

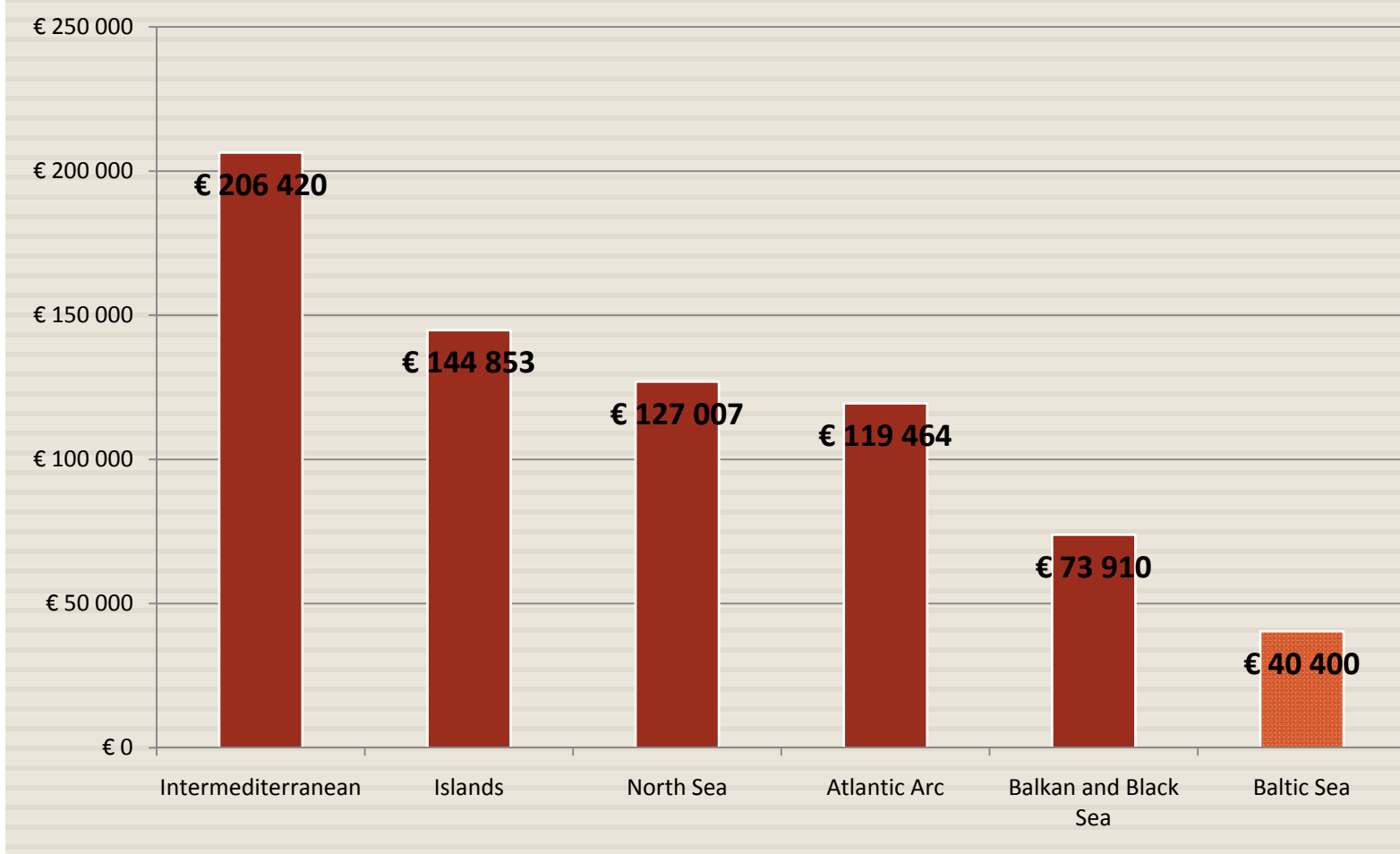
CPMR GEOGRAPHICAL COMMISSIONS MEMBERSHIP FEES REVISION

