



North Sea Conference

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What I'll speak about



Session on future of Cooperation in the North Sea Region...

My focus:

- **Work of CPMR in promoting cooperation**
- **Future of Europe (including Brexit)**
- **Future of EU Budget (MFF) in this context...**
 - **Future of INTERREG including Macro Regions**
 - **UK participation in future programmes**

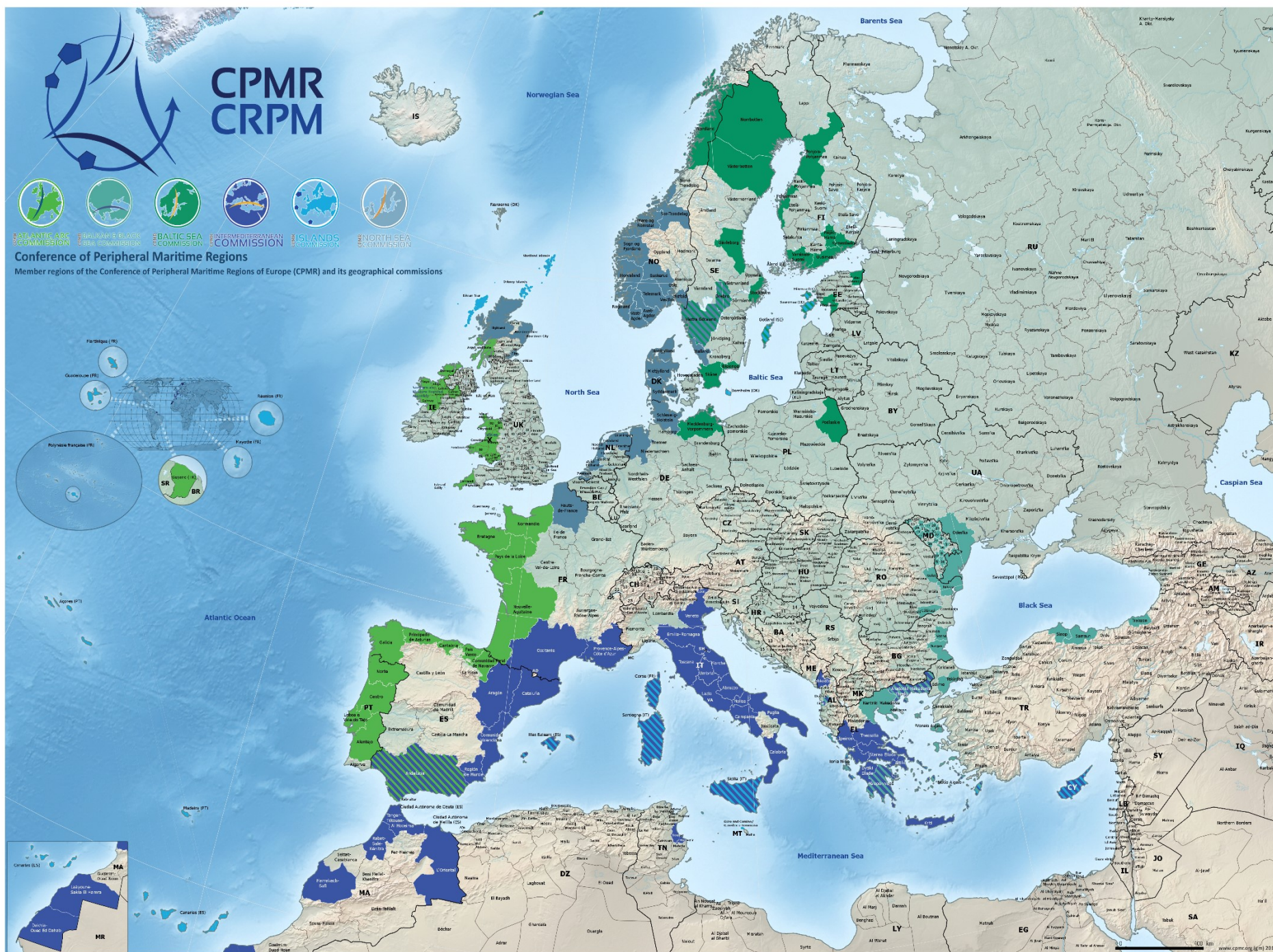


CPMR's Reflections



Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

Member regions of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR) and its geographical commissions



