



**Regione Toscana**

Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

***CPMR actions on migration issues***

**Conference: Migration & Health – a contribution from regional experiences to international and EU policies**

Brussels, EU Delegation of the Tuscany Region

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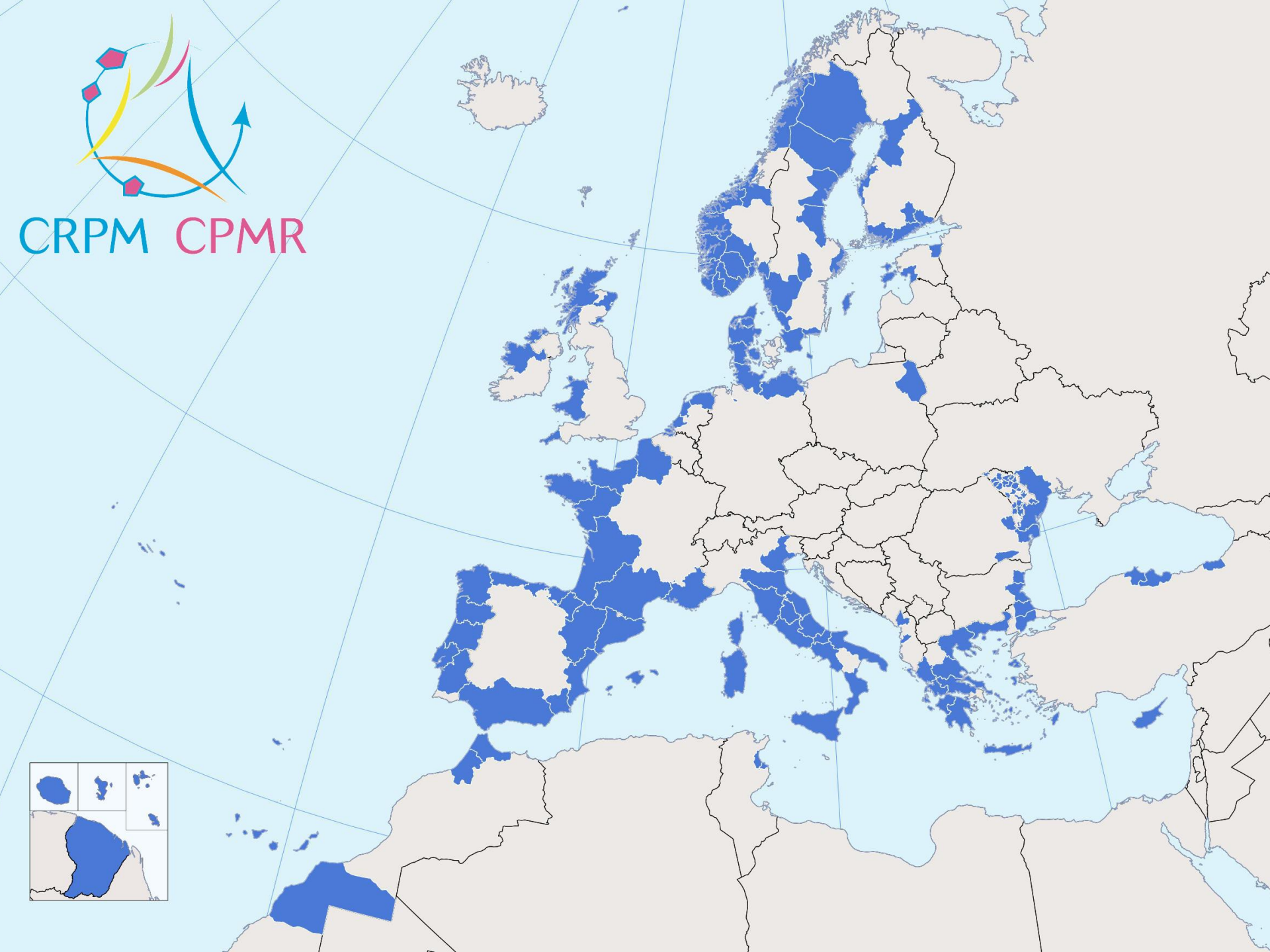
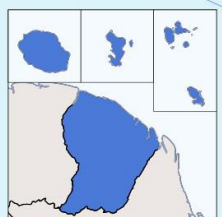
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## **CPMR actions on migration issues**

- I. Overview of the CPMR and its Geographical Commissions
- II. Setting up and main works of the global CPMR Task Force on Migration
- III. Focus on the actions concerning migration & health



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The **CPMR** is formed by 150 Regions from 28 countries of the EU and its neighbors of South / East areas. It represents more than 200 million inhabitants (founded in 1973).

