



Leading Europe out of the crisis: Initial proposals from the Regions for the future of the EU Budget and Policies

**Friday 27 November 2009
Marseille (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France)**

***Meeting Venue:
Conseil Régional de Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
27, place Jules Guesde - 13481 Marseille Cedex 2***

AGENDA

9.00-10.00 - Opening Session

- Welcome speech by Mr Michel Vauzelle, President of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region (France)
- Presentation of the aims of the seminar by Claudio Martini, President of the CPMR and President of Tuscany Region (Italy)

10.00-11.00 - Session 1 - The crisis at the heart of the Regions: a wide range of circumstances

- Political accounts:
 - Ieuan Wyn Jones, Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport, Welsh Assembly Government (UK)
 - Vicente Alberto Álvarez Areces, President of the Principality of Asturias (Spain)
- Opportunities and weaknesses of the territories - Overview by Henri Regnault, Professor of Economy - University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-13.00 - Session 2 -Regional public policies to tackle the crisis

- What prospects for regional public finances during the crisis? Background briefing by Isabelle Chatrie, Head of Unit «Sub-National Public Authorities in Europe» - Dexia Local Credit
- Sector-related accounts:
 - What regional public support can be given to innovation in a time of crisis? Comparative views by Annika Annerby Jansson, President of Region Skåne (Sweden) and Andrea Benassi, Secretary General of UEAPME (European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises)

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- What role for regional employment and training policies in the face of a massive rise in unemployment? by Javier Velasco, Presidency Regional Minister of the Government of Aragon (Spain)

- Debate

13.00-14.30: Lunch at the meeting venue

14.30-15.30 - Session 3 - EU policies and the European Recovery Plan in the Regions, effective responses?

Debate chaired by Serge Marti, Journalist

- Introduction by Katarina Mathernova, Deputy General Director – DG Regio – European Commission
- Panel members:
 - Christophe Castaner, Vice-President in charge of Europe and Spatial Planning, Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur Region (France)
 - Olivier Pastré, Economist - *Le cercle des économistes*
 - Jean-Yves Le Drian, President of Brittany Region (France)
- Open debate

15.30-16.00: Coffee break

16.00-17.00 - Session 4 – From global to local: towards a multi-level response?

Debate chaired by Serge Marti, Journalist

- Panel members:
 - Accounts from outside Europe by Mario Mugnaini, President for Investe SP - State of São Paulo (Brazil)
 - Building the European territorial pact by Claudio Martini, President of the CPMR and President of Tuscany Region (Italy)
 - Speech by Danuta Hübner, Chair of the REGI Committee of the European Parliament
- Debate with the participants

17.00-17.30 - Closing Session

- Approval of the Final Declaration
- Political summing up, by Claudio Martini
- Closing speech, by Michel Vauzelle

17.30: End of proceedings