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Dear Mr Bang,

CPMR Seminar « How to effectively promote sustainable energy at a regional level »?, 8 and 9 November 2007, in Opatija, (County of Primorje and Gorski kotar, Croatia)

I am pleased to inform you that on the 8th and 9th November 2007, the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) will be holding a seminar on the theme "**How to effectively promote sustainable energy at a regional level**". This venue, to be held in Opatija, Croatia, on 8-9/11/2007 will be kindly hosted by the County of Primorje and Gorski Kotar.

The purpose of this gathering will be to foster an exchange of experience and views between the regional authorities of Europe's maritime Periphery and the EU Institutions on a number of key political and administrative issues, which are essential for an effective promotion of sustainable energy at regional level, viz.:

- **Can the harmonisation of planning and authorisation practices contribute to the promotion of a sustainable energy policy?**
- **Which policies promoting sustainable energy research and development can effectively contribute to promote regional competitiveness?**
- **How can EU policies support the use of local resources to promote a sustainable energy policy in peripheral maritime Regions?**

We would very much welcome your participation in this event. A formal invitation will be sent to you next September, but, we would like to ask you now if you would like to speak on any of these themes, and make a presentation outlining the situation in your own Region, and if possible airing some practical proposals which could eventually be raised by CPMR to the European institutions.

Should you wish any more details on the purpose and organisation of these events, please contact Jean-Didier Hache, Coordinator of CPMR Energy Working Group.

Yours sincerely,

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