The work is divided into **6 Geographic Commissions**

- Baltic Sea
- Northern Sea
- The Atlantic Arc
- **Mediterranean Sea**
- The Black Sea and Balkans
- **The Islands**

The organization sets up **inter-committee working groups on priority and particular issues.**



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The **CPMR** is a platform for technical and political cooperation between authorities of regional level on priority issues and policies for peripheral maritime regions:

1. **Territorial Cohesion**
2. **Maritime Affairs**
3. **Transport & accessibility**

+ Climate, Macro-regional and sea basin strategies, Neighborhood, External Cooperation, **Migration**

*Lobbying* initiatives, joint projects, *think tank*, conferences...and more!



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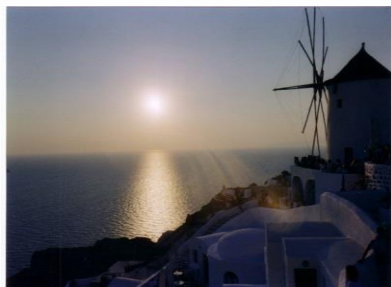




The **CPMR Intermediterranean Commission (IMC)** counts 41 regions from 10 MED countries: Spain, Italy, France, Greece, Malta, Portugal, Cyprus, Morocco, Tunisia, Albania.

For the full list:

[www.medregions.com](http://www.medregions.com)



Internal organization:

- **General Assembly**
- **Political Bureau**
- **Secretariat**
- **Working Groups & Task Forces**



# IMC CPMR Action Plan 2014-16:

Promoting the emergence of macro-regional and sea basin strategies in the Med

Pushing the Mediterranean into the global and European agenda

Promoting effective projects and mobilize the Mediterranean southern partners

Encouraging dialogue between civil society to promote a Mediterranean citizenship

