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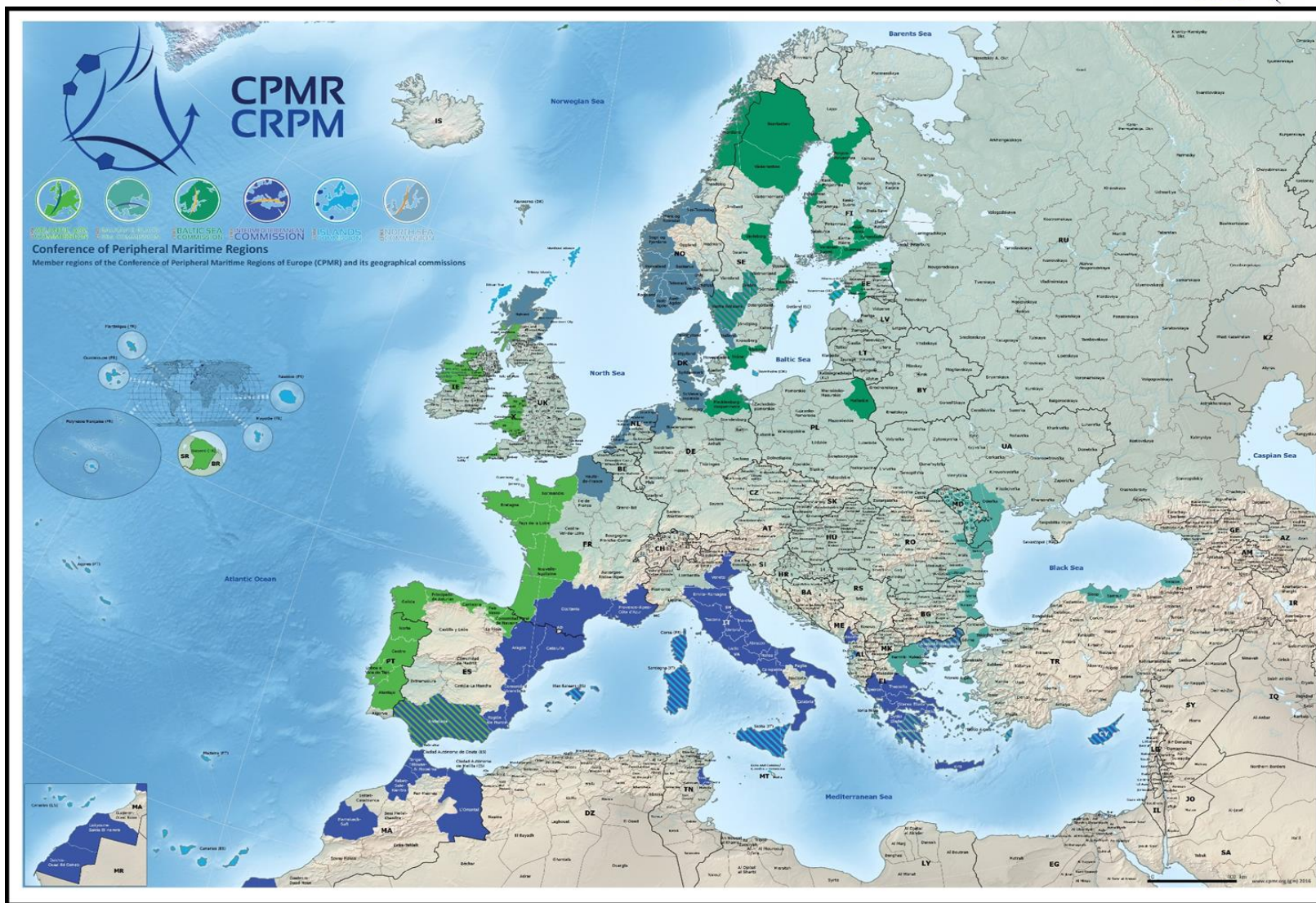
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CPMR Regions acting for climate neutrality

The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) represents the interest of 150 Regions from 24 States

Since its creation in 1973 it works for a balanced development of the European territory and to ensure that the interests of its Members are taken into account at EU level



Regions Act!



