

Maritime coastal regions: Backbone of Mediterranean sustainable growth

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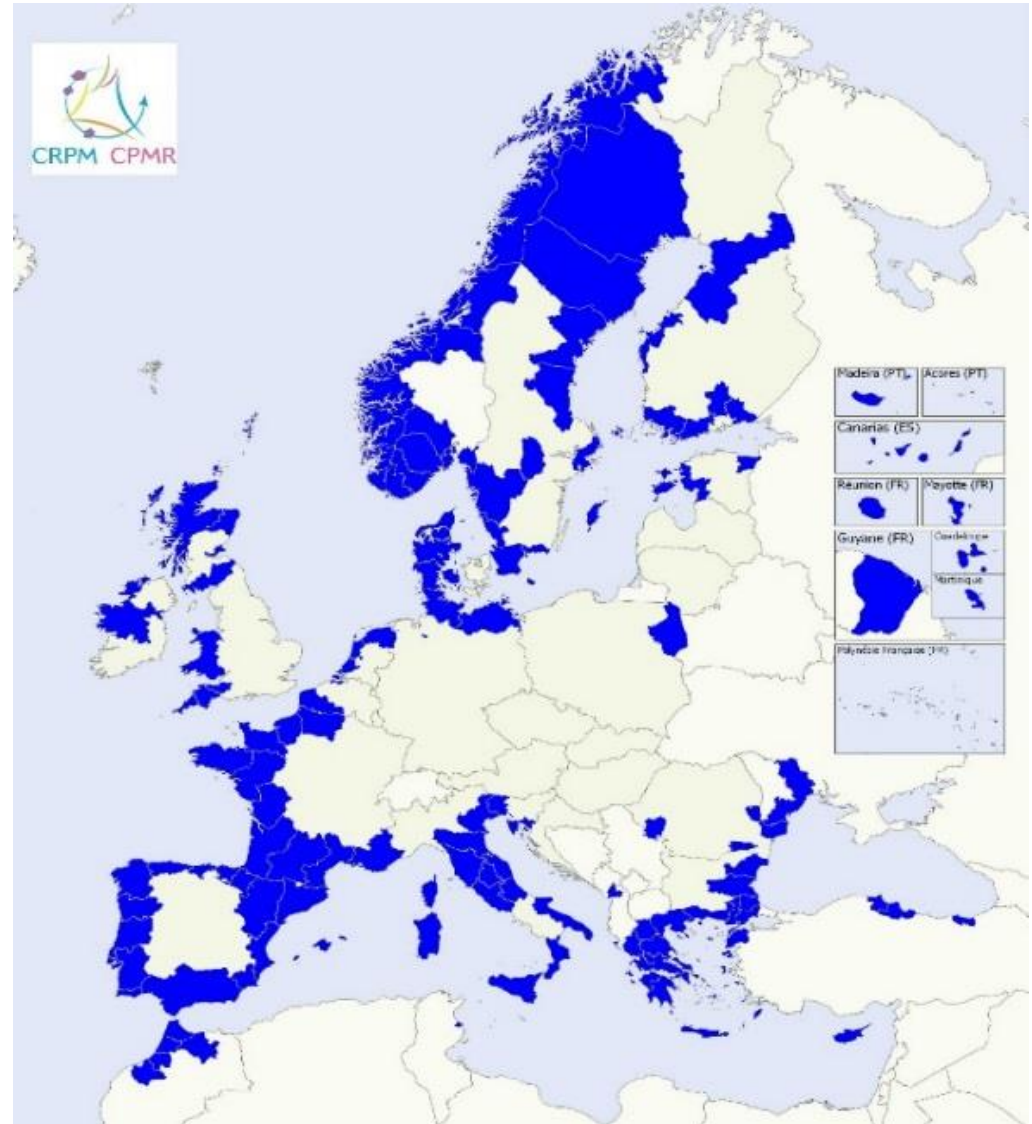
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160 regions
from **24** States
from the EU and beyond

4 main pillars:

