The Arctic Task force of the CPMR BSC

Messages from the CPMR BSC Arctic Task Force on the European Commission Communication: “A stronger EU engagement for a peaceful, sustainable and prosperous Arctic”
Clean energy technologies, forestry, sustainable extraction, and innovative solutions

Demographic challenges and sustainable social development
AN EU ARCTIC POLICY BASED ON TERRITORIAL STRENGTHS

The sustainable development of the Arctic must be based on territorial strengths.

It is crucial to recognise the potential of the green transition and green growth.

The European Arctic needs an enhanced focus on its people, social well-being, education, and culture. Investments in human capital are needed.
Increase multi-level dialogue

Promote Arctic issues high on the European agenda

Connect the Arctic to the rest of the EU
Arctic issues surpass the countries, the territories, and the people who live within the Arctic circle. The Arctic has a very clear European and global dimension.

The deployment of the **Recovery and Resilience Facility** until 2026 represents a major source of financing and opportunity for Arctic Regions.

The publication of a new **EU Arctic Policy**, at the same time as the **start of a new EU programming period 2021-2027**, represents a major opportunity to implement the policy successfully.

The development of **sustainable transport modes and infrastructures, effective connections, and ICT networks**.

The strengthening of a **sustainable blue economy** in the Arctic has important social and economic aspects for coastal communities and must be further promoted.
Increase cooperation with and between intergovernmental organisations, programs, stakeholders and authorities
Successful implementation of the EU Arctic Policy will rely on meaningful involvement from Arctic Regions.

The further promotion of interregional cooperation and constructive dialogue between (Arctic and non-Arctic) regions are essential.

The adoption in 2021 of both a new Action Plan for the EUSBSR and a new EU Arctic Policy is an opportunity to address common challenges in the BSR and Arctic area and reinforce their mutual development.