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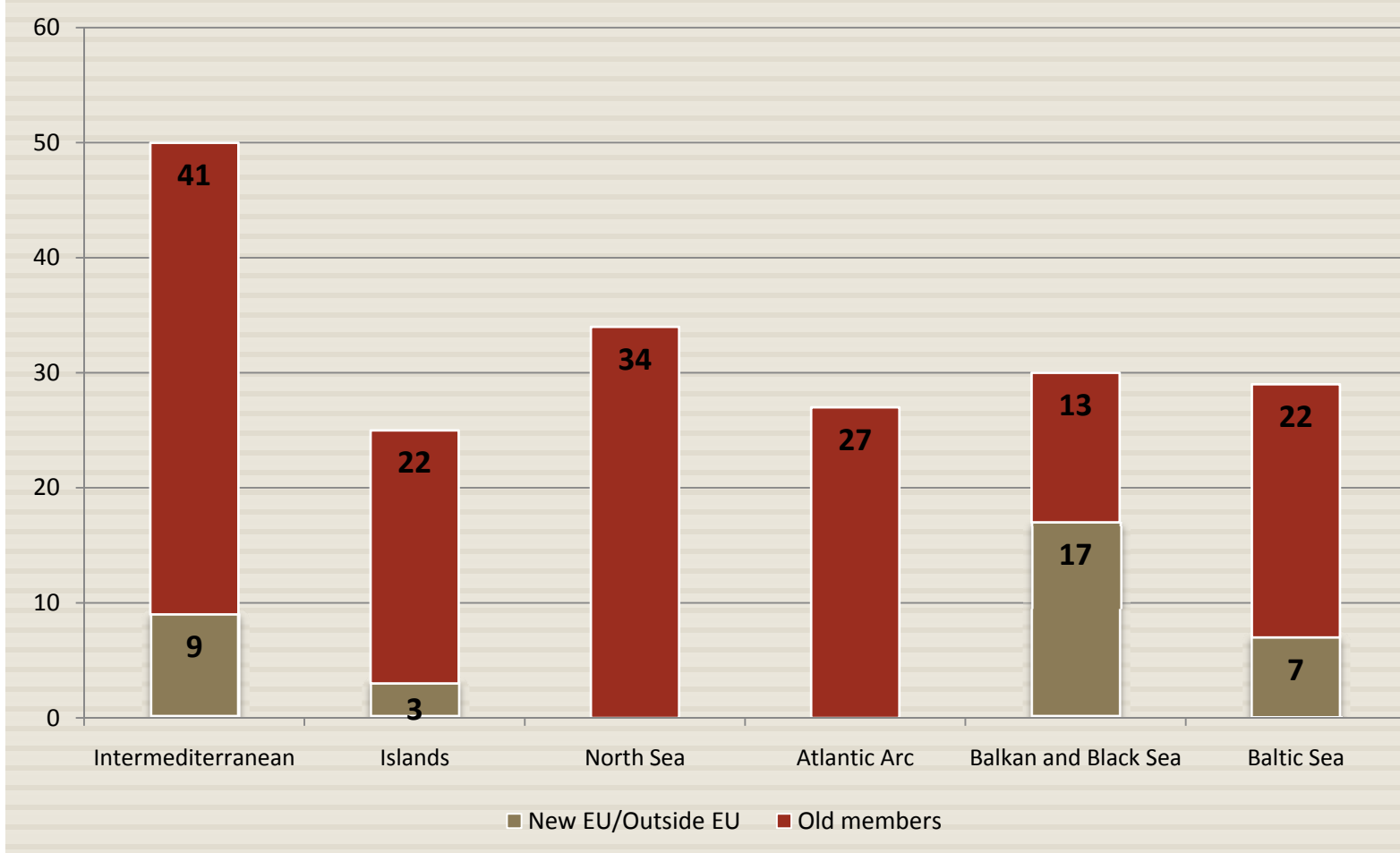
Initial remarks

- It is very difficult to get reliable and more importantly comparable financial data
 - ▣ At least three commissions (Atlantic Arc, NSC and BSC) get additional financial contributions from regions hosting the secretariat, the CPMR itself or other outside bodies
- To make the data more (rather than less) comparable, the budgets presented here include only fees paid by member regions
- This presentation is meant to be a plain analysis of the present state