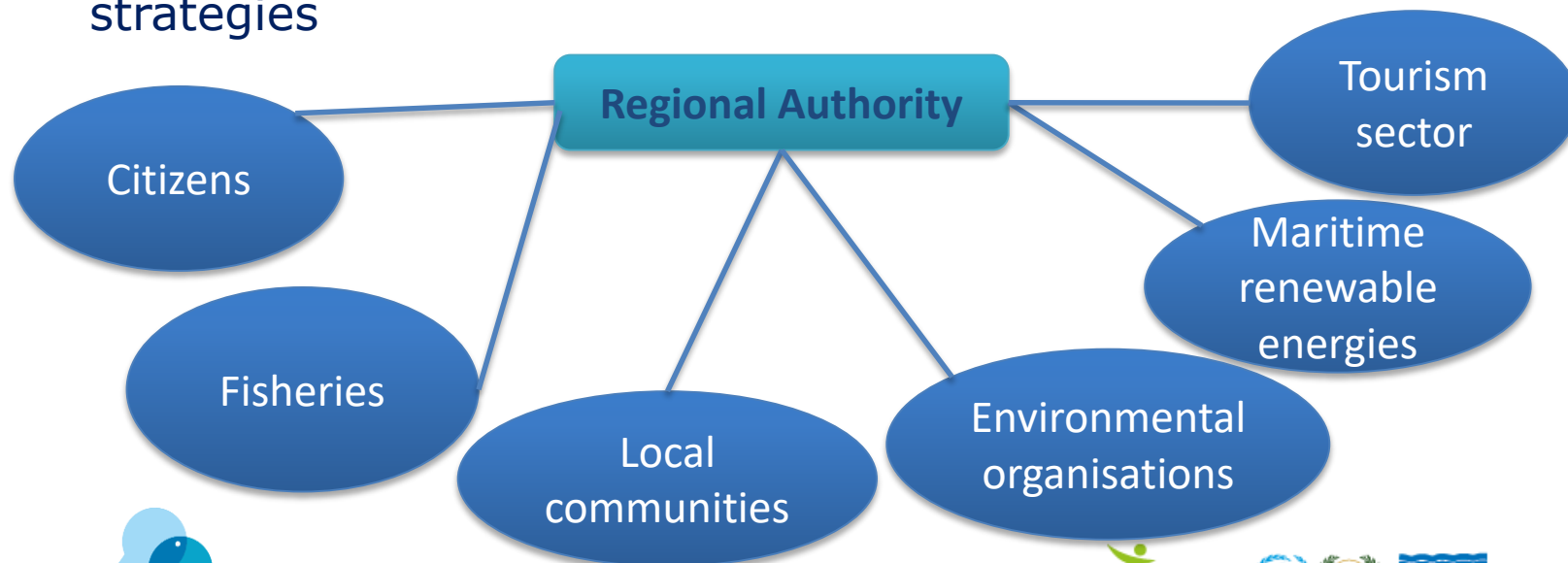
- Cohesion
- Maritime policies**
-> **MARITIME AGENDA**
- Accessibility
- Global Agendas



Context

- **The essential role of the Regions in MPAs**

- Legal powers / role in MPAs management
- Regional authorities can improve MSP /MSFD Directives implementation, ICZM dynamics, increase local accountability, ownership and influence
- MPAs Assessment/ development: Catalyst of structural dialogue with citizens and multi-stakeholders
- Right Fora to put MPAs in sustainable development/preservation strategies



Challenges

Main challenges facing by region in charge of managing MPAs:

- Maintain biodiversity
- Sustainable exploitation of marine coastal ecosystems
- MSP / ICZM to avoid usage conflict of seas and coastal zones
- Tackle climate change and biodiversity protection challenges
- Funding support to MPAs
- Multilevel coordination and competences

Perspectives

- How to generate potential ecosystem services

Protection & surveillance	Funding & governance issues	Cooperation & Networking
Effective solutions (e.g coordination) to ensure legal framework application	Shortage or unbalanced MPAs budget (often more for land than marine areas)	Co-management willingness (e.g tourism, fisheries related activities...)
Innovative monitoring approaches + Socio-economic and cultural indicators	Competence / governance schemes	Interregional cooperation network with multi-sectorial actors & stakeholders

Upcoming actions / Recommendations

- **PanaCea** (MED programme)
 - Outcomes on natural protection / biodiversity conservation
 - Stakeholders' community - knowledge transfer - SDP Platform
 - Communication & Dissemination strategy
 - Long term Capitalization tool ensuring policy enforcement.



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• **SIMWESTMED project**

- Increase cooperation between regions and national governments
- Reports on: 1- MSP/MSFD implementation /link with regions
2- Land-Sea Interaction – MSP/ICZM



Thank you - Merci

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