The ‘Regions Act! CPMR Regions acting for climate neutrality’ initiative was launched to:

- Foster the exchange of best practices between CPMR Member Regions
- Show the contribution of CPMR Members to the European Green Deal & the Paris Agreement

Regions Act! focuses on six areas:

- Mitigation
- Adaptation
- Involvement of stakeholders
- Vulnerabilities of the territories
- The role of cohesion policy
- A just transition

Qualitative results



Central role in the CPMR Climate Task Force for the exchange of best practices

The outcomes and results of Regions Act! were part of:

- Two side events at COP26
- European Climate Pact
- SEArica Intergroup of the European Parliament

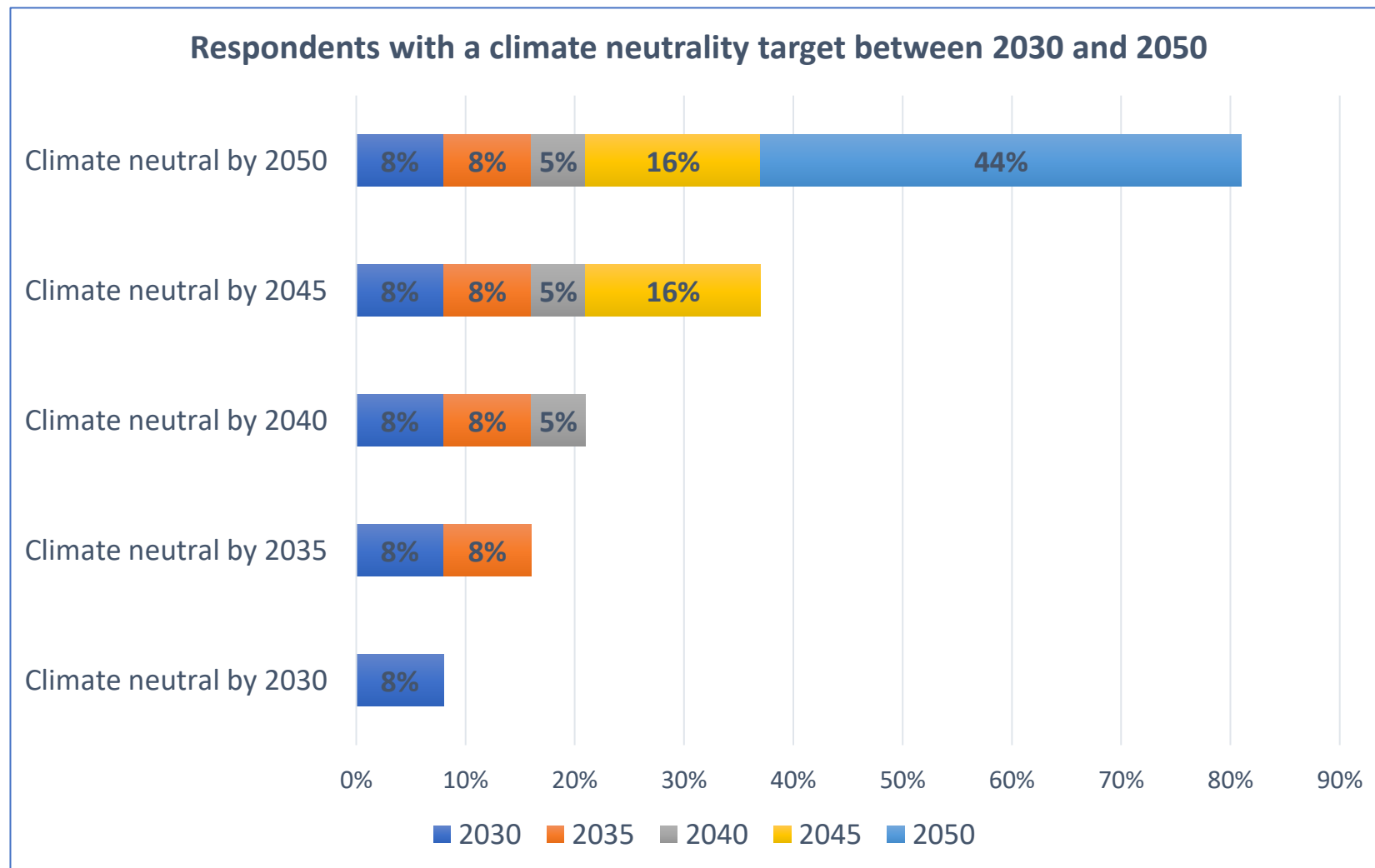
Regions Act! was also presented to:

- Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission
- Advisors of Charles Michel, President of the European Council