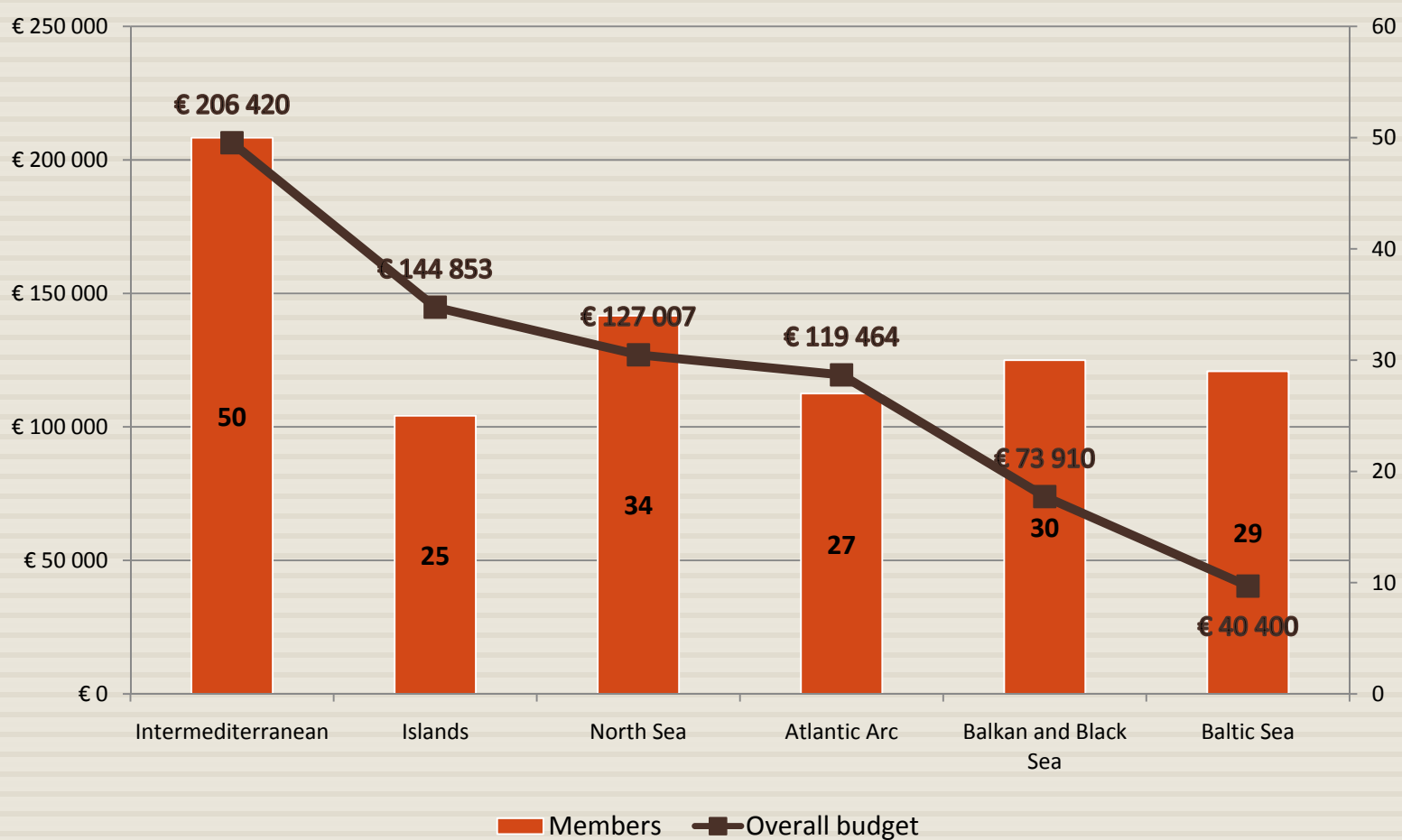
Overall budget comparison

- 1) **The BSC has the lowest budget** of all geographical commissions.
- 2) It is **lower nearly by half** than the second lowest BBSC budget.
- 3) It is **5 times lower** than the budget of the wealthiest Intermediterranean Commission.



