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On the 9th of June WE VOTE for the EU

Mr Fokion Zaimis, President of the CPMR Balkan and Black Sea Commission, and Deputy Governor of Achaia of Western Greece Region, invites the CPMR BBSC members and their citizens to actively participate in shaping the future of European democracy on the occasion of the European elections. He also wishes success to the CPMR BBSC fellow members running for a new mandate!

This unique moment is when the EU citizens will all collectively decide on the future of the European Union and have their say on topics we all care about, such as regional development and growth, environment, social policies, economy, and show how open we are towards new member countries – countries that share and respect our common values and are very much willing to join the EU, our common home.

It can be easy to forget how many people are impacted by the outcome of the European elections. The European Parliament adopts laws that affect everyone: large countries and small communities, powerful companies and young start-ups, the global and the local.

Our Balkan and Black Sea region has a great potential, rich in its diversity, and is the home of all the current candidate countries for EU membership.

Your vote will decide which Members of the European Parliament will represent you in preparing new laws and will influence the election of the European Commission. These decisions will shape your daily life and that of many others in Europe and in our neighbourhood.

The EU needs more cohesion on policy and economic issues, more democracy and less bureaucracy, more dialogue with the world and more local and regional actions.

We, therefore, all go and vote this Sunday, so that together with the new Members of the European Parliament from the Balkan and Black Sea countries we carry on our joint work for the interests of citizens in the regions.

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