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BALKAN & BLACK SEA COMMISSION

The priorities of the Balkan & Black Sea Commission are :

- To promote collaboration among CPMR/BBSC members and non-member regional and local authorities, and related institutions in the wider Black Sea area, and their interests regarding : tourism; social, economic and territorial cohesion; Integrated Maritime Policy; transport and accessibility; neighbourhood policy; environment.
- To participate in the reflection at regional and EU level on macroregional strategies, the Black Sea Synergy, the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) in particular.
- To set and implement concrete projects in order to boost development in the region.
- To raise awareness of its work through its members, spread the good work through national events in every Black Sea country, motivate the member regions and increase its membership in order to boost its role.

Since the works of the last BBSC General Assembly, the CPMR has contributed to the Consultation issued by the European Commission and the European External Action Service on the review of EU Neighbourhood Policy, where it highlighted the importance of Local and Regional Authorities, transport, “people to people” cooperation through a Black Sea Regions Forum, and capacity building.

Moreover, the BBSC Secretariat has been elaborating a Vasco Da Gama for the Black Sea project proposal, and within the BBSC Working Group on Tourism, two project proposals on ecotourism and small cruise and yachting style tourism.

The CPMR has followed the procedure of renewing its status of Sectoral Dialogue Partner of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) in order to work closer on issues in which our Regions are active, such as tourist development, coastal zone management, maritime safety, transport, and business partnerships. The BBSC Secretariat also works towards a collaboration with the BSEC's related bodies and affiliated centres on common areas of interest, starting with the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS).

During the following period the BBSC aims to :

- Examine the calls for proposals of the European Commission and the European Territorial Cooperation Programmes and submit concrete project proposals together with its members. For the time being under preparation are the below project proposals:
 - o Vasco Da Gama Project for the Black Sea
 - o "WEBLA" (Wetlands and Estuaries in the Black Sea Area)
 - o Small Cruise and Yachting Style Tourism
- Monitor the evolution of the aforementioned policies and act in accordance with its members in order to promote their interests. *(At the 2016 Spring General Assembly of the BBSC, the most active members will present their experience and future goals through the BBSC / CPMR, at the thematic session of their choice.)*
- Support the creation of a Black Sea Regions Forum – within the context of the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy – as a key body for the development of "people to people" cooperation in the Black Sea.
- Organise a Workshop on Transport
- Organise a Workshop on Tourism
- Organise a CPMR Seminar in Turkey, further to previous exchanges with Turkish members, in order to present our action plan and activity programme.
- Activate the WG on External Cooperation led by Odessa Region – when the circumstances allow – and revise the priorities and planning of the WG on Business Cooperation led by the Governorship of Sinop.
- Work closely with the BBSC and CPMR members concerned by the EUSAIR through the Adriatic-Ionian Task Force.

The above list is not exhaustive and open to any other areas deemed appropriate.