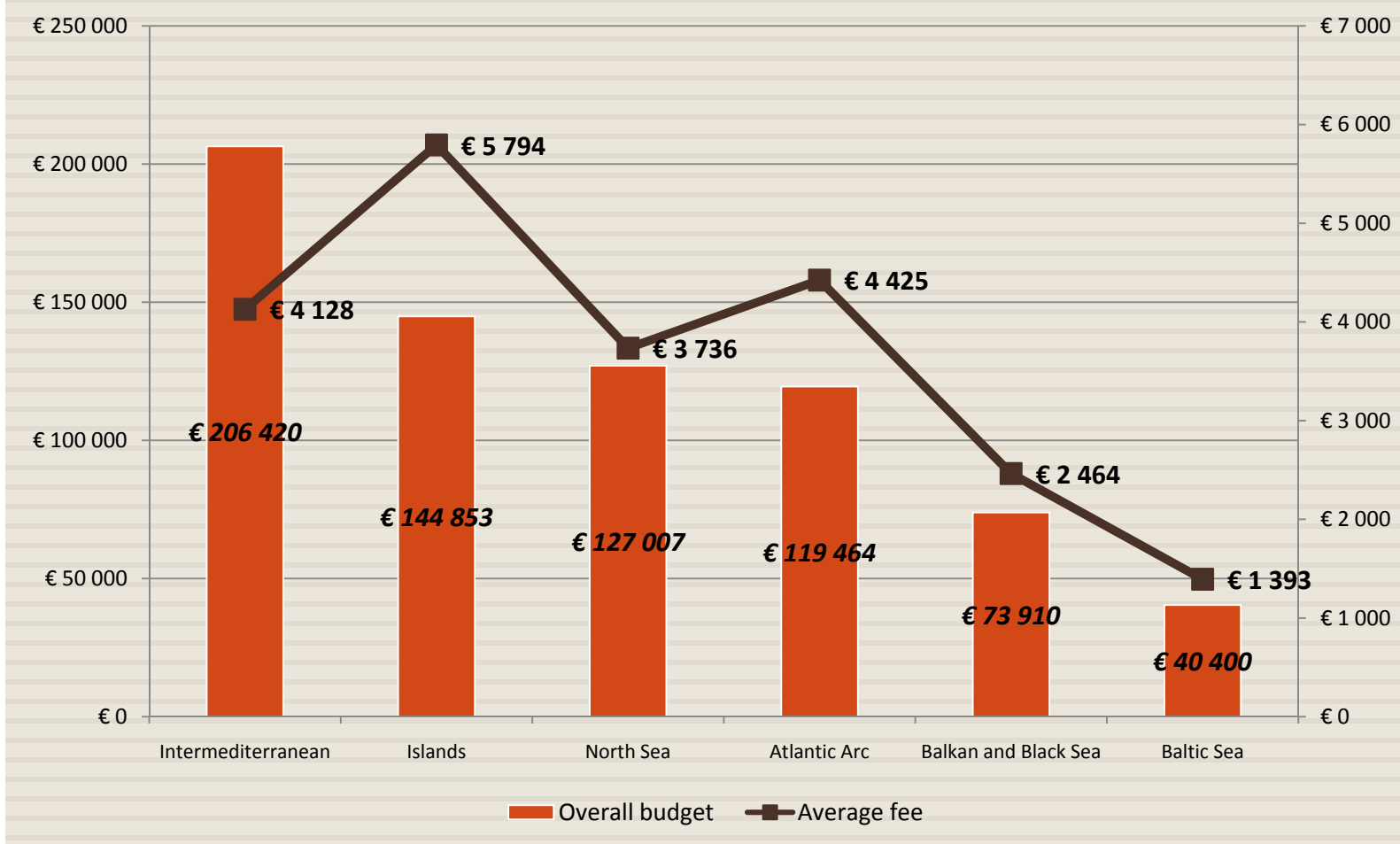
Commissions' members

- 1) The graph shows total number of members in each commission, additionally split into members from new EU or outside EU States, and old EU States.
- 2) **The BSC has a total of 29 members** – more or less the same as other commissions, excluding *the most crowded* Intermediterranean.
- 3) **The BSC has 7 members from new EU States** – which, considering the direction of latest EU enlargements, is a rather suprisingly low number – just take a look at the Intermediterranean – they have 9!