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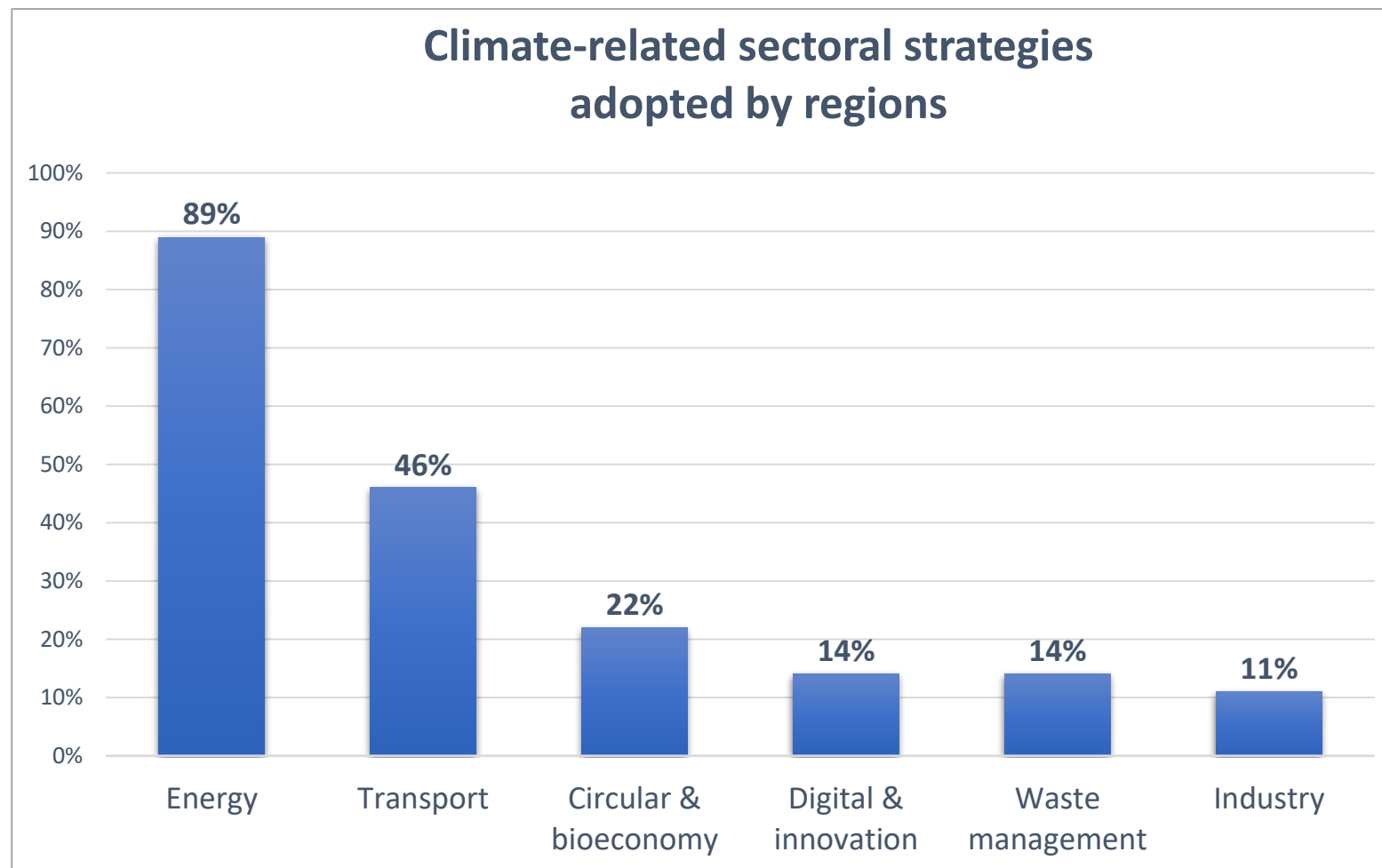
- Nearly 40% of CPMR Members aim to become climate neutral before 2050
- Regions are already acting and they are ambitious
- The EU and national governments should recognise the potential that lies in the regions to achieve the European Green Deal and the Paris Agreement



Not only ambition but tangible policies



- The transition to climate neutrality encompasses different economic sectors and policy areas
- CPMR Regions implemented an integrated and cross-cutting approach, such as →
- Regions have key competences for the ecological transition
- 92% are proactively involving local stakeholders
- Regions are a key level of governance for coordination