CPMR & NSC



- Membership organisation across Europe: 160 regions
 - CPMR Secretariat in Brussels/Rennes
 - Geographical Commissions at Sea Basin level (incl. **North Sea Commission**)
- Think Tank and lobbying organisation
 - A recognised partner at European level
 - Recognised influence on EU Institutions and policies
- CPMR and North Sea Commission:
 - At heart of any future cooperation in North Sea!
 - Welcome all maritime regions in the North Sea (and beyond!)

CPMR work



- Promoting interests of maritime regions
- Engaging in the big debates:
 - Future of key policies to regions: Cohesion Policy (including INTERREG); transport; maritime; climate; migration etc.
 - Future of Europe (**Policy position 2017; Manifesto early 2019**)
 - Future EU Budget
 - Brexit
- Intensive work 2017-2018 on these issues

CPMR on Brexit



- Three Task Forces:
 - North Sea (Groeningen)
 - Atlantic Arc (Galicia)
 - Channel (Normandy)
- Focus on:
 - Potential impacts of Brexit
 - Actions to address impacts (positive signs from Commission on this point...)
 - Maintaining future co-operation with UK through EU budget and programmes **(STRONG SUPPORT FOR INTERREG!!!)**

Examples:



- TEN-T corridors: CPMR proposes 14 amendments, *July 2017*
- High Level Conference on Brexit: Cardiff, Wales *Nov 2017*
- A strong Europe needs a robust budget: President Juncker Meeting *Dec 2017*
- Cooperation as part of the solution post Brexit: Chief Negotiator Barnier meeting *Jan 2018*
- Connecting Europe Facility: letter to Commissioner Bulc, *Jan 2018*
- A strong Cohesion policy to overcome disparities: EP hearing and CoR Cohesion alliance *Feb 2018*
- Territorial dimension of EU policies: CPMR dialogue with Commissioner Cretu and MEPs *April 2018*
- Open letter on INTERREG: *April 2018*

On Brexit...