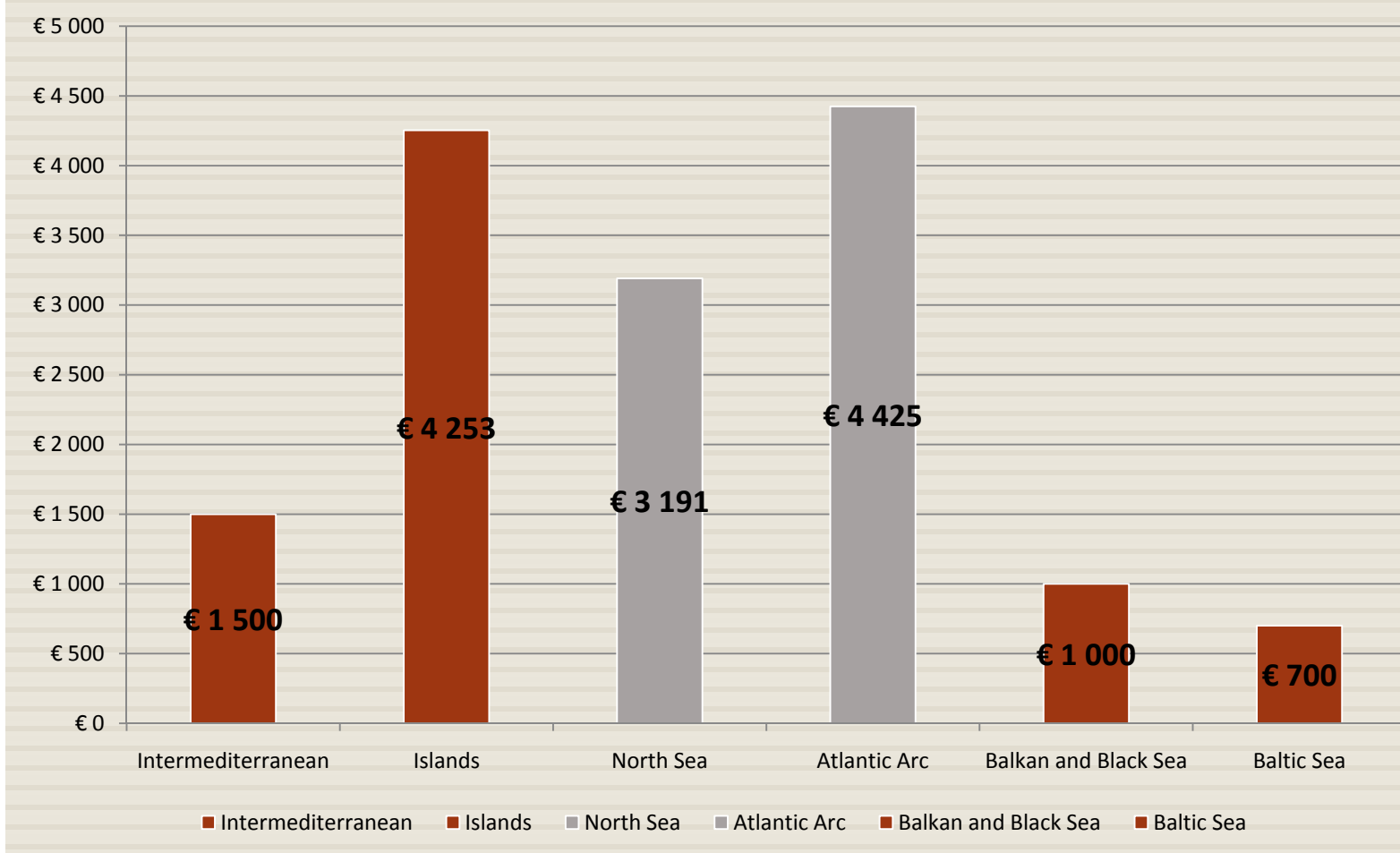
Overall budget vs. number of members

- 1) If we compare the commissions' budgets and members, I think, we cannot clearly say there is such a direct relation that the more members you have, the bigger budget you have.
- 2) This statement may work for Intermediterranean, North Sea and Atlantic Arc Commissions, but falls short with the BBSC and BSC.



