



Région Rabat-Salé-Kénitra



Political Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission

(Meeting is open exceptionally to all Regions of the Intermediterranean Commission, the new Moroccan Regions, and members of the Political Council of the UCLG Mediterranean Commission¹)

26 November 2015 (2.00 p.m.-7.00 p.m.) - Rabat (Rabat-Salé-Kenitra - Morocco)

Meeting Location:

Rabat-Salé-Kenitra Regional Council

Place Al Joulane (near St. Peter's Cathedral) - Rabat

DRAFT AGENDA²

1.45 p.m.: Arrival of participants

2.00 p.m.: **Welcome - Objectives of the meeting and presentation of the new Moroccan Regions by the CPMR's Intermediterranean Commission**

- **Abdessamad Sekkal**, President of the Rabat-Salé-Kenitra Region
- **Michel Vauzelle**, President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region and President of the Intermediterranean Commission

2.30 p.m.: **Session I - Challenges and prospects of decentralisation in the Mediterranean: focus on regionalisation in Morocco/Tunisia and the added value of decentralised cooperation**

- Introduction and moderation by an **external expert** (to be confirmed)
- Statement by a representative of the **DGCL in Morocco** (to be confirmed)
- **Bertrand Fort**, Delegate for external action of local authorities, Secretary General of the National Commission for decentralised cooperation, Department of Foreign Affairs - France (to be confirmed)
- **Hamdi Ould Errachid**, President of the Laayoune-Boujdour-Sakia El Hamra region
- **Adel Khabthani**, Governor of Monastir
- Regionalisation experiences on the northern shore and the value added by territorial development and decentralised cooperation:
 - o **Francesco Pigliaru**, President of the Sardinia Region
 - o **Susana Díaz**, President of the Junta de Andalucía
- Debate

Key Questions:

How can decentralisation contribute to an integrated and participatory territorial development as well as improved stability, security and cooperation in the Mediterranean. What added value is there for decentralised cooperation in particular? What needs and requirements do the southern parts of the Mediterranean have in relation to integrated territorial development? What requirements are there in terms of strengthening abilities/on which priority themes?

- Conclusions by the **President of the Intermediterranean Commission**

¹¹ **NB:** the right to vote is restricted to members of the Political Bureau of the IMC.

² **NB:** half the speakers are yet to confirm

4.00 p.m.: **Session II - Towards new European policies for migration and neighbourhoods: how to deal with cyclical and structural challenges in the Mediterranean**

- Introduction, moderation and conclusions by the **President of the Intermediterranean Commission**
- **Raul de Luzenberger**, Minister and Deputy Head of the European Union Delegation to the Kingdom of Morocco
- **Francesc Homs i Molist**, First Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission and Advisor to the President of the Generalitat de Catalunya
- **Mohamed Sadiki**, Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission, Regional Adviser of Rabat-Salé-Kenitra and Mayor of Rabat
- **Kostantinos Karpetas**, Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission and Deputy Governor of the Dytiki Ellada Region for European and International Affairs
- **Jean-Claude Gayssot**, special delegate for the support of macro-regional strategies and the Mediterranean sea basin, First Vice President of the Languedoc-Roussillon Region
- Debate

Key Questions:

Will the new ENP be capable of innovating and dealing more effectively with the challenges of the Mediterranean? Will it be capable of transforming itself into a genuine policy of cohesion? What will be the relationship between the ENP, the Migration Policy and the CSDP/ESDP or the Development Policy or other EU policies? What role and added value is there for local and regional authorities?

5.30 p.m.: Coffee break

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5.45 p.m.: **Approval of the Declaration of the Political Bureau of Rabat** - Proposal by President of the Intermediterranean Commission:

- Discussion and approval

6.00 p.m.: **Information on the activities of the working groups** by the coordinators and the Secretariat:

- Territorial cooperation and macro-regional strategies - Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and Generalitat de Catalunya
- Water and Energy - Generalitat Valenciana and Rabat-Salé-Kenitra
- Transportation and Integrated Maritime Policy - Murcia and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
- Economic and social cohesion - Languedoc-Roussillon and Tuscany

6.20 p.m.: **Internal issues** by **Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission

- Proposals to amend the Rules of Procedure
- Summary of the activity report and points on cooperation projects
- Financial point 2015-2016
- New memberships
- General Assembly of the Intermediterranean Commission in 2016
- Calendar 2015/2016
- Any other business

6.50 p.m.: **Conclusions** by the Presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission

7.00 p.m.: Completion of the works

7.30 p.m.: Cocktail or dinner by invitation of the Rabat-Salé-Kenitra Region