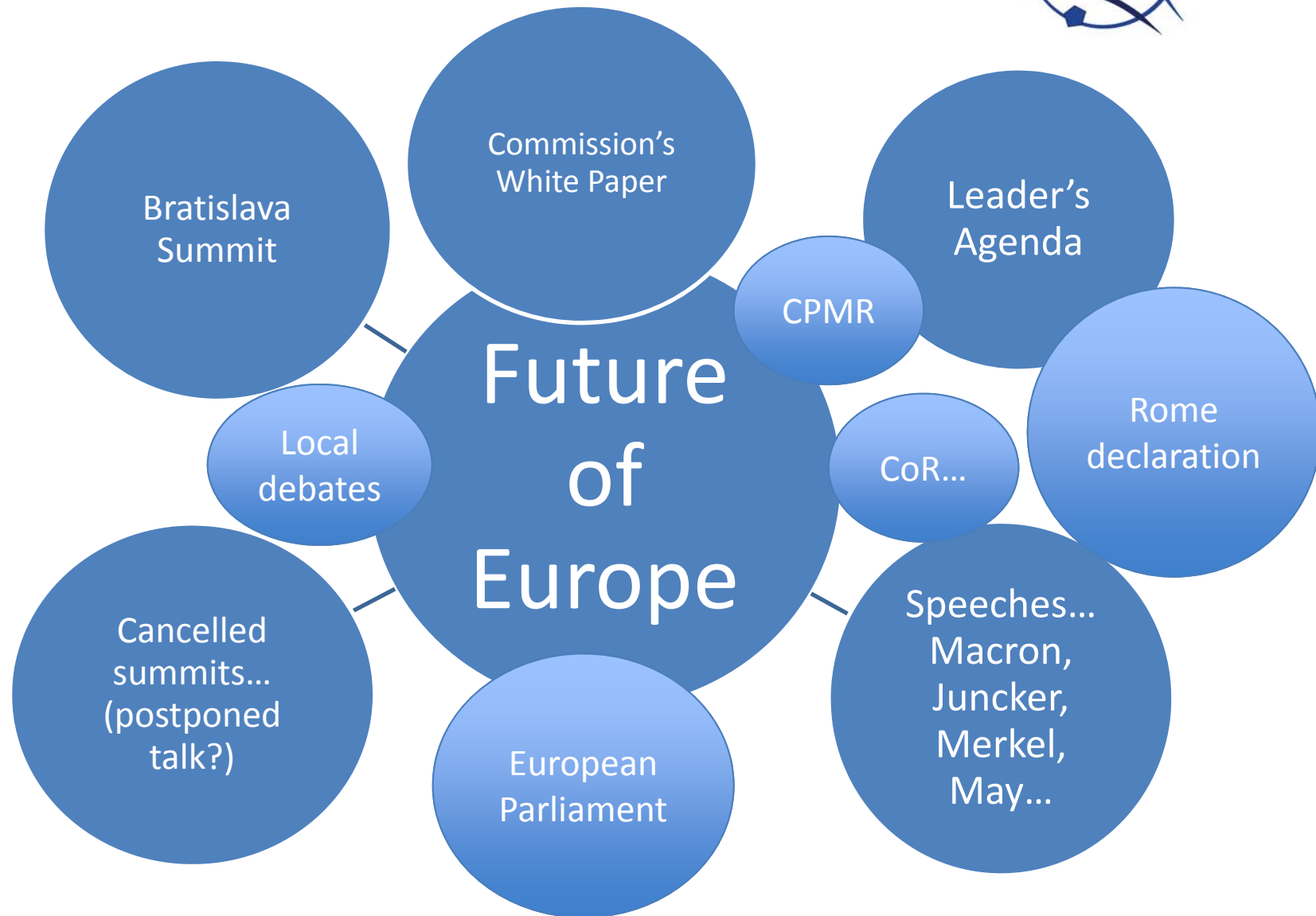


- [Cardiff Declaration](#) (Oct 2017) and Cardiff Brexit Conference in Wales (Nov 2017)
- [Atlantic Arc Brexit Declaration](#) (Oct 2017)
- [North Sea Brexit impacts report](#) (April 2018)
- Channel Declaration (25 June 2018?)
- Other initiatives:
 - [Declaration of Solidarity and Friendship](#) (Wales and Noord Holland – endorsed by CPMR Political Bureau 21 June 2018?)



Future of Europe

There's been a lot of talk...



And a lot of elections...



Germany

UK

France

Austria

Italy

Dutch



**More to
come....**

Competing visions...



- Multi-speed...
 - Deepened Union...
 - Focused on limited priorities...
 - Muddle along...
 - Eurozone v non-Eurozone
 - Rule of law...
 - Military and defence
 - Security
- And the list goes on...

Many visions...
but no clear
view yet...

Clues in Budget
Proposals...?

Timeline for 2019



- UK leaves EU 29 March 2019... (probably!)
- European Parliament elections June 2019
- New European Commission end 2019 (probably...)

So.. endgame?

- **Sibiu Summit 9 May 2019**: vision for future?

