Mr Tom-Christer NILSEN County Mayor Hordaland County Council Agnes Mowinckelsgt, 5 P.B. 7900 5020 BERGEN NORVEGE

Rennes, 19 June 2014

Ref.: AAJ - CRPMCOU140146

Dear Mr Nilsen,

<u>INVITATION</u> - CPMR General Assembly 24-26 September 2014 - Umeå (Västerbotten, Sweden)

I hereby have pleasure in inviting you to the next **CPMR General Assembly**, which will be hosted by Mr Erik Bergkvist, President of Region Västerbotten, in Umeå from **24 to 26 September 2014**. I should like to remind you that Umeå has been elected City of Culture for 2014. Our host Region, Västerbotten will therefore allow us to bring a cultural touch to our next Assembly meeting.

You will find herewith attached the <u>draft agenda</u> validated by our Political Bureau, which met on 6 June in Inverness. Of course, it will be amended over the coming weeks depending on how the sessions develop and on the speakers who remain to be confirmed.

I should like to point out that invited guests include Swedish government officials as well as Commissioner Malmström, Swedish Commissioner for Home Affairs, and Commissioner Vassiliou, Cypriot Commissioner in charge of Culture. If these Commissioners confirm their attendance, despite the renewal of members of the European Commission which will probably take place in October 2014, they will come and put across their personal points of view and debate with us on the future of the European Union, which is of concern to us all.

I very much hope that there will be a large turnout from our Regions at this General Assembly which promises to have a packed programme of speeches and debate and during which we will be renewing our Political Bureau and electing a new President for the CPMR. In this regard, a call for candidatures was sent out (by email and regular post) to all leading politicians of CPMR member Regions on 27 May.

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Furthermore, in accordance with the decision taken by the Political Bureau at its meeting on 6 June, we will be preparing only a **draft final declaration** – in the form of a CPMR political manifesto – to be sent to the new EU Institutions (European Commission and Parliament). This document will be put to the vote of the CPMR member Regions at the General Assembly, leaving aside for this year any draft resolutions. We will therefore be focusing on the political message and scope of this Final Declaration.

Finally, with regard to logistical information (see attached sheet), I should like to remind you that online registration and hotel bookings are now open on the CPMR website. I invite you to register as soon as possible and before <u>15 August 2014</u>:

REGISTRATION: http://www.crpm.org/en/index.php?act=12,1,b,387

HOTEL BOOKING: http://eventus.trippus.se/CPMR2014

I look forward to seeing you in Umeå, and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Annika ANNERBY JANSSON

President of the CPMR

President of the Regional Council, Region Skåne

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42ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CPMR

24-26 September 2014 – Umeå (Västerbotten, Sweden)

Venue: Umeå Folkets Hus

DRAFT AGENDA

(As of 18 June 2014)

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2014

12.00 - 17.00:

Open buffet and coffee break

Meetings of the Geographical Commissions:

Simultaneous interpreting will, <u>in principle</u>, be provided in: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Greek and Turkish. However, we reserve the right to cancel a language if there are insufficient registrations.

· 13.30 - 14.30	Islands Commission (Fr, En, It, Es) - General Assembly Room
· 15.00 - 16.00	Intermediterranean Commission (Fr, En, Es, It, Gr) - <u>General Assembly Room</u>
· 15.00 - 16.00	North Sea Commission (En) - Fleming Auditorium (no interpreting)
· 16.00 - 17.00	Baltic Sea Commission (En) - Fleming Auditorium (no interpreting)
• 16.30 - 17.30	Atlantic Arc Commission (Fr, En, Es) - General Assembly Room
· 17.45 - 18.45	Balkan & Black Sea Commission (En, Gr, Tr) - General Assembly Room

Fringe meetings (no interpreting)

If you would like to benefit from a room, please inform the CPMR Secretariat by email (<u>secretariat@crpm.org</u>) <u>before 1st September</u>. After this date rooms cannot be guaranteed.

