



Macroregional & Sea Basin Strategies: The way forward

21 September 2022 | 9:30-13:00 | Online meeting

- DRAFT AGENDA -

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(Interpretation in English and French)

<p>09.30-09:40</p>	<p>OPENING</p> <p>Welcome address and presentation of CPMR political position on MRS and SBS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Eleni Marianou, Secretary General, CPMR
<p>09:40-11:00</p>	<p>SESSION 1 MRS/SBS AND THE TWIN TRANSITION IN A POST-PANDEMIC EUROPE</p> <p><i>The session will look at the state of play of strategies in light of the new programming period and discuss the main challenges, including in the wake of the pandemic and in relation to the twin transition. The rationale as well as operational aspects of the strategies need an in-depth discussion to ensure they remain relevant and maximize their impact in the current fast-evolving context. The session aims to launch this crucial debate.</i></p> <p>Moderated by Mr Francesco Molica, Director for Cohesion Policy and EU Budget, CPMR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Younous Omarjee, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of REGI Committee• Mr Normunds Popens, Deputy Director General, DG REGIO, European Commission• EUSAIR: Dr Konstantinos Kapodistrias, Deputy Governor of the Ionian Islands Region, 1st Vice-President of the Balkan and Black Sea Commission• EUSBSR: Mr Wolf Born, Head of Unit “Baltic Sea Cooperation”, Ministry of Science, Culture, Federal and European Affairs, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern <p>Debate with participants</p>
<p>11:00-11:15 – online break</p>	

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SESSION 2 EMERGING STRATEGIES: KEY CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

The session will focus on emerging strategies, by presenting the main progress in their shaping and assess specific challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, also regarding their respective thematic approach. The aim is to show the added value for setting up these strategies within a reasonable period of time looking at their potential focus, benefits and positive interplay with existing strategies.

Moderated by **Mr Davide Strangis**, Deputy Secretary General, CPMR

- **Mr Kestutis Sadauskas**, Deputy Director General, DG MARE, European Commission
- **Atlantic maritime Macro Region: Ms María Ángeles Elorza Zubiría**, Secretary General for external action, Basque Country, Presidency of the Atlantic Arc Commission
- **Mediterranean Macro-Region: Mr Gerard Martí Figueras I Alba**, Secretary for Government Foreign Action, Government of Catalonia, Intermediterranean Commission
- **Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea: Mr Tornike Rijvadze**, Chairman of the Government, Ajara Autonomous Republic (Georgia), CPMR Vice-President responsible for Neighbourhood Policy, Balkan & Black Sea Commission
- **National representative** (tbc)

Debate with participants

Wrap up