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Smart Specialisation 4 Blue Growth Cooperation

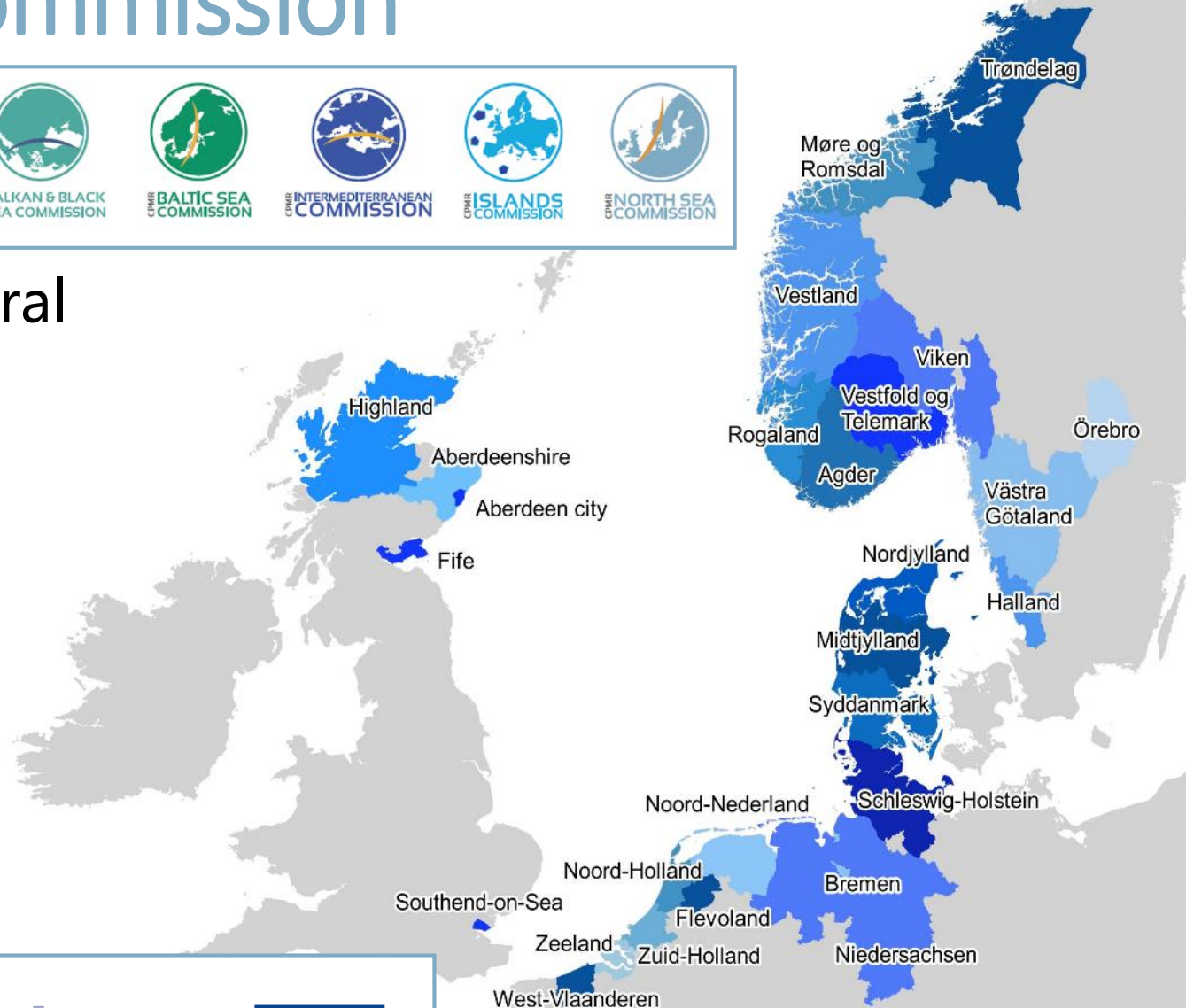
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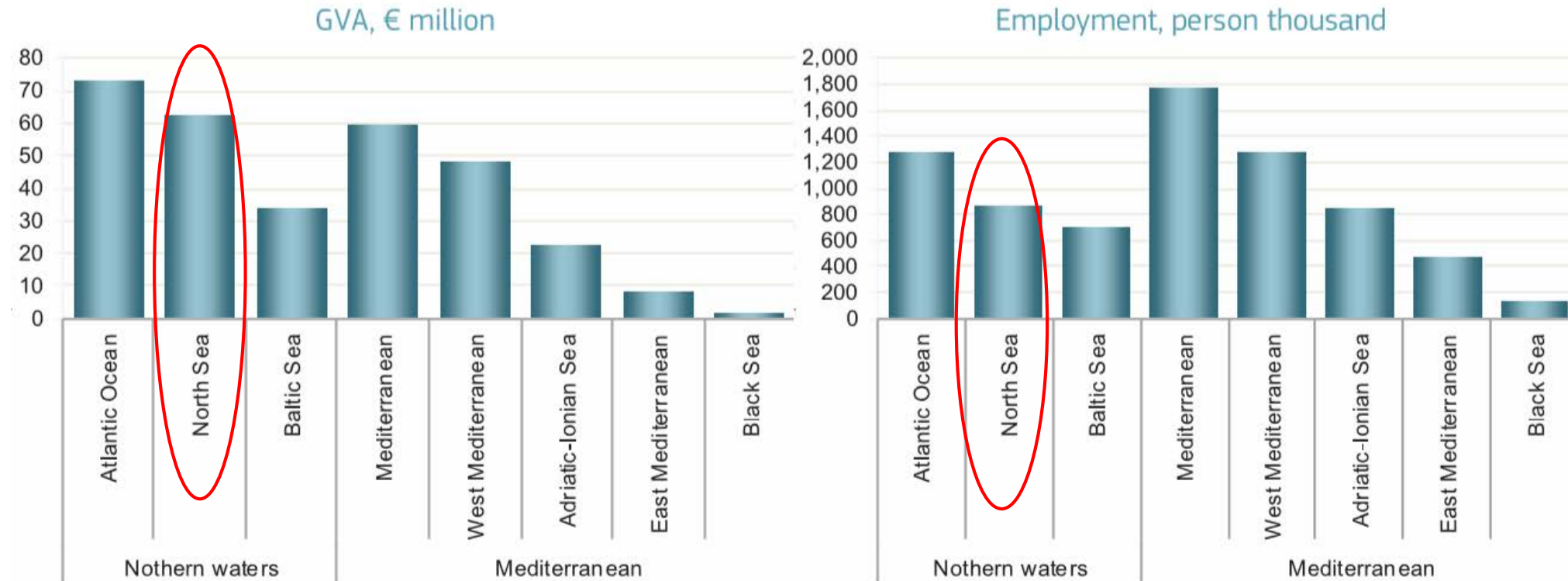