Territorial Cooperation & Macro-Regional Strategies

Transport & Integrated Maritime Policy

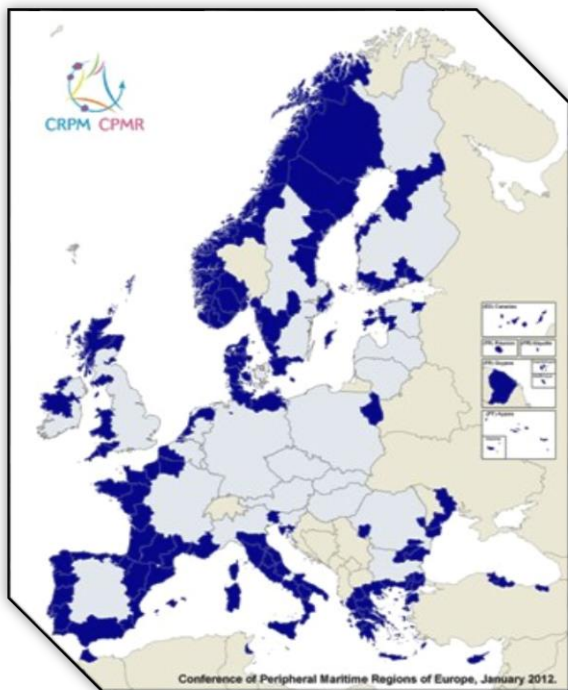
Water & Energy

Economic & Social Cohesion

## ORGANIZATION OF THE IMC WGs:

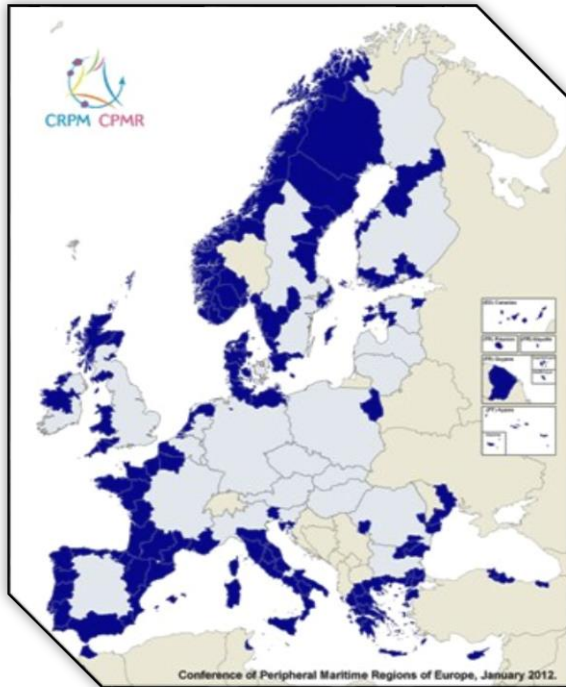
- **2 co-presidencies – tandem of regions for each WG**
- **Working plan for 2014-2016**
- **Including specific Tasks Forces led by specific regions**
- Focus on **Lobbying actions & Projects**
- **Migration as a key cross-cutting issue** addressed mainly via the “Territorial Cooperation & Macro-Regional Strategies” WG as an input to CPMR global action





## SETTING UP AND WORKS OF THE CPMR TASK FORCE ON MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

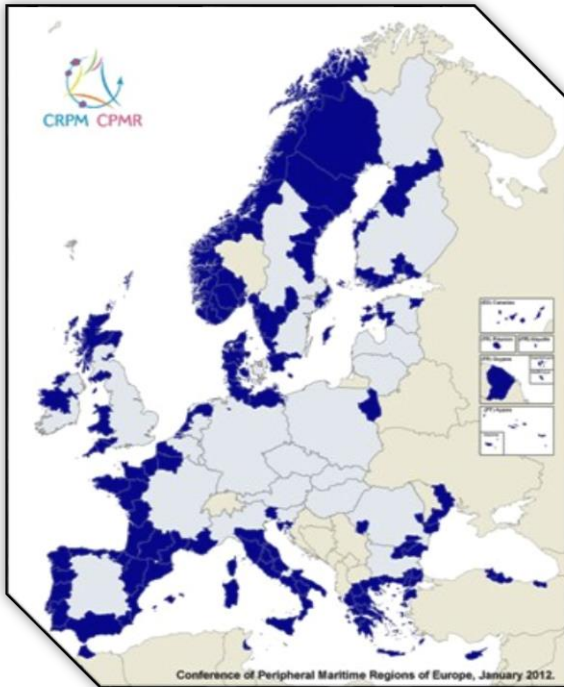
- **2013-2014 - INCREASING INTEREST AND CONCERNS OF MED REGIONS TO WORK ON MIGRATION ISSUES:** IMC Political Declarations (GA Barcelona 2013 and Marseilles, Policy Position on Migration 2014, contribution to ARLEM report on migration) led to the request of setting-up a global CPMR Task Force on Migration involving regions from all its GCs.
- **FEBRUARY 2015 - APPROVAL BY THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CPMR AND SETTING UP OF THE CPMR TASK FORCE ON MIGRATION:** Specific ToRs and configuration (Region Skane rapporteur to the CPMR Political Bureau + Region Sicily coordinator of the TF).
- **2015-2016 - MAIN ACTIONS:** Meetings and conferences, political declarations, contribution to CoR/ARLEM papers, EC Consultations, production of technical papers, solidarity campaigns, exchanges of experiences, projects etc.



## WORKS OF THE CPMR TASK FORCE ON MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN 2015-2016 (I.)

- **Meetings of regional experts on migration:** 3 meetings in Brussels (April, May, October 2015, January 2016) and 1 in Florence (November) 2015
- **Solidarity and awareness raising campaign:** [www.tousmediterraneens.com](http://www.tousmediterraneens.com) (awarded by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Med. More than 1.400 signatories mainly from Public Authorities and NGO representatives).
- **Meetings with elected representatives, lobbying & Communication actions, participation in events of external partners**
  - 1st Seminar for the exchange of Best practices in Palermo and launch of the *WeareallMed* campaign (May 2015),
  - Meeting of a CPMR Delegation in Strasbourg with the President of the EP Schulz (May 2015),