CPMR “Manifesto on Future of Europe”: early 2019

Future of Europe: Key messages



- **CPMR vision:**
 - Regions/local authorities must be at core of EU project
 - Territorial, Social & Economic Cohesion fundamental pillar
 - Cooperation/partnership must be reinforced (strong support for Macro Regions and sea-basin strategies)
 - Role of regions in neighbourhood/international policy
- **Further work (during 2018):**
 - Governance
 - Institutional reform
 - Citizens engagement

EU Budget proposals



- EU Budget for the Future:
 - “...ambitious yet realistic proposals for a modern EU budget”
- New areas... less for traditional priorities...
- More flexibility/simpler?
- Innovation & Climate Action key priorities
- Cohesion:
 - Shift of funding from East to West
- Conditionalities:
 - Economic/Structural Reforms
 - Rule of law
- Invest EU (replaces EFSI...)
- Reform Support Programme
- European Defence Fund
- Military Mobility Fund

Clues about future of Europe but still not an overall vision

Winners & Losers



Budget increases

- Horizon 2020: +7%
- Erasmus+: +75%
- LIFE: +40%
- Migration: +225%
- Global Europe + EDF +9%

Budget cuts

- Cohesion Policy: -8%
 - (INTERREG: -12%)
- CAP: -17%
 - Rural development: -24%)
- Maritime/Fisheries: -13%
- Transport: -13%*



North Sea cooperation

Cooperation potential



- **INTERREG (Territorial Cooperation)**
- **Connecting Europe Facility (Transport links)**
- Thematic programmes include:
 - Horizon Europe
 - Erasmus+
 - LIFE+
 - Creative Europe etc.
- North Sea Macro region?...
- Innovation, energy & climate action...

Brexit: UK participation?



- INTERREG: interesting (Article 5)
 - Door open to UK participation on same level (potentially) as Norway
 - Transnational Cooperation
 - Potentially Interreg Europe
 - Onus on UK Government to take initiative
 - BUT... Component 5 (innovation investments – S3?): UK not eligible... CPMR AMENDMENT?
- Thematic programmes:
 - ‘in accordance with the conditions laid down in a specific agreement covering the participation of the third country to any Union programme..’
 - This is more restrictive than for INTERREG
 - Participation contingent on specific agreement with UK
- CEF/TEN-T: ambiguity!

UK: no say in shaping programmes?

INTERREG (1)