- Meetings of national delegations (to appoint the full and alternate member of the Political Bureau)
- Meetings of CPMR Working Groups

· 12.00 - 13.00	Meeting of the Macro-Region Task Force (room tbc)
· 16.00 - 17.00	Meeting of the Adriatic-Ionian Task Force (room tbc)
· 17.45 - 18.45	Meeting of the Maritime Working Groups (room tbc)

19.00: Welcome reception at the Art and Design Campus in Umeå (10 minutes' walk from Folkets Hus)

+ Open visit of the Art Museum and visit to the humanistic/art "Humlab"

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2014

Working languages: English, French, Italian, Spanish, Greek and Turkish

8.30 OPENING SESSION with short cultural performance

- Mr Erik Bergkvist, President of the Regional Executive Committee, Region Västerbotten
- Speech by a representative of the Swedish Government
- Speech by Mrs Cecilia Malström, European Commissioner for Home Affairs (tbc)
- Mrs Annika Annerby Jansson, President of the CPMR, President of the Regional Council, Region Skåne

Approval of the minutes of the Saint-Malo General Assembly (September 2013)

Approval of the General Assembly agenda

9.30 SESSION 1: THE CPMR ACTIVITY REPORT AND OUTLOOK

Presentation of the 2014 Activity Report by Mrs Eleni Marianou, Secretary General of the CPMR

- 9.55 Debate
- 10.25 Summing up by Mrs Annika Annerby Jansson, President of the CPMR, President of the Regional Council, Region Skåne and adoption of the 2014 Activity Report

10.30: Coffee break

11.00 SESSION 2: WHAT FUTURE FOR EUROPEAN REGIONAL POLICY AND CPMR REGIONS?

Introduction and welcome by Mr Erik Bergkvist, President of the Regional Executive Committee,
Region Västerbotten

- 11.05 Issues and prospects of Regional Policy in Europe's Peripheral Regions: CPMR work by Mr Nicolas Brookes, CPMR Director for Regional Policy
- 11.15 Round table of Regions (*moderater tbc*). Contributions by the following speakers:
 - President of the REGI Committee in the European Parliament: Work perspectives of the European Parliament on the future of Regional Policy (*tbc*)
 - Mr Rolf Alter, Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD): Indicators and statistics to measure regional development: Beyond GDP? (tbc)
 - President of the CPMR Islands Commission (*tbc*): The territorial dimension of Cohesion Policy: the perspective from the islands
 - Mr Lars Westin, Professor, Centre for Regional Science of Umeå University, specialised in Regional Development, Urbanisation and Social Capital (*tbc*)
- **12.00** Debate
- 12.25 Summing up by Mr Erik Bergkvist, President of the Regional Executive Committee, Region Västerbotten

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch on site

14.30 -17.00 Meeting of the Final Declaration Overview Group (Room)

14.00	SESSION 3: CONNECTING EUROPE GLOBALLY
	Chaired and introduced by Mr Enrico Rossi, President of Tuscany Region
14.05	Presentation by Mr Peter Mehlbye , Coordination Unit Director, ESPON: accessibility versus "massification", decentralising European transport global gateways, challenges and opportunities for maritime regions
14.20	EU Transport Policy: Current priorities and long-term vision, by Mr João Aguiar Machado , Director General of DG MOVE, European Commission.
14.35	Maritime transport and sustainability, a role for the Regions, by Mr Wulfran Despicht , Vice-President, Nord-Pas de Calais Region
14.45	"The Sea could both connect and divide: how to secure connections between countries divided by water? Example "Kvarken Link – The Midway Alignment of the Bothnian Corridor" by Mr Mathias Lindström, CEO of the Kvarken Council
14.55	Debate
15.40	Summing up

15.45 - 16.00

ELECTION OF THE CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16.00: Coffee break (except for the Political Bureau Members)

16.00: N	MEETING OF THE NEW CPMR POLITICAL BUREAU (Members only)
16.00 - 16.30:	Election of the CPMR President and Vice-Presidents (1st Vice-President + 5 Vice-Presidents) + Appointment of the Treasurer of the CPMR
	16.30 - 17.00: Coffee break
17.00 - 18.30:	- Examination of and vote on the Final Declaration and its amendments
	- Examination of and vote on the draft Budget 2015
	- Vote of confidence on the Secretary General by the Political Bureau (cf. CPMR Statutes, point 7.4.e)

19.30: Gala dinner with a performance by the famous Sapmi musicians (Venue: Sävargården, Gammlia, Umeå)

