



One month of CEMR activities

02-03/05 (Barcelona): The **2nd Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean** was organised by the Mediterranean Commission of UCLG, in partnership with the city and Deputation of Barcelona and the Generalitat of Catalonia, the previous forum having taken place in Marseille in 2008.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: sandra.ceciarini@ccre.org

04/05 (Brussels): The **2nd Covenant of Mayors Ceremony**, an initiative supported and promoted by CEMR, saw 500 mayors sign the Covenant declaration committing to reducing their CO² emissions by 20% by 2020.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: marie.bullet@ccre-cemr.org

05-07/05 (Vitória-Gasteiz): Louis le Pensec, CEMR Vice-President and AFCCRE President, represented CEMR during the **2nd Forum of European Union, Latin American and Caribbean Local Governments** in preparation for the EU-LAC Summit. He promoted PLATFORMA's activities as well as the European Charter on Development Cooperation in Support of Local Governance.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: laurent.chaboy@ccre.org

06/05 (Brussels): A delegation of 45 Mayors from the Czech Republic visited the House of Cities, Municipalities and regions at the invitation of the Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic. Boris Tonhauser, CEMR Policy Officer for Democracy and Governance, presented **CEMR's work** and answered questions concerning **lobbying on behalf of cities and regions** in Brussels. Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

06-07/05 (Stockholm): CEMR sent a message to the European institutions on the **future of the European gender equality policy**. The message was approved during a seminar on the subject, hosted by CEMR's Swedish member association, SALAR.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: manuella.portier@ccre.org

09/05: CEMR President, **Michael Häupl**, wrote a column in the name of local and regional authorities in Europe at the occasion of Europe Day. **EU leadership, euroscepticism, the crisis, the Lisbon Treaty and subsidiarity** were among the topics touched upon in the column.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: emilie.melvin@ccre-cemr.org

17/05 (Brussels): CEMR coordinated an exchange between the Assembly of European Regions, the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, EURO CITIES and EU Budget Commissioner, **Janusz Lewandowski**. The subjects discussed include **decentralisation, multi-level governance, cohesion policy, the sectoral organisation** of European policies and the **management of EU funds**.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

18/05 (Brussels): CEMR submitted its response to the European Commission's consultation of social partners on the review of the **working time directive**. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

19-21/05 (*Dunkirk*): CEMR was involved in the organisation of the **6th European Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns** and notably organised a session on « socially inclusive societies » so as to emphasise the **social dimension of sustainable development**.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: marie.bullet@ccre-cemr.org

20-22/05 (*Bilbao*): At the occasion of the **8th European Information Society Conference** (EISCO), opened by CEMR Secretary General, Frédéric Vallier, CEMR presented its manual on Implementing Strategies for Local and Regional eGovernment.⁽ⁱ⁾ Topics such as **eGovernment** and **local public services in an information society** were discussed during EISCO, organised in partnership with CEMR.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: marit.schweiker@ccre-cemr.org

25/05 (*Brussels*): An exchange was organised at the occasion of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee Plenary (CEMR-European Federation of Public Service Unions). Subjects discussed include the **impact of the crisis on the public sector**, the preparation of guidelines on **third party violence** and the preparation of the work programme 2011-2013. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

25/05 (*Brussels*): CEMR's Committee on Democracy and Governance discussed, among other topics, the 2010 **European Local Democracy Week**, the Council of Europe's **Strategy of Innovation and Good Governance at the Local Level**, the Additional protocol to the European charter of local self-government on the right to participate in the affairs of a local authority, the **Barcelona Agenda** and the implementation of the **Lisbon Treaty**. Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

25-26/05 (*Andalusia*): The Conference on Climate Change and Cooperation for Development, organised by the Assembly of European Regions in the framework of **PLATFORMA**, particularly highlighted **local and regional solutions in facing climate change**. A PLATFORMA Coordination Committee was held in parallel to the conference. Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org / laurent.chaboy@ccre.org

26/05: A questionnaire was sent to CEMR member associations with the aim of launching a participative and transparent **reflection process** on CEMR priorities. Respondents are requested to send the filled-in questionnaire to reflectionprocess@ccre-cemr.org by **30 June 2010**. Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

26/05 (*Brussels*): CEMR presented its policy paper on **public procurement** at the Single Market Informal Dialogue Group. The group is headed by the Director General of the European Commission Directorate General Internal Market and is composed of high level representatives of stakeholder organisations relevant for the Single Market.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