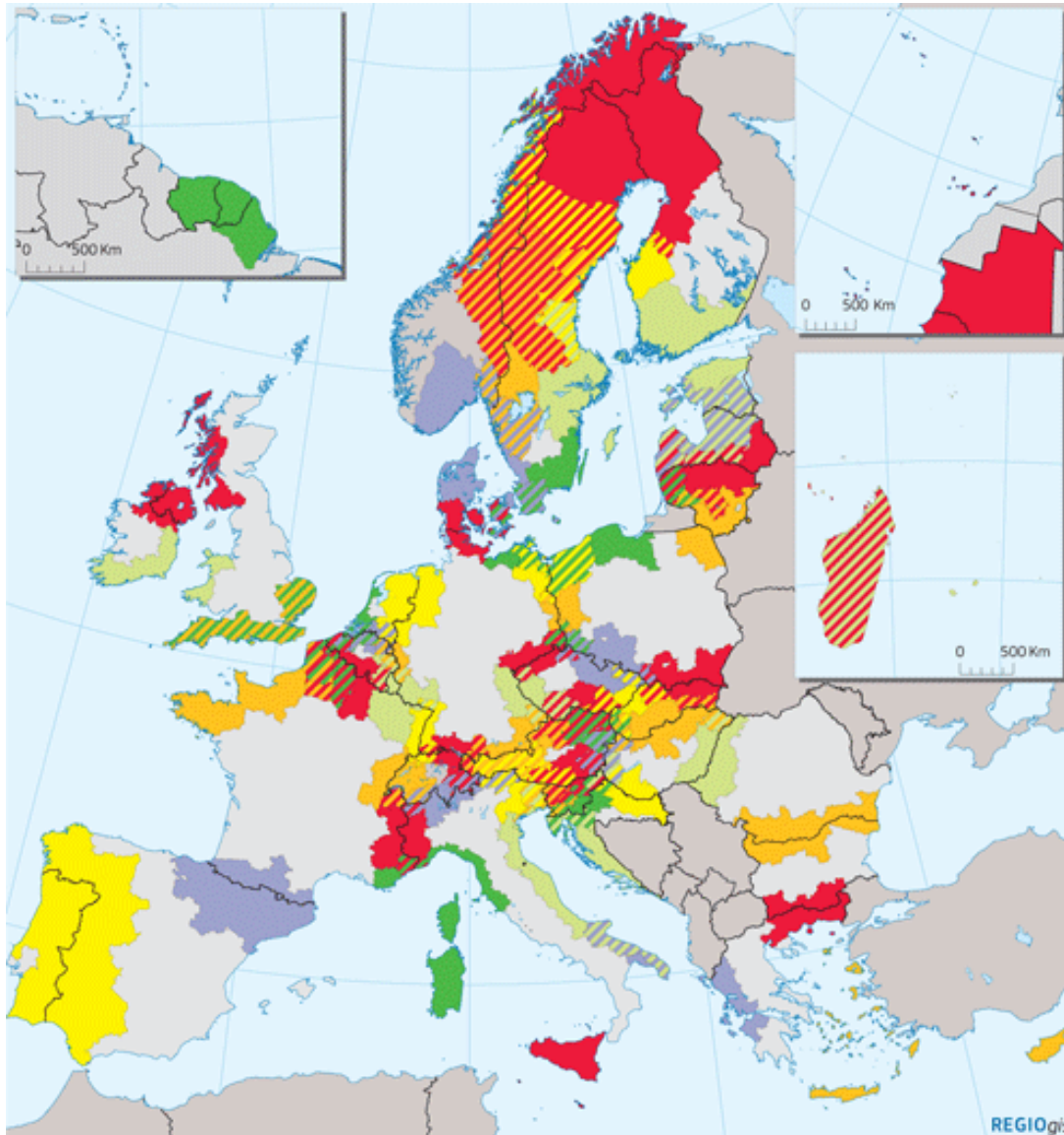
- 12% budget cut
- From 3 strands to 5 components
- No more INTERREG Europe
- **Macro-regional strategies** key component of INTERREG
- UK mentioned as eligible for ETC programmes... But not for everything... (see next slide)
- Norway, Greenland, Iceland and Faroe Islands too...

INTERREG (2)



- **Cross Border Cooperation (1)** land-based only... no maritime = **No “Two Seas Programme”**
- **Transnational Cooperation (2)**: focused **around sea basins** but includes scope for cross-border maritime cooperation (2B) including **sub-programmes**
- **Outermost regions (3)**: includes scope for cooperation across EU borders (neighbourhood and OCTs)
- **Inter-regional Cooperation (4)**: Exchanges of experience, innovative approaches etc. Includes ESPON-type component (analysis of development trends in cohesion policy)
- **Interregional innovation investments component (5)**: commercialization and scaling-up of interregional innovation projects. **Smart specialisation?**

