



European Territorial Cooperation Working Group
Presidency Campania Region

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**Draft strategy statement for approval of the Inter-mediterranean Commission
Regions**

Following the approval of the working programme on European Territorial Cooperation 2007/13 by the Corfù Political Bureau on 13th February 2007 and the various meetings held over the last year, the Campania Region - coordinator of the WG - in agreement with the Intermed Secretariat, proposes an updated "action plan" to the Regions, focused on the implementation of the project ideas to be presented in the first call for proposals of the EU Transnational Mediterranean Operational Programme.

The cooperation between the Regions and the Secretariat shall be focused in a maximum of 2 themes per each call for projects launched by the TN-MED, chosen for their pertinence to the priorities of the TN-MED OP, one of which to be developed as structuring project.

The Secretariat shall give its support through the use of its web site and the logistics for the exchange of information and the building up of partnerships among Member Regions.

In compliance with the Working Programme approved by the Corfù Political Bureau, the Intermed Commission - represented by its President - shall encourage the political commitment of the Regions in participating in the EU Transnational Med-Programme.

The Intermed Commission shall participate as a partner only in strategic project proposals, given the nature of the CRPM and its added value as political forum of Mediterranean Regions, especially in the following topics:

- Competitiveness and innovation,
- Environment and/or risk prevention,
- Maritime policies

The Secretariat of the Intermed Commission will provide the process, both for the preparation and the implementation of the projects, with practical organisation and procedures.