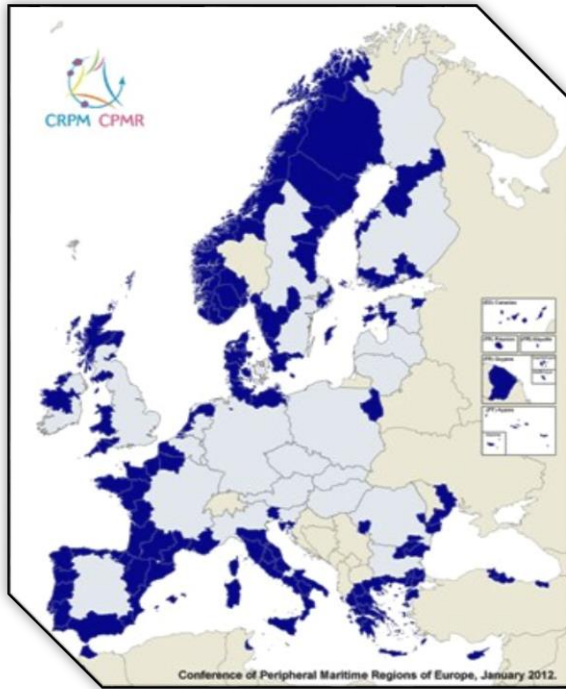




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- **Meetings with elected representatives, lobbying & Com actions, participation in events of external partners**
  - Seminar at the EU Parliament with Regions/Cities (Oct.2015),
  - Political sessions at the GAs of the CPMR Island Commission (June 2015) & IMC in Nafplio (July 2015)
  - Political session at the CPMR Political Bureau in Crete (June 2015), CPMR GA in Florence at the presence of EU Commissioner Stylianides (November 2015)
  - Participation in ARLEM Commissions and Plenaries (2015, 2016) and other events of key partners of the CPMR
  - Participation to ESPON event on migration (December 2015) and the 2nd EU migration Forum (April 2016)
  - Press conferences/releases, open letters to EU Council, EP, EC, several articles published in EU newspapers signed by CPMR Presidents, Specific Letters on the emergency and the role of the regions sent to President Juncker and the Commissioners who deal with the migration crisis.
  - CPMR (IMC/BBSRC) Contribution to the EU consultation on European Neighbourhood Policy

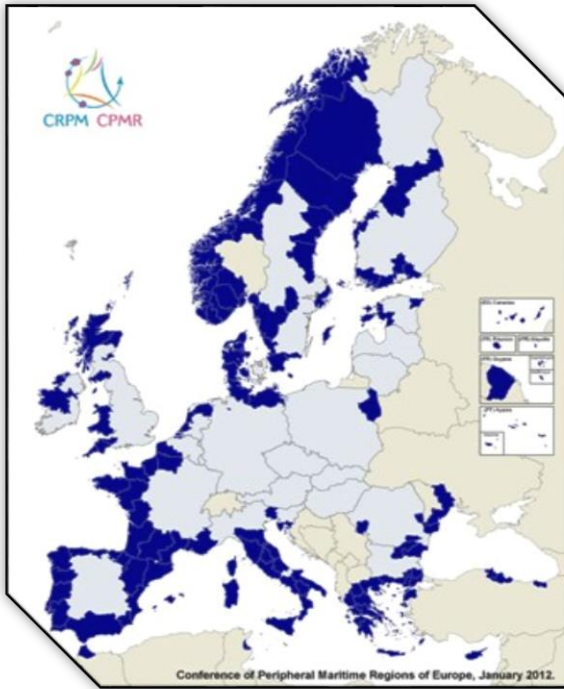




## WORKS OF THE CPMR TASK FORCE ON MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN 2015-2016 (III.)

- **CPMR Political Position on Migration** – approved by the General Assembly of Florence (November 2015), based on a previous collection of best practices. Including key commitments by the Regions and recommendations for EC, EP, Council. A global approach to migration encompassing:
  - EU active involvement in pacification of conflicts around its borders and need of a collective and integrated EU/International answer to migration issue
  - Quick/Solidarity response to emergency situations (migrant reception/relocation) and fight against human trafficking
  - Socio-economic integration of migrants
  - Cooperation with origin countries for legal migration channels, security issues, development...
  - Key role and responsibility of the regions & local authorities in all kind of initiatives on the ground (reception, healthcare, integration, cooperation & exchange of experiences): need to be better considered in decision making and financial mechanisms by EU/National institutions