Cross-Border Cooperation 2014-2020

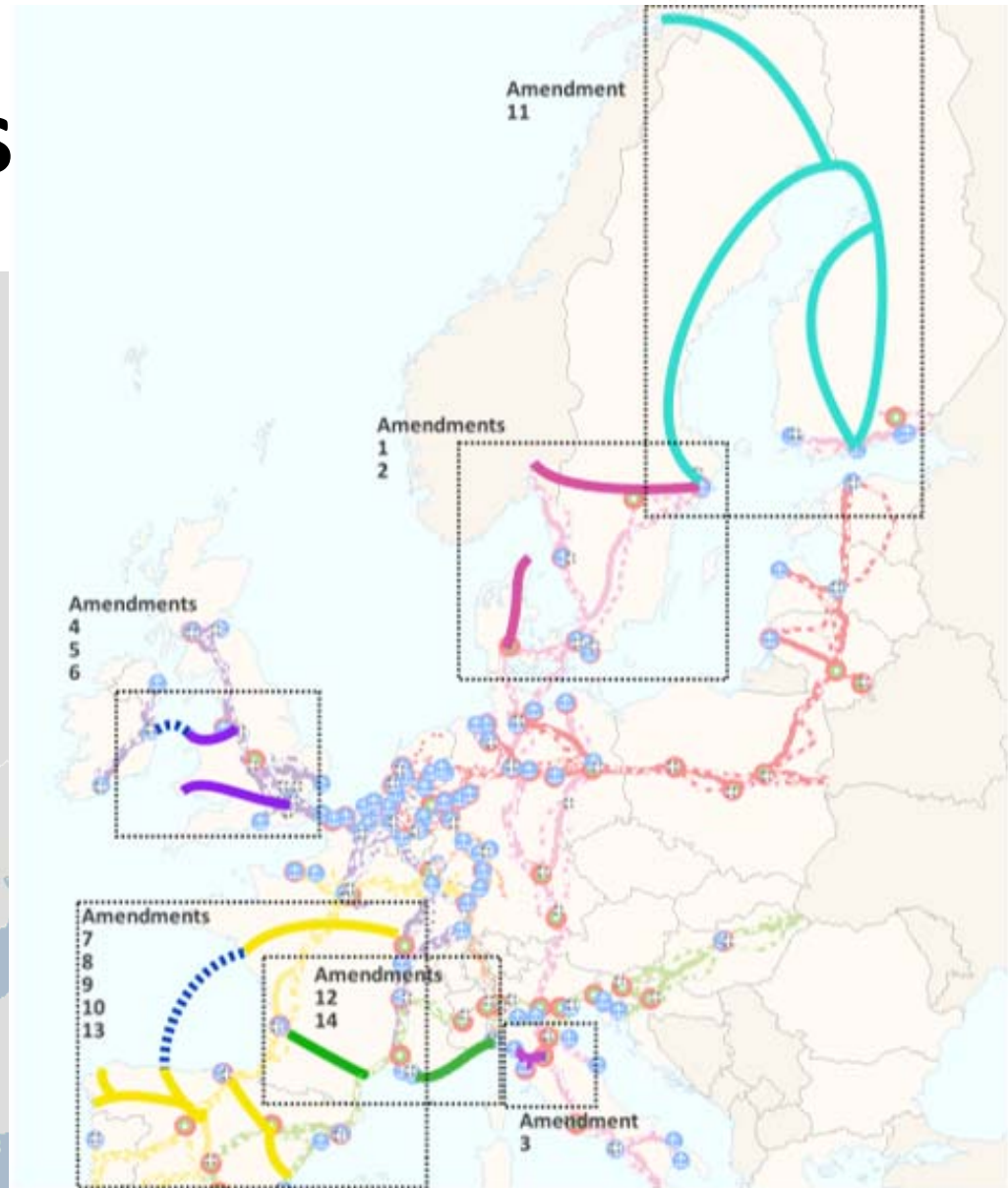


Connecting Europe Facility



- CPMR focus primarily on TEN-T
- First impressions of proposals:
 - Positive for ‘Comprehensive network’: potentially double the funding available
 - We think 13% cut overall (Commission doesn’t agree!)
 - Military Mobility Fund: takes €6bn of budget
 - Ambiguity on UK status
 - 6 of 14 CPMR amendments taken on board (see next slide for North Sea)... we will lobby for more!
 - Ports should be considered ‘cross-border’ and benefit from higher intervention rate... not taken on board... we will lobby!

TEN-T corridors



CEF: TEN-T



- Reorganised around three objectives:
 - Development of new infrastructure (60%)
 - Core network corridors (75%)
 - Other parts of core network (10%)
 - Comprehensive (15%)
 - Modernisation of existing infrastructure (40%)
 - Core network and comprehensive network
 - Military Mobility
 - Core and comprehensive
 - Adapt TEN-T to military compatibility (dual use)

Smart and sustainable networks incl. resilience



Many thanks for your attention!

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