

NORTH SEA COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE MEETING
15 OCTOBER 2004

- REGIONAL POLICY/FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVES

Joint conference between the Committee of the Regions and the Interregional organizations (possibly end of April 2005)
Preparation of a joint reaction of the interregional organizations on the draft regulations adopted by the European Commission on 14 July 2004
Meeting in Taormina (Sicily) on 21 and 22 October 2004 to discuss about territorial cooperation (next objective 3)

- COMPETITION POLICY/STATE AIDS

CPMR is now waiting for the Commission's proposal on regional state aid and will react as soon as possible.

- RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Launching of a new working group in order to prepare a CPMR position paper on this issue in the next few months
A CPMR conference would be organized in Valencia (Spain) next spring

- RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The CPMR working group will meet in the next months in order to react to the Commission's proposal regarding a new European fund for rural development

- FISHING POLICY

The CPMR working group will meet in Brussels mid-November to discuss several issues like the RACs, the new European fund for fishing etc...

- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A seminar will be organized in Marseille (Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur) on 17 June 2005 on the issue of climatic change.

- EUROPE OF THE SEA

A CPMR project on this issue will be submitted in the framework of Interreg III C. Regions interested in participating are welcome.
CPMR could organize a major event on this issue in 2005.