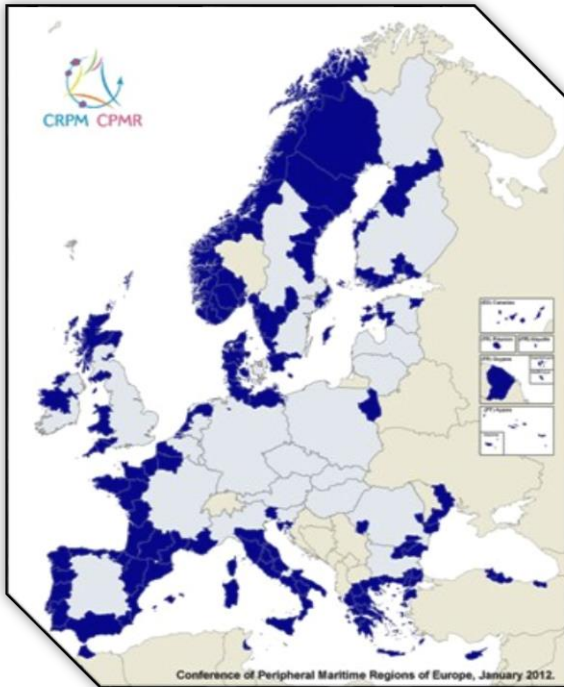


## WORKS OF THE CPMR TASK FORCE ON MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN 2015-2016 (IV.)

- **Support/participation in projects on migration issues :**
  - **MIPEX-REG** (in the pipeline/fund raising ongoing)
  - **AMIF (EC) on Integration of migrants at work** (submitted by OPZZ to the last call in March 2016)
  - **AMIF (Italy) Integration of migrants in social & healthsystems** (submitted by Emergency ONG to the last call in March 2016).
  - **Other future Projects/actions:** e.g. mapping of needs of the regions in terms of infrastructures and “soft measure” for migrants reception & integration; Projects dealing with migration & research on H2020; Actions on Interreg, ENI, Europeaid etc. dealing with migration issues.



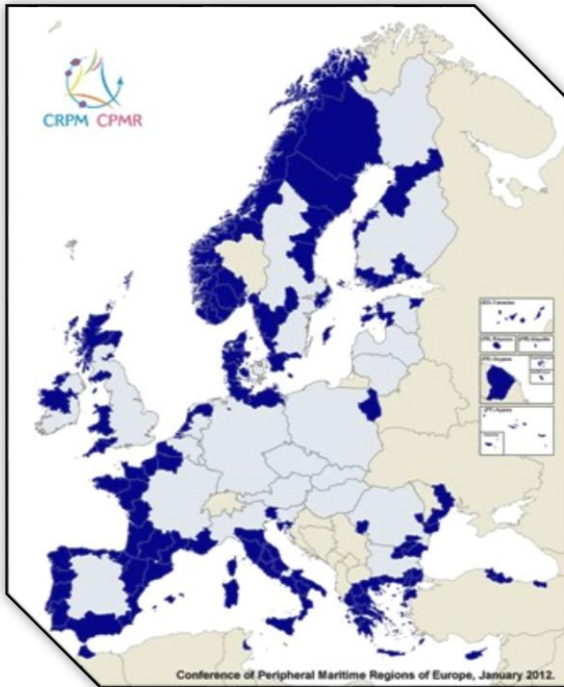




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- **MIPEX-REG: Migrants integration policy index at regional level – as a tool to analyse, compare & improve integration policy, valorizing regional practices**
  - MIPEX covers: 8 strands with 4 dimensions totaling 167 indicators
  - Specific indicators on health (Entitlements, Access policies, Responsive services, Mechanisms for change...) and anti discrimination could be developed at regional level (definitions & concepts, fields of application, enforcement mechanisms, equality policies)
  - Leading organizations of MIPEX-REG: Migration Policy Group/CIDOB + Partnership with CPMR Regions from different countries (LP: Catalonia)
  - 5 phases: 1st explorative research funded with own resources of at least 8 Regions. Other 4 phases with external funds (EU instruments/programmes/ other funding tbc.).

