



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 Commission<sup>1</sup>)

26 November 2015 (14.00-19.00) - Rabat (Rabat-Salé-Kenitra - Morocco)

### Meeting Location:

#### Rabat-Salé-Kenitra Regional Council

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

## AGENDA

12.00-13.30: Joint lunch for the members of the Mediterranean Commission of UCLG and for the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission at the invitation of the Region Rabat-Salé-Kénitra

13.45: Arrival of participants

14.00: **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

14.30: **Session I - Challenges and prospects of decentralisation in the Mediterranean: the regionalisation and decentralisation processes in Morocco and in the basin, and the added value of decentralised cooperation**

- Introduction and moderation by **Ali Sedjari**, Professor at the Mohamed V University in Rabat and President of the GRET (*Groupement de Recherches et d'Études sur les Territoires*)
- **Abdessamad Sekkal**, President of the Rabat-Salé-Kenitra Region
- **Massimo Toschi**, Councillor for the President of Toscana on international cooperation
- **Apostolos Papafotiou**, Regional Councillor of the Region Peloponnisos
- 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**

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<sup>1</sup>**NB:** The right to vote is restricted to members of the Political Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission

- 16.00: **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
  - **Mohamed Sadiki**, Vice-President of the Intermediterranean Commission, Regional Adviser of Rabat-Salé-Kenitra and Mayor of Rabat
  - **Jean-Claude Gaysot**, special delegate for the support of macro-regional strategies and the Mediterranean sea basin, First Vice President of the Languedoc-Roussillon Region
  - **Francesca Guardiola**, First Vice-Presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission and Director General for External Relations of the Generalitat de Catalunya
  - 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?

17.30: Break (Coffee available throughout the afternoon)

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**Political Bureau of the Intermediterranean Commission**

(2nd part of PB, reserved for members of the Intermediterranean Commission)

- 17.45: **Approval of the Declaration of the Political Bureau of Rabat** - Proposal by President of the Intermediterranean Commission:
- Discussion and approval
- 18.00: **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
- 18.20: **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
- 18.50: **Conclusions** by the Presidency of the Intermediterranean Commission
- 19.00: Completion of the works

19.30: Dinner by invitation of the Lord Mayor of Rabat, Mr Mohamed Sadiki