26/05 (*Brussels*): CEMR declared its support for the first "**European Local Authorities Competition on Good Practices on the Support for Migrant Elders**" at the occasion of a meeting with the main actors of this initiative. A call for proposals will soon be launched.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

28/05 (*Paris*): CEMR and EUROCITIES provided input on local government's point of view vis-à-vis **sustainable urban development** at the occasion of the last meeting between member states, the European Commission, CEMR and EUROCITIES. The meeting aimed at preparing the Reference Framework for European Sustainable Cities, which will be presented to the urban development ministers at their meeting on 22 June in Toledo. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

Ongoing activities

Preparation of a CEMR policy position on **rural development**. Contact: marit.schweiker@cce-cemr.org

Preparation of a CEMR response to a consultation on the European Union's **energy strategy** for 2011-2014. Contact: marie.bullet@cce-cemr.org

CEMR's calendar¹

02/06 (Brussels): CEMR is invited to participate in a meeting of the Social Protection Committee to exchange views on the **Voluntary Quality Framework for Social Services of General Interest**. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@cce-cemr.org

02/06 (Brussels): Technical seminar on **sustainable urban mobility** action plans. Contact: marie.bullet@cce-cemr.org

03/06 (Brussels): Meeting amongst representatives of the European Commission **urban mobility** unit. Contact: marie.bullet@cce-cemr.org

03/06 (Brussels): CEMR is invited to participate in a meeting of the Directorate general for Agriculture and Rural Developments' consultative group on the subject of the **Common Agricultural Policy post-2013**.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: marit.schweiker@cce-cemr.org

03-04/06 (Oslo): Policy Committee meeting and debate on **funding for local and regional actions in the fight against climate change**. Contact: nina.holbrook@cce.org

08/06 (Brussels): CEMR will moderate two parallel sessions at the occasion of the Committee of the Regions **Forum on regional and local responses to poverty and social exclusion**. Contact: marit.schweiker@cce-cemr.org

10/06 (Brussels): CEMR is invited to participate in an exchange with the European Commission concerning the **Commission's 2010 work programme**. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@cce-cemr.org

10/06 (Madrid): CEMR Secretary General, Frédéric Vallier, will participate in the opening session of the **Forum of Local Authorities of the Periphery** – GETAFE. Contact: lucie.guillet@cce.org / sandra.ceciarini@cce.org

14-15/06 (Sofia): CEMR Secretary General, Frédéric Vallier, will participate in a meeting with the presidents of **NALAS'** member associations. Contact: boris.tonhauser@cce-cemr.org

17-18/06 (Malta): 2nd Regional Seminar on the **future of twinning** and on preparing the 2011 Congress, at the invitation of the Local Councils' Association, CEMR's Maltese member association. Contact: manuella.portier@cce.org

17/06 (Brussels): Thematic meeting of the secretaries general of European local and regional government networks with the Committee of the Regions on the **future of EU cohesion policy** and the upcoming **EU budget review**. Contact: marit.schweiker@cce-cemr.org

21/06 (*Brussels*): The Coordination Committee of the European Charter on Development Cooperation in Support of Local Governance, organised and co-presided by **PLATFORMA** and the European Commission. Contact: laurent.chaboy@ccre.org

22/06 (*Toledo*): CEMR will be represented by Anders Knape, First Vice-President of CEMR, at the Informal Ministerial meeting on **urban development**. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

23-24/06 (*The Hague*): The staff of CEMR's Secretariat General will get together at the occasion of its annual « **away day** » so as to coordinate their activities and deal with internal affairs. Contact: myriam.lambert@ccre-cemr.org

25/06 (*Giffnock*): CEMR Secretary General, Frédéric Vallier, will participate in the **COSLA Convention**. Contact: myriam.lambert@ccre-cemr.org

29/06 (*Brussels*): CEMR is invited to participate in a meeting with the President of the European Commission, José-Manuel Barroso, the President of the Committee of the Regions and the presidents of European local and regional government networks. Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

Other events

02-04/06 (*Bamako*): Decentralised European Commission seminar on the implication of local and regional authorities and civil society in **development policy**, during which **PLATFORMA** will be represented. For the first time in this framework, a day for the attention of a number of local African elected officials will be dedicated to decentralised cooperation. Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org

07-08/06 (*Brussels*): CEMR will participate in a European Centre of Employers and Enterprises Providing Public Services (CEEP) seminar and final conference on the **anticipation of change in local and regional public services**. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

¹ CEMR's calendar of events is available on our website: www.ccre.org