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2014 Working languages: English, French, Italian, Spanish, Greek and Turkish 9.00 Speech by the new President of the CPMR **SESSION 4: MACRO-REGIONS** 9.15 Chaired and introduced by Mrs Joanna Ortega, Vice-President of the Catalan Government Presentation by Mr Normunds Popens, Deputy Director-General, DG REGIO: Presentation of the 9.25 European Commission's Report on the Governance of Macro-Regional Strategies (tbc) Speech by Mr George Siscu, Vice-President of Tulcea Region, "Danube Strategy and Black Sea 9.45 Synergy, as seen from the Danube Delta" (tbc) 10.00 Speech by Mr Ignacio Diego Palacios, President of the CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission and President of Cantabria Region (ES): Sea Basin Strategies vs. Macro-Regional Strategies? 10.15 Debate and conclusions 10.45: Coffee break

11.15 SESSION 5: INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY

Chaired and introduced by Mr Rodrigo Oliveira, Member of the Azores Government (tbc)

- 11.25 Priorities of the European Parliament & European Commission for Europe of the Sea
 - Mrs Lowri Evans, Director-General, DG MARE, European Commission (tbc)
 - Mrs Gesine Meissner, Member of European Parliament (tbc)
- 11.45 Short speeches by the Regions on key actions involving the CPMR in maritime issues
 - . Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (CPMR/Mediterranean)
 - . Maritime industries and marine energy (CPMR/Atlantic/Mediterranean)
 - . Blue Biotechnologies (CPMR/North Sea)
 - . Maritime Safety (CPMR/Baltic Sea)
- 12.30 Debate and conclusions

13.00 - 14.00: Lunch on site

14.00 SESSION 6: THE PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS AND THE EU'S 2030 ENERGY AND CLIMATE GOALS

Chair of the session tbc

Speeches by:

- Mr Dominique Ristori, Director-General of DG ENER, European Commission (tbc)
- Mr Alun Davies, Minister for Natural Resources and Food, Welsh Government (tbc)
- Mr Michel Vauzelle, Member of the French Parliament and President of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region (*tbc*)
- **14.30** Debate
- 14.55 Summing up

15.00 SESSION 7: EXAMINATION AND VOTE ON THE FINAL DECLARATION Presentation by the President of the CPMR and Mrs Eleni Marianou, Secretary General of the CPMR

16.00 SESSION 8:

BUDGET DECISIONS by the Treasurer of the CPMR

- Presentation and vote on the 2013 annual accounts
- Update on the implementation of the 2014 budget
- Presentation and vote on the 2015 draft budget

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

 Vote of confidence on the Secretary General by the General Assembly (cf. CPMR Statutes, point 7.4.e)

15.00 - 16.00: Coffee available

17.00 SESSION 9: PRESENTATION OF NEW CPMR MEMBER REGIONS

- > French Polynesia (France)
- > Gharb Chrarda Beni Hssen (Morocco)
- Taza-Al Hoceima-Taounate (Morocco)
- Shkodër (Albania)

17.20 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- Invitations to host the next meetings of the Political Bureau (February and June 2015) and the General Assembly in 2015
- 17.25 Closing speeches by the President of the host Region and President of the CPMR, with a presentation by Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Culture & Education (*tbc*)
- 17.45 End of proceedings and <u>cultural performance by an Orchestra</u>
 - 19.30: Dinner/Buffet (Venue: Guitars The Museum, Vasagatan 18-20, Umeå)

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

Excursion (9.00 - 17.00)

Visit to The house of the Elks Bjurholm and Stornorrfors hydropower plant Free evening



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42nd CPMR General Assembly

25-26 September 2014 Umeå (Västerbotten, Sweden)

VOTING PROCEDURE FOR FINAL DECLARATION

In accordance with Article 7.1.c (organisation of the debates) of the CPMR Statutes, the following procedures will be implemented for the General Assembly in Umeå:

- 1. On site, a "Final Declaration Overview Group", made up of representatives from each Geographical Commission, will be set up at the opening of the General Assembly on Thursday 25 September 2014. This group, led by a Director from the CPMR General Secretariat, will be responsible for receiving and coordinating any amendments to the draft Final Declaration already circulated. The deadline for submitting amendments is set at 13.00 on Thursday 25 September 2014.
- 2. The group will meet on Thursday 25 September 2014 at 14.30. The texts of the amendments (translated into French and English) will be circulated on the morning of Friday 26 September 2014, for debate and adoption during the session which will be devoted to this issue, late on the Friday afternoon. The amendments should be, as far as possible, submitted to the Final Declaration Overview Group in the original language and in French or English.
- 3. A scrutiny group will also be set up at the opening of the General Assembly. This group will be responsible for verifying the counting of votes.