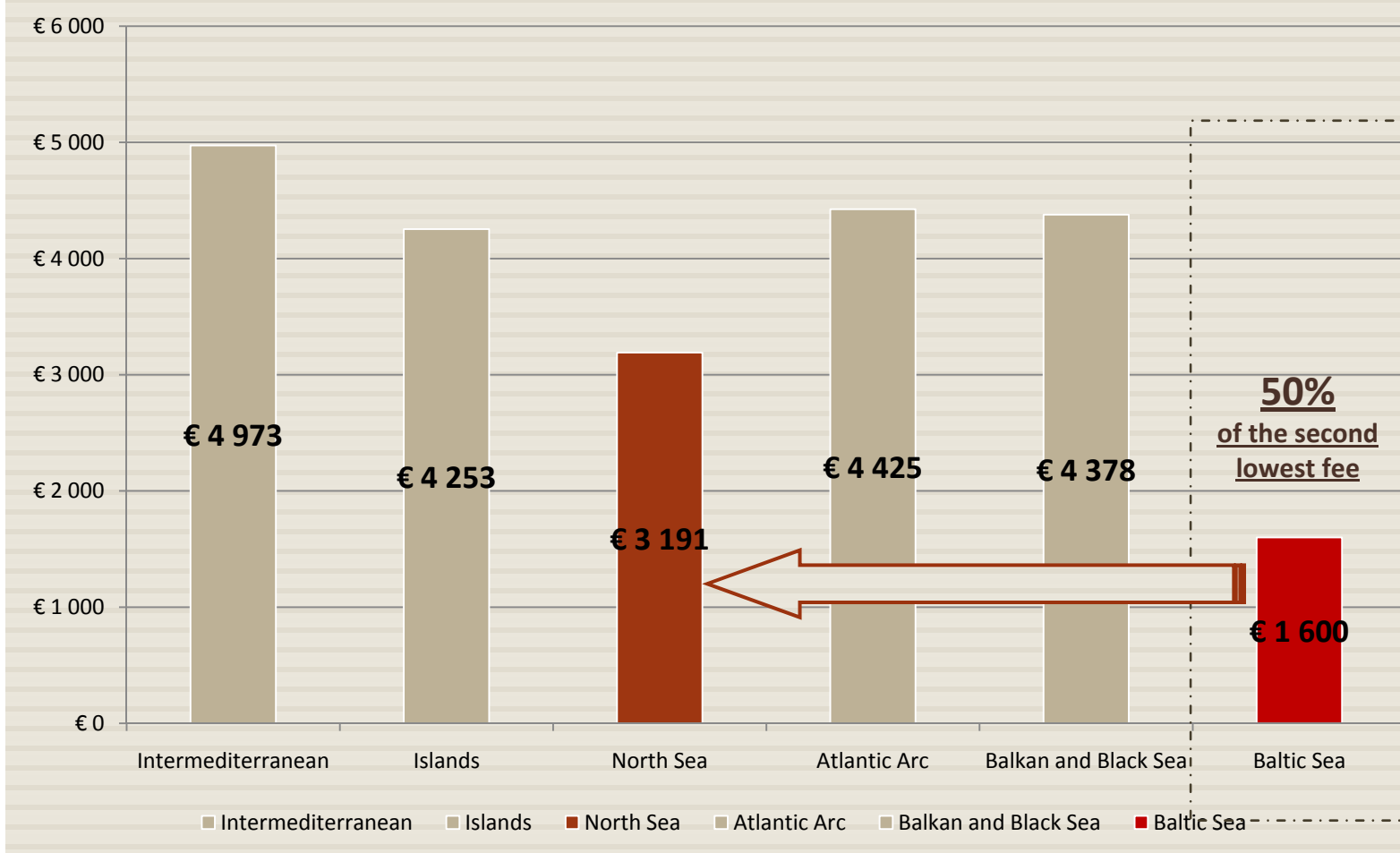
Average fee vs. overall budget

- 1) If it is not about the number of members, **it has to be about the fee.**
- 2) The BSC has the lowest average fee – more than 4 times lower than the highest avg. fee in Islands, **about a half lower than the second lowest BBSC avg. fee.**



Fee for new/outside EU members

- 1) The NSC and Atlantic Arc have no member regions from new EU or outside EU States.
- 2) As the NSC and Islands have population based fees, I have taken into consideration the lowest possible amounts.
- 3) The BSC fee is **€ 300 lower** than the second lowest BBSC fee and **€ 800 lower** than the third lowest Intermediterranean fee



Fee for old EU members

- 1) As the NSC and Islands have population based fees, I have taken into consideration the lowest possible amounts.
- 2) All commissions have more or less the same fee level, except for the NSC and BSC.
- 3) The BSC fee is **about 50% lower** than the second lowest NSC fee.

Conclusions

- Commissions' budgets rely to some extent on the number of member regions
 - Commissions' budgets rely very much on the wealth of their members
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- Commissions' budgets rely very much on their **members from *old EU Member States*** and the **fees they pay**

Conclusions

- BSC has the lowest budget of all CPMR Geographical Commissions
- BSC has the lowest fees both for old EU and new EU member regions
- BSC fee for new EU member regions is lower **by € 300** than second lowest fee (i.e. **30 %**)
- BSC fee for old EU members is **lower by half** than second lowest fee