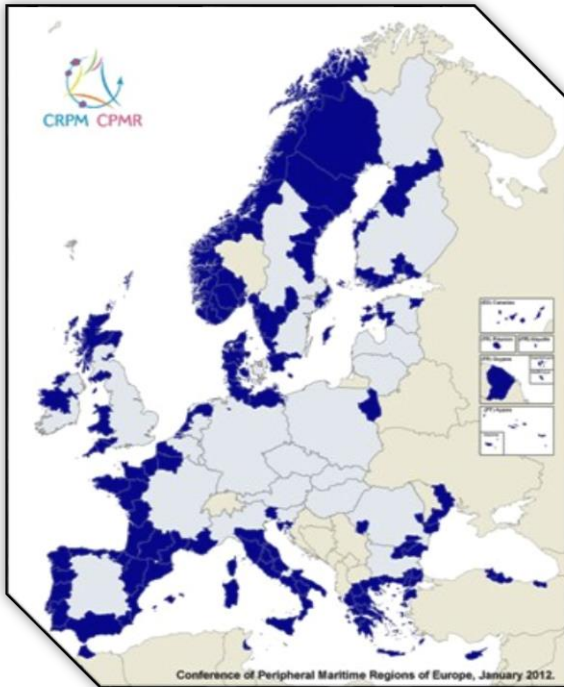




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- **MIMOSA Project** (Migranti Movimento Salute: scambio e sperimentazione di buone prassi inclusive attraverso unità mobili) **on comparison of integration services for migrants in social & health systems at regional & national level in order to capitalize and transfer good practices**
  - Submitted under last AMIF call of the Italian Ministry of Interior (objective 2 “Legal migration” & integration, national objective 3 “capacity building”)
  - Lead Partner: Emergency NGO in partnership with Region Sicily (special office for migration and health department), COPPEM, CPMR, Andalusia, U.CO.II, World Health Organization.
  - Focus on : 1. the consolidation of good practices on social-medical inclusion and integration services for non-EU nationals 2. Enhancement of public officials skills & response capacity of institutions involved in migrant reception systems 3. Good practices exchange promoted among different EU regions

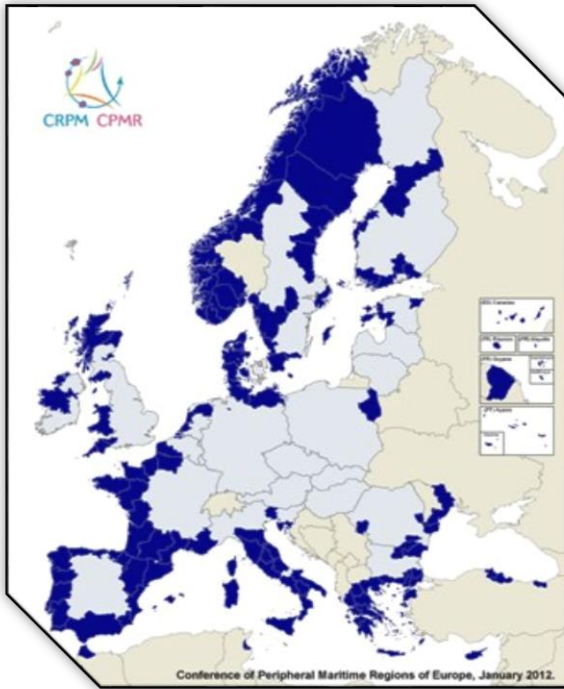




## WORKS OF THE CPMR TASK FORCE ON MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN 2015-2016 (VII.)

- **Examples of regional experiences and proposals concerning migrant integration in social & health systems:**
  - Several collected from regions: Tuscany, Abruzzo, Sicily, Balearic Islands, Andalusia, Valencia, Skåne, Catalonia, among others...
  - A recent case concerning refugees situation: MoU between Generalitat Valenciana and North & South Aegean Regions: agreement between the Regions on the possible transfer of 1100 refugees from Greek islands to Valencia Region and support their healthcare, education etc. (still not approved by the States)





## **CPMR TASK FORCE ON MIGRATION: PERSPECTIVES FOR 2016-2017**

- **Update of the CPMR TASK FORCE ToRs in 2016**
- **New seminars and debates promoting the exchanges of experiences and views between the regions, EU institutions and relevant stakeholders**
- **Setting-up and implementation of specific projects**
- **Support to the most relevant regional initiatives:**
  - Advocacy for consolidating the role of Regional authorities in migration issues, facilitating their action.
  - Support to specific regional proposals (e.g. Valencian Government-Aegean MoU /other regions' commitment to receive refugees)
  - Possible role for CPMR in the new emergency fund for refugees in synergy with the regions and NGOs
- **Lobbying and awareness raising actions**
- **Political or technical papers**



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