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Any Member Regions who so wish are invited to send to the General Secretariat as soon as possible the name of one of their delegates attending the General Assembly who wishes to be included in these groups. Please return this form to the General Secretariat by fax or by email.

Fax: + 33 2 99 35 09 19 or email: secretariat@crpm.org

Overview Group

The General Secretariat will set up the groups on the basis of the replies received.

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42nd General Assembly of the CPMR

24-26 September 2014, Umeå (Västerbotten, Sweden)

Meeting venue: Umeå Folkets Hus (Skolgatan 59, 903 29 Umeå (Västerbotten, Sweden)

Contact: Ms Camilla Andersson

Tel: +46 90 15 62 38 /GSM: +46 73 981 43 90 - Email: Camilla.andersson@umea.fh.se

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24 September 2014

12.00 - 17.00: Open buffet and coffee break

Meetings of the CPMR Geographical Commissions (Rooms with projectors for PowerPoint presentations)

- Islands Commission (13.30 14.30) General Assembly Room
- Intermediterranean Commission (15.00 16.00) General Assembly Room
- North Sea Commission (15.00 16.00) Fleming Auditorium
- Baltic Sea Commission (16.00 17.00) Fleming Auditorium
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Fringe meetings:

- · Meetings of CPMR working groups
- Meetings of national delegations (to appoint the Full Member and Alternate Member of the Political Bureau)

If you would like to benefit from a room, could you please inform the CPMR Secretariat by email (secretariat@crpm.org) before 1st September. Rooms cannot be guaranteed after this date.

19.00: Welcome reception at Art- and design campus in Umeå (10 minute walk from Folkets Hus)

+ Walk around the art museum and visit to the humanistic/art laboratorium "Humlab"

Thursday 25 September 2014

8.30 Short cultural performance in the meeting venue

9.00 – 12.30 42nd CPMR General Assembly – morning plenary

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch on site

14.30 – 17.00 Meeting of the Final Declaration overview group (Room to be confirmed)

14.00 - 15.45 42nd CPMR General Assembly - afternoon plenary

15.45 - 16.00 Election of the Political Bureau by the General Assembly

16.00: Coffee Break (except for the Political Bureau Members)

16.00 - 16.30 Election of the CPMR President and Vice-Presidents

16.30 - 17.00: Coffee Break (Members of the Political Bureau)

17.00 - 18.30 Meeting of the CPMR Political Bureau (Members only)

19.30: Gala dinner with a performance by the famous Sapmi-musicians (Venue: Sävargården, Gammlia, Umeå)

Friday 26 September 2014

9.00 – 13.00 42nd CPMR General Assembly – morning plenary

13.00 - 14.00: Lunch on site 15.00 - 16.00: Coffee available

14.00 - 18.00 42nd CPMR General Assembly - afternoon plenary

Cultural performance by an Orchestra

19.30: Dinner/Buffet (Venue: Guitars - The Museum, Vasagatan 18-20, Umeå)

Saturday 27 September 2014

Excursion (9.00 - 17.00)

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REGISTRATION

Registration for the General Assembly is free of charge. You can register on the CPMR website under the heading "ONLINE REGISTRATION" until 15 August 2014.

If you encounter any problems in registering, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hafida Michaud at the CPMR Secretariat, tel.:+ 33 (0)2 99 35 40 50/54, email: hafida.michaud@crpm.org.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

INTERPRETING

Simultaneous interpreting will, <u>in principle</u>, be provided in: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Greek, and Turkish. However, we reserve the right to cancel one language if there are insufficient registrations.

HOTELS (Please book before 15 August 2014)

300 rooms in 4* and 3* hotels, and 7 rooms in hostels have been pre-booked in Umeå (refer to the list of hotels on page 2). All hotels are located in the town centre and are a 10 minute walk maximum from the meeting venue (refer to the map on page 4).

Delegates are invited to make their own hotel booking via the following link: http://eventus.trippus.se/CPMR2014

After 15 August, room availability cannot be guaranteed. If you need any further information, please contact Ms Lotta Weinehall, Umeå Congress (Tel.: +46 (0)90 13 00 35 / Email: lotta@umea-congress.se).

Cancellation deadlines:

Cancellation can be made without charge before 15 August.