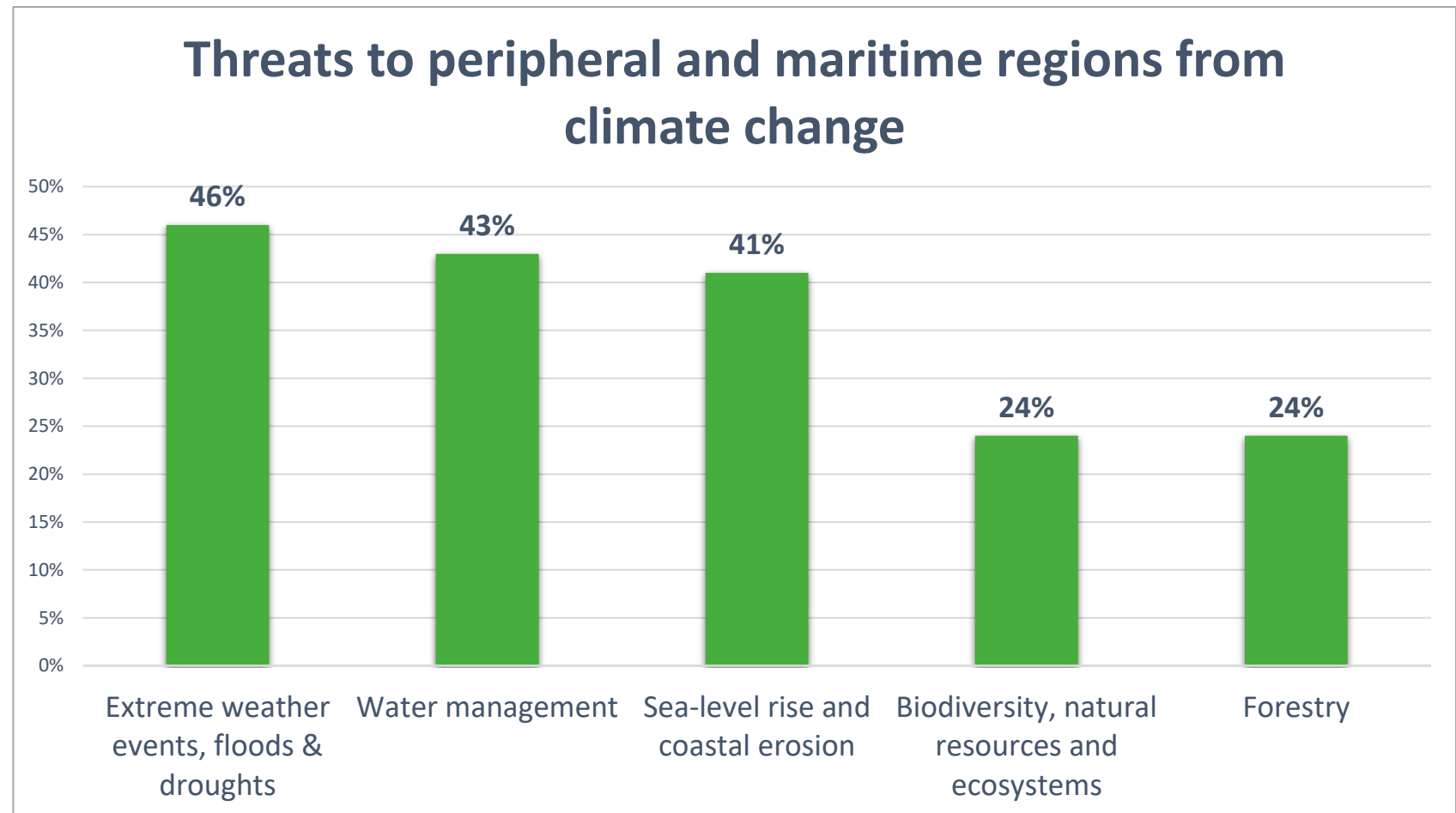
Adaptation: meeting a global challenge with a place-based approach



The CPMR collected input on the main vulnerabilities and impacts of climate change faced by the regions

Peripheral and maritime regions are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change

