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COORDINATION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT THEME
Specifications for the coordinating Regions: Andalucía (ES) and Pays de la Loire (FR)

I. MANDATE

The overall task of the coordinating Regions is to put in place the necessary means for preparing positions (resolutions, technical papers, reports, etc.) to be adopted by the executive bodies of the CPMR (General Assembly, Political Bureau, Presidency) on all questions related to agriculture and rural development and the corresponding EU policies, in preparation for the review of these policies by 2013.

II. LEADERSHIP - COORDINATION

In accordance with the mandate given by the General Assembly held in Bayonne in October 2008, responsibility for coordinating this activity shall be given to Andalucía and Pays de la Loire Regions, working together in partnership and in collaboration with the CPMR General Secretariat.

The secretariat of the group will be the responsibility of the CPMR.

III. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

The group will include:

- 2 representatives from each Geographical Commission and one representative from the Outermost Regions - either elected members or regional government officials, who have a recognised expertise in the area concerned;
- Representatives from the two coordinating Regions, the Presidency and the CPMR General Secretariat.

IV. AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT

The main objective is to prepare CPMR positions on the major issue for the Regions of the next CAP review: **CAP post-2013**.

The main policy areas to be addressed will be:

- Regionalisation of the first and second pillar;
- Territorial balance of first pillar direct subsidies;
- Food quality;
- Food security including commercial aspects;
- Sustainable agriculture;
- Regulating agricultural markets;
- The impact of the global food outlook on European agriculture.

This group will also prepare all useful partnerships, particularly with other inter-regional organisations, and CPMR events on this issue, in collaboration with EU institutions and, if necessary, international organisations (FAO, WTO...)

V. TIMETABLE

According to the rhythm and current events of the European Union and the CPMR on this policy area, this group will meet on an indicative basis of two to three times a year, in principle in Brussels.

V. METHOD OF OPERATING

The working languages of the group during meetings will be French, Spanish and English.

The 2 coordinating Regions and the CPMR presidency Region (Tuscany) will bear the costs of simultaneous translation as well as any possible buffet lunches, necessary when a meeting lasts for the whole day. Logistical support from the Committee of Regions shall be sought.

The CPMR will take on the role of secretariat to the group and will help with the preparation of the meetings. It will bear the cost of translation of the documents (French-English) submitted to the Political Bureau and General Assembly, and of the working papers and minutes of the meetings.

The outside experts chosen jointly by the Regions of Pays de la Loire, Andalucía, Tuscany and the General Secretariat of the CPMR will have their travel and accommodation expenses paid by the CPMR, for up to 4 events per year.

If greater use of sources of expertise requiring payment appears necessary, the question will be assessed between both coordinating Regions and the CPMR General Secretariat.

Each member of the group will bear the cost of his/her own travel and accommodation expenses.