In the event of a cancellation made <u>between 16 August and 1 September</u>, one night's accommodation will <u>be charged</u>.

In the event of a cancellation made <u>after 2 September</u>, the full stay will be charged.

HOTELS (€1 ≈ SEK 9.02)*

(VAT and breakfast included) - Online booking via the following link: http://eventus.trippus.se/CPMR2014

Hotels	Price	Contact details	Available rooms		Distance from
			23/9	24-27/9	Venue
Stora Hotellet 4*	Single room = 1855 SEK (≈ €206) Double/Twin bed room =2050 SEK (≈ €233)	Address: Storgatan 46, 903 26 Umeå http://www.storahotelletumea.se/	50	50	5 minute walk
Scandic Hotel Plaza 4*	Single room = 1595 SEK (≈ €176) Double/Twin bed room = 1798 SEK (≈ €198)	Address: Storgatan 40, 903 26 Umeå http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Sweden/Umea/Scandic-Plaza-Umea/	50	100	5 minute walk
Comfort Hotel Winn 4*	Single room= 1595 SEK (≈ €176) Double/Twin bed room = 1798 SEK (≈ €198)	Address: Skolgatan 64, 901 06 Umeå https://www.nordicchoicehotels.se/comfort/comfort-hotel-winn/	20	50	1 minute walk
Clarion Collection Hotel Uman 4*	Single room = 1595 SEK (≈ €187) Double/Twin bed room = 1890 SEK (≈ €209)	Address: Storgatan 52, 903 26 Umeå https://www.nordicchoicehotels.se/clarion-collection/clarion-collection-hotel-uman/	20	20	2 minute walk
Profil Hotel Aveny 4*	Single room =1495 SEK (≈ €165)	Address: Rådhusesplanaden 14, 903 28 Umeå http://www.profilhotels.se/hotelaveny/	20	20	2 minute walk
Hotell Dragonen 3*	Single room = 1295 SEK (≈ €143) Double/Twin bed room = 1498 SEK (≈ €166)	Address: Västra Norrlandsgatan 5, 903 27 Umeå www.hotelldragonen.se/	10	50	7 minute walk

HOSTELS (WITH LINENS, BREAKFAST AND WC/SHOWER IN THE ROOM)						
STF Umeå	Single room = 750 SEK (≈ €83) Double/Twin bed room = 1000 SEK (≈ €116)	Address: Västra Esplanaden 10, 903 26 Umeå http://www.umeavandrarhem.com/	5	5	10 minute walk	
YMCA	Single room = 750 SEK (≈ €83)	Address: Järnvägsallén 20, 903 28 Umeå http://umea.kfum.se/mat-boende/vandrarhem/	2	2	10 minute walk	

TRANSFERS / TRAVEL

No transfers will be organised between Umeå airport nor Umeå railway station and your hotel/meeting venue.

How to get to Umea City from the airport?

There are direct flights between Umeå and Stockholm Arlanda airport and Stockholm Bromma airport. Umeå Airport is located about 3 kilometres from Umeå city centre.

By Shuttle:

The airport shuttle departs and arrives outside the front of the airport terminal.

Tickets can be purchased on the buses. The price for a single journey is approximately $\underline{\mathbf{\epsilon}4.70}$ and the journey time is about $\underline{\mathbf{10}}$ minutes.

By Taxi

There is a taxi service from Umeå airport to Umeå city. The price for a single journey is approximately $\underline{\mathbf{<15}}$ and the journey time is about $\underline{\mathbf{5}}$ minutes.

By Car

1/ Umeå is 640km from Stockholm by the E4 (journey time by car is around 8 hours).

2/ If you wish to hire a car at Umeå airport, the car rental offices are located in the arrivals hall in the airport terminal, where you find major car rental companies.

You can also call directly:

1/ Avis

Telephone: +46 (0)770 82 00 82 Website: http://www.avis.se

2/ Europear

Telephone: +46 (0)770 77 00 50 Website: http://www.europcar.se

3/ Hertz

Telephone: +46 (0)771 21 12 12

Website: https://www.hertz.se/rentacar/reservation

4/ Sixt

Telephone: +46 (0)90 12 45 04

Website: http://se.sixt.com/php/reservation?language=en_GB

CURRENCY

Swedish Krona: Exchange rate on 13 June 2014

€1 ≈ SEK 9.02

Map of Umeå including hotels and meeting venue