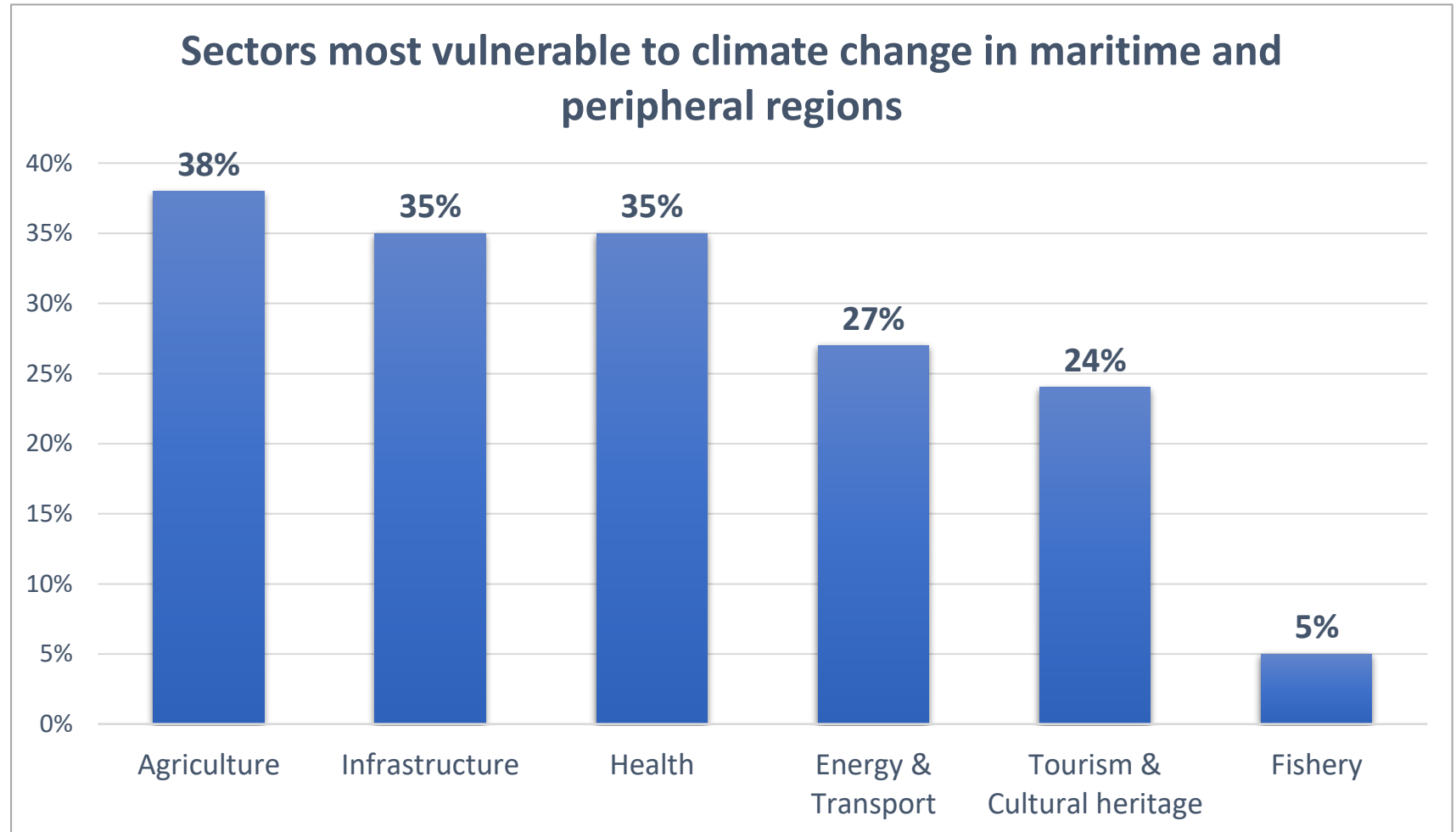
→ This be recognised at EU & international level



Adaptation



- The impacts of climate change have far-reaching negative effects on several economic sectors
- Regions are preparing their citizens and local economies for the unavoidable impacts of climate change, developing adaptation strategies and impact studies with a place-based approach
- They know their territories and make sure that not only urban areas but also rural ones can adapt to climate change



Conclusions



- Regions must be seen as key partners in the fight against climate change and be fully involved in the design and implementation of policies for the ecological transition.
- A robust multi-level and multi-stakeholders' approach is a *conditio sine qua non* to deliver the European Green Deal.
- Delivering a just transition to a climate neutral future must rely on a place-based approach and region-specific solutions.
- Regions Act! will continue to foster the exchange of best practices between CPMR Regions and will promote twinning initiatives



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