- Part of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CPMR)
- **27 members in 8 countries**
- Working **since 1989**
- Cooperation between elected political councils on subnational level
- Cooperation with stakeholders
- Close relation to **Interreg North Sea Region Programme**



The North Sea Blue Economy

The EU Blue economy report 2020



Source: European Commission (2020). The EU Blue Economy Report. 2020. Publications Office of the European Union. Luxembourg.

”Port activities and Maritime transport the main sectors”

”Offshore wind in Europe is focused mainly on the North Sea”

”A mature oil and gas basin with a thriving renewable energy industry”



Working for a:

- **Climate-neutral**

A resilient and adapted North Sea Region which has achieved climate neutrality at the very latest by 2050

- **Connected**

Fossil-free, safe and user-friendly accessibility for all and in every territory of the North Sea Region

- **Smart**

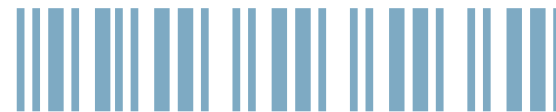
A frontrunner in sustainable economics and democracy, maximising its competitive advantages through innovation and blue and green economies

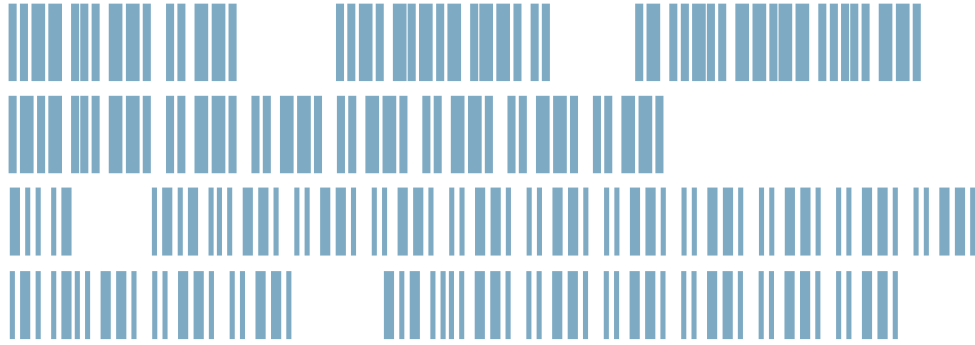
- **Productive & Sustainable**

Sustainable marine and maritime development



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“The North Sea Region must be a global front-runner in sustainable blue economy innovation”

What is needed?

- Promote the development of skills and knowledge marine and maritime sectors
- Improve access to finance and make better use of existing European Investment platforms
- Close dialogue with the business community





Interregional Innovation Cooperation

- Strengthen the S3
- Interregional Innovation Investments: put S3 into practice!
- Complementarity with other EU investments
- NSC: mapping, promoting and exchanging best practice transnationally

Regions have an active role to play!