



SUMMARY OF THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE CPMR INTERMEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION

25 September 2013 – Saint-Malo (Brittany, France)

1. POLITICAL DOCUMENTS

The plenary meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission approved and adopted:

- **The guidelines of the Ljubljana Declaration:** “Responses to energy efficiency and renewable energy challenges in housing” that will be updated during the next meeting on the capitalisation of med strategic projects: PROFORBIOMED, MARIE and ELIHMED in Valencia, on 14 November 2013.

In addition, and in continuity with the reflections that started during the General Assembly in Barcelona (June 2013) on the first guideline document, the Intermediterranean Commission has taken note of the updated schedule for the development and has launched a debate on the content of:

- **Draft final report** that the Intermediterranean Commission is preparing for the **ARLEM ECOTER Commission** on “**Cohesion strategy in the Mediterranean**”.

NB: The document was presented during the ECOTER Commission meeting in Rabat (Morocco) on 4 October 2013 and will be updated based on feedback from the members of the Intermediterranean Commission and ARLEM during the month of October. In this context, the date limit for sending contributions for this phase in the preparation of the report is 22 October 2013.

Finally, the members received information on:

- **The CPMR draft policy position “Regional Authorities in European Development Policy”** (Response to the EC Communication: COM (2013) 280 Final 15/5/2013).

The document will be approved by the CPMR Political Bureau and its members can send comments in writing until 10 October 2013.

2. INTERNAL ISSUES

The Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly approved:

- **The minutes of the General Assembly in Barcelona** (June 2013).
- **The financial documents** of the Intermediterranean Commission: 2012 accounts, progress report on the 2013 budget and proposed budget for 2014.

In addition, the Regions were informed of the activities and results of the Intermediterranean Commission over the period July-September 2013 (refer to the Activity Report) and the prospects for implementing the action plan for the last quarter of 2013 and for 2014 (seminars and conferences, lobbying activities, projects, contacts with potential new members).

In terms of the **calendar** and on the basis of the proposals drawn up by the members, the next meetings of the decision-making bodies of the Intermediterranean Commission are:

- Meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau in Patra (Dytiki Ellada, Greece) – Early March 2014
- General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission in Napflio (Peloponese, Greece) – Early June¹
- Plenary meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission in Umeå (Västerbotten, Sweden) – 24 September 2014
- Meeting of the Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau in Marseille (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France) - November/December 2014

NB: in December 2013, a technical meeting to prepare for the Political Bureau will be held in Barcelona. The Secretariat will send out the necessary information within the next few days.

The Intermediterranean Commission Political Bureau and General Assembly are organised in Greece in order to be in synergy with and to influence the Greek Presidency of the EU. They will help deal with the key topics for the Commission such as macro-regional strategies in the Mediterranean (in particular EUSAIR, which is currently being prepared).

The Intermediterranean Commission's change in mandate will be made during the General Assembly in September 2014.

3. WORKING GROUPS

The Intermediterranean Commission working groups work on the basis of their action plans that were approved during the General Assembly in Barcelona. The calendars and specific meetings for 2013-2014 will be sent on an ad-hoc basis by the Intermediterranean Commission Secretariat.

During the meeting, the Regions were also informed of:

- The MAREMED project, which has been successfully completed, under the coordination of the Region of PACA and of the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) Group of the Intermediterranean Commission that is reflecting on the capitalisation of new projects for the future, in particular in the framework of the MED programme;
- In the framework of the implementation of the IMP Group's action plan, Emilia-Romagna Region has proposed creating an initiative or a coordination unit on the Bologna Charter (sustainable development and integrated management of Mediterranean coasts) in order to broaden the partnership and in particular facilitate the implementation of the macro-project as covered by the Charter. This will all be in synergy with the European Med capitalisation project: COASTGAP, clusters such as FACECOAST and in the framework of the debates on macro-regional strategies in the Mediterranean and on ICZM-MSP;
- The Region of Puglia expects to end the EXPO Group as it considers that the conditions for direct collaboration with the organisation of the Milan 2015 Expo and the guarantee of a preferred role for the CPMR and the Mediterranean regions are not met. The Region will send a communication to the members on the subject in the next few days and new possible forms of collaboration will be considered, without necessarily involving the creation of an ad-hoc working group.

4. VARIOUS INFORMATION

The Regions were informed that the Commission is going to participate, through the Presidency, in the **Political Council of the UCLG's Mediterranean Committee**, on 2 October 2013 in Rabat, and possibly make contributions to the *Charter on Democratic Governance* proposed in the framework of this Forum.

¹ Please note that in the end it will not be possible to organise it in June in the Peloponnese Region - Consequently, the Presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission proposes that the 2014 General Assembly be organised during the first week in July in order to coincide more closely with the Italian presidency of the EU.