

CPMR MAIN ACTIVITIES JUNE 2003/JUNE 2004

CONSTITUTION

- Some activities since December 2003 regarding the objective of territorial cohesion and competition policy
- The CPMR will react to the constitution as soon as it is adopted by the IGC.

REGIONAL POLICY

- The CPMR has reacted very quickly to the third cohesion report
- It has co-organised a conference on 23 February 2004 with Commissioner Barnier
- The CPMR will react very quickly to the legislative proposals expected for 14 July 2004

COMPETITION POLICY

- The CPMR has been active in the discussion regarding the future of the guidelines for regional state aids
- It has organised a small informal seminar on this issue on 9 June 2004 with representatives of DG Competition of the European commission
- It will produce a paper on the needs for territorial differentiation in the next few weeks

RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

- The CPMR has discussed several times with the European commission regarding the future of the second pillar of the CAP.
- It has participated to the Salzburg conference.
- It has organised an important seminar on this issue on 30 April 2004 in Firenze.

FISHING POLICY

- The CPMR has participated to the Donegal conference organised by DG Fish of the European commission regarding the future of the FIGF.
- The Secretariat General of the CPMR will make proposal on the future of the Fishing Intercom Group in the next few weeks.

TRANSPORT POLICY

- The CPMR has been active on the issue of “seamotorways” with participation in several seminars of the geographical commissions.
- It would organise a seminar on this issue in 2006.

MARITIME SAFETY

- The CPMR has organised a seminar in Nantes last autumn.
- A follow up seminar could be organised in October 2004.
- The CPMR could propose to establish a network of regions working on this issue via an Interreg IIIC project.

TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

- The CPMR has discussed several times with DG Regio of the European commission about the future Objective 3
- It will organise a seminar on this issue with AEBR. This will take place in Sicily on 21 and 22 October 2004. Invitations to the regions will be sent before the end of July.

“EUROPE OF THE SEA”

- The CPMR would like to submit an Interreg IIIC project on this issue. It is looking for regions willing to participate. Answer from regions are expected before the end of June 2004.