Regional and Local Authorities’ appropriation of the EUSAIR main objectives and opportunities**, by promoting an **efficient participatory and bottom-up approach**.

Support the implementation of the EUSAIR cross-pillar topics: “Research and Innovation” and “SMEs Development” and “Skills Development”.

Fields of action: **Sustainable Tourism, Cultural & Creative Industries, and Circular Economy.**

Specific target group: **Youth** as strategic target group for sustainable development of the region.

AI-NURECC PLUS

ADRIATIC IONIAN NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES, REGIONS,
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND CITIES INITIATIVE



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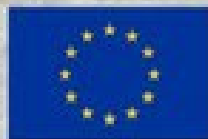


EU Strategy for the
Adriatic and Ionian Region
EUSAIR

CHECK OUR LATEST
PUBLICATIONS!



THE ACTION AI-NURECC PLUS
HAS RECEIVED FUNDING FROM
THE EUROPEAN UNION





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Thank you for your attention!

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