



CONFERENCE OF PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS
**BALKAN & BLACK SEA
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2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CPMR BALKAN & BLACK SEA REGIONAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Thursday, 28 May 2015

Thematic presentations and meeting of the Working Groups on Tourism and Business Cooperation

**CPMR premises: 14, Rond-Point Schuman (8th floor),
1040 Brussels
08.30 – 18.00**

Working language: English

08.30 Arrival of participants *(tea and coffee provided)*

08.45-10.15 : Working Group on Tourism

Moderated by **Miltiadis Nikolaou**, Member of the coordinating team of the Working Group on Tourism, Region of Central Macedonia, Greece

- **State of play of the WG on Tourism**, by **Evi Dermedesioti**, Member of the coordinating team of the Working Group on Tourism, Department of Tourism, Region of Central Macedonia, Greece
- **Next steps of the WG on Tourism**, by **Miltiadis Nikolaou**, Member of the coordinating team of the Working Group on Tourism, Region of Central Macedonia, Greece
- **EU actions promoting sustainable and accessible tourism: concrete tools and funding opportunities**, by **Cinzia De Marzo**, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- **Sustainable Cultural tourism in the Black Sea area: Optimizing the existing trends and promoting new ones**, by **George Drakopoulos**, Special Adviser to the Secretary

General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), European Economic and Social Committee

- **Tourism and Youth Entrepreneurship**, by **Dr. Zefi Dimadama**, Director General, ICBSS, Athens, Greece
- **Issues of maritime training in the Black Sea area: Yacht style cruising and standardization of skippers qualifications**, by **Ilze Atanasova**, Chair of the Board, Marine Cluster Bulgaria
- **Tourism opportunities in Thrace**, by **Şenay Çekiç**, T.R. Trakya Development Agency, Coordinator Investment Support Office – Kırklareli, Turkey
- **Sustainable tourism in Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve**, by **Roxana Iacob**, Project Management Consultant, Tulcea, Danube Delta Area, Romania
- **Debate**
- **Conclusions** by **Miltiadis Nikolaou**, Member of the coordinating team of the Working Group on Tourism, Region of Central Macedonia, Greece

10.15-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-12.00 : Working Group on Business Cooperation, coordinated by the Governorship of Sinop

Moderated by the BBSRC Secretariat

- **State of play and next steps of the WG on Business Cooperation**, by the BBSRC Secretariat
- **Increasing business cooperation and entrepreneurship through interregional networking**, by **Konstantinos Tsiakataras**, Deputy Managing Director of DIADIKASIA Business Consultants S.A., Greece
- **Social Entrepreneurship in the wider Black Sea area**, by **Natalia Budescu**, President of the NGDO Platform – FOND, Black Sea NGO Forum, and Director of the Association for Cross Border Cooperation “Lower Danube Euroregion”, Romania
- **Integrative Black Sea projects of Rostov Region**, by **Sergei Bezdolnyi**, President of the International Black Sea Club (IBSC), Chairman of Duma – Head of City of Azov, Russia
- Presentation by **Murat Daoudov**, President of the Middle East Development Network, Turkey
- **Debate**
- **Conclusions** by the moderator

12.00-13.30 Buffet on site

13.30-15.00 : Thematic presentations of the CPMR actions

- **Transport** by **Patrick Anvroin**, Director at the CPMR Responsible for Transport, Coordinator of the VDG Project, follow-up of the Balkans and Black Sea Commission
- **Cohesion** by **Nicolas Brookes**, Director at the CPMR Responsible for Regional Policy, and in charge of the CPMR Task Force on Cohesion Policy Indicators
- **Maritime Issues** by **Lucas Bosser**, CPMR Policy Analyst
- **Energy & Climate Change** by **Alexis Chatzimpiros**, CPMR Adviser Energy/Islands
- **Macro-Regions** by **Pauline Caumont**, Executive Secretary of the Atlantic Arc Commission, and in charge of the CPMR Task Force on Macro-Regions
- **The Baltic Sea experience**, by **Åsa Bjerling**, Executive Secretary of the Baltic Sea Commission
- **Debate**

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-end of the meeting : Project proposals underway

- **Project proposal on Small Cruise and Yachting style tourism, under the initiative of the Region of Central Macedonia**, by **Eva Stefanidaki**, Researcher, REsearch in SHipping and Ports Laboratory ([RESHIP](#)), Department of Shipping Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- **Project proposal on Ecotourism, under the initiative of the Region of Eastern Macedonia - Thrace**, by **Haris Martinos**, Advisor to the Secretary General of the CPMR
- **Discussion between the "core group" partners of the project proposal on Ecotourism**

Friday, 29 May 2015

Meeting venue:

Committee of the Regions - ROOM 51 (Rue Belliard 101)

9:00-10:00 - BBSRC General Assembly

**10:00-15:30 - CoR-CPMR co-organised Conference:
“The Balkan and the Black Sea Area on the move: perspectives
for Regional Authorities”**

12:00-13:00 - BBSRC Political Bureau

12:00-13:30 – Buffet Lunch

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Passive language: Romanian