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Dear CPMR Member,

We are contacting you with regard to the **Our Ocean Conference 2019** (OOC19) <https://ourocean2019.no/>, which will take place **23-24 October in Oslo**. This conference is a crucial step in the international political mobilization on Oceans issues. Its principle is to bring to the fore precise and concrete commitments submitted by its participants. Commitments presented during the previous event in 2018 are available [HERE](#).

The European Union takes part in the Our Ocean Conference and is submitting some commitments. The CPMR is willing to renew its participation like it was done in 2017 and to promote the commitments presented by its Members Regions. In this perspective, we have been invited to gather examples of commitments from European Regions that could be promoted during the conference via:

- **A submission of commitments directly to the Our Ocean conference.**
It is a great opportunity for all maritime regions to showcase their effective actions towards a healthy, productive and clean Ocean. If you are interested, please go to : <https://ouroceanconference.org/commitments/login> and register online (or connect to your previous account if you had already provided commitments in the previous events) and **fill-in the online form** to provide a short description of your Regions' commitment(s). Then, please send us a copy of your commitment(s) by **9th August 2019** at the latest to lise.guennal@crpm.org. To ease the process, you will find in attachment a word copy of the online commitment form to be sent back to us.
- **A short CPMR document in a brochure format.**
We would be grateful if you could please send to us the commitments you might submit to the organisers of the Our Ocean Conference, which will enable us to gather the maritime and peripheral regions' commitments in a publication ([see previous brochure](#)). This will also enable the CPMR to promote those commitments to the organisers.

Therefore, we are looking for short examples of initiatives and policy commitments of CPMR Member Regions covering one of the 6 areas listed here-below. These areas are broad enough to offer great flexibility in the identification of regional initiatives and commitments, but they must be measurable and very precise:

- **Marine Protected Areas and Other Area-Based Management Measures** The Our Ocean conference is seeking to secure commitments to implement well-connected systems of effective area-based management measures, including MPAs, and to support them with sufficient funding, as well as technical and scientific capacity.
- **Climate Change**: The Our Ocean conference is seeking to secure commitments to adapt to climate change and rising sea levels by helping communities to work with nature, not against it.
- **Sustainable fisheries**: The Our Ocean conference is seeking to secure commitments to stop overexploitation of fish stocks and combat IUU fishing and fisheries crime, helping to manage fisheries resources at sustainable levels with a long-term, ecosystem-based approach.
- **Marine pollution**: The Our Ocean conference is seeking to secure commitments from governments, businesses and civil society to reduce discharges of plastic litter, nutrients and wastewater, and other pollutants and to develop initiatives to make recovery and recycling of waste more efficient.
- **Sustainable blue economy**: The Our Ocean conference is seeking to secure commitments from industry, national and local authorities, research institutions and civil society to shift ocean-based economic activities toward sustainable practices, enabling us to harvest the full potential of the blue economy in a smart, sustainable and inclusive way.
- **Maritime security**: The Our Ocean conference is seeking to secure commitments from industry, international organisations, national and local authorities, research institutions and civil society to address these important maritime security issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any query regarding the OOC2019.

Kind regards,

The CPMR secretariat.



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