



Three months of CEMR activities

July

16/07 (Brussels): Guidelines to help employers, workers and trade unions deal with **third party violence** and work-related harassment were agreed upon by eight multi-sectoral social partners, including CEMR. These will be put into practice in 2011. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

19-20/07 (Brussels): Rural development policy focuses too much on agriculture and needs to be broadened and strengthened. Such is CEMR's main message in its position on the **future of EU rural development policy**, ⁽ⁱ⁾ which was notably promoted at the European Commission CAP post-2013 Conference by Carsten Hansen, coordinator of CEMR's focus group on rural development. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: marit.schweiker@ccre-cemr.org

26/07 (Paris): The **PLATFORMA website**, a new tool for European local and regional authorities actively involved in development cooperation, was launched. The website features information on PLATFORMA including its members, objectives, and activities. Information on the non state actors co-funding programme is also available. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org

28/07 (Brussels): CEMR has sent out a call for submissions ⁽ⁱ⁾ calling on cities and municipalities to present their strategies for active ageing, integrating and improving the quality of life of **migrant elders**. The call deadline is 30 October 2010. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

August

05/08 (Brussels): CEMR launched a new website ⁽ⁱ⁾ entirely devoted to the **Reflection Process on the future of CEMR**. The website includes a Reflection Forum ⁽ⁱ⁾ to allow its members and partners to contribute to the process by sharing their ideas and opinions. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

30/08 (Brussels): **Alix Bolle** has been recruited as Press and Communications Assistant for a period of three months so as to reinforce the CEMR Press and Communications Department. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: alix.bolle@ccre-cemr.org

September

02/09 (Brussels): Deputy Mayor of Paris Pierre Schapira presented, on behalf of **PLATFORMA**, the point of view of local and regional authorities in terms of development cooperation, as well as the complementarity of sub-national governments and NGOs. Schapira spoke at the occasion of a European Parliament hearing of European platforms involved in the structured dialogue on development policy. Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org

06/09 (Brussels): **Mili Spahić** has joined the CEMR staff in Brussels as Research Associate, funded by the University of Lyon, France, on the Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities. ⁱ Contact: mili.spahic@cce-cemr.org

10/09 (Brussels): Members of the CEMR Transport Working Group outlined the need to prioritise a shift towards sustainable modes of transport in the **future European strategy on transport**. This was expressed at the occasion of a meeting with a European Commission representative in charge of drafting the White paper on transport. Contact: marie.bullet@cce-cemr.org

13/09 (Brussels): Frédéric Vallier, CEMR Secretary General, participated in a meeting in his capacity as member of the jury of the 2010 **Golden Stars Awards**, in order to deliberate on the award's winning projects. These awards fall within the framework of the Europe for Citizens programme (town twinning, civil society and European memory). The winners will be announced on 17 November 2010 in Brussels. Contact: sandra.ceciarini@cce.org / manuella.portier@cce.org

13/09 (Munich): European local and regional representatives present at the **Local Governments' Day**, co-organised by CEMR, called for a new model of solidarity between EU member states, cities, provinces and regions so as to successfully **adapt water management** to the impacts of climate change. ⁱ Contact: marie.bullet@cce-cemr.org

16/09 (Strasbourg): Frédéric Vallier, CEMR Secretary General, expressed ⁱ his wish for closer cooperation between CEMR and the **Congress** at the occasion of the 3rd meeting of local and regional government associations of the Council of Europe member states. ⁱ Contact: boris.tonhauser@cce-cemr.org

23-25/09 (Kyiv): The **Secretaries General and Directors of CEMR's member associations** met to discuss future steps in the CEMR reflection process and the upcoming elections of CEMR's political leadership. Improving CEMR's action in Central and Eastern Europe so as to effectively bring its experience in defending and promoting democracy beyond EU borders was also on the agenda. Contact: nina.holbrook@cce.org

24/09 (Bistrita): The Romanian Municipalities Association (AMR), a CEMR member, adopted the **European Charter on development cooperation** in support of local governance ⁱ at the occasion of its General Assembly. CEMR, who attended the assembly, also presented its international activities, including PLATFORMA and the Charter. Contact: laurent.chaboy@cce.org

24/09 (Brussels): For the first time in its history, CEMR was invited to speak at a high-level roundtable with Commissioner for Digital Agenda, Neelie Kroes. CEMR notably underlined the need to connect the **local and European digital agendas** (DLA ⁱ and DAE ⁱ). The Commissioner expressed her wish to continue this high-level group in the future. Contact: marit.schweiker@cce-cemr.org

28/09 (Brussels): CEMR outlined that cities should have the freedom to choose whether they set up an **access restriction scheme** ⁱ to the inner city or not, and in particular, to decide on the objectives, the design and the scope of the access restriction scheme. Contact: marie.bullet@cce-cemr.org

28-29/09 (Brussels): As newly-appointed chair of the Member States/Institutions working group in charge of preparing the **European Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities**, ⁱ CEMR hosted its first meeting. Indeed, its aim was to begin developing a web-based instrument to help cities and municipalities develop sustainable development strategies or projects. ⁱ Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@cce-cemr.org

30/09-01/10 (Brussels): For the first time, CEMR participated as an observer in the 7th **High Level Meeting on Local Governance**. Frédéric Vallier, CEMR Secretary General, notably called for member states to establish a joint inter-governmental working group to ensure the establishment of multi-level governance through cooperation between different levels of government.  Contact: boris.tonhauser@cce-cemr.org

Ongoing activities

CEMR is drafting a letter in support of MEPs with regards to **patients' rights in cross-border healthcare**. The European Parliament is expected to vote in second reading on 28 October 2010. Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@cce-cemr.org

CEMR is preparing a response to the European Commission consultation on the **re-use of public sector data**, in the context of the Public Sector Information (PSI) directive.  Contact: marit.schweiker@cce-cemr.org

CEMR is preparing a position paper in reaction to the **Single Market Act**, expected to be adopted on 6 October. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@cce-cemr.org

CEMR is preparing a position paper on the **integration of Roma people** in Europe, showcasing local and regional best practices. Contact: sandra.ceciarini@cce.org

CEMR is collecting good practice examples for each of the **Europe 2020 flagship initiatives**. This will feed into the work being done by the Secretariat on ways of implementing the flagship initiatives in cities and regions. Members are asked to upload their examples on the Extranet.  Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@cce-cemr.org

CEMR is collecting case studies on **demographic changes** (ageing, shrinking population, ethnic minority migration and economic migration) to be integrated into a Hungarian EU Presidency study and presented at a high-level meeting on demographic changes in 2011. Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@cce-cemr.org

CEMR is preparing a project proposal to obtain EU-funding for the dissemination of **third-party violence guidelines** and for exploring possibilities for implementation in member states. If successful, the project should run from January 2011 to December 2011.  Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@cce-cemr.org

CEMR is preparing a response to the European Commission communication on the strategy for **equality between women and men** (2010-2015). Contact: sandra.ceciarini@cce.org

CEMR is preparing the 3rd **regional twinning seminar**, to take place in Cologne on 9 and 10 November 2010. Contact: manuella.portier@cce.org

CEMR met with the Director of the Association of Polish Cities, Andrzej Porawski, the Mayor of Rybnik, Adam Fudali, and the Under-Secretary, Olgierd Roman Dziekonski, in preparation of the **Twinning Congress**, to take place in September 2011. Contact: sandra.ceciarini@cce.org

CEMR is finalising its response to the consultation on the **services concessions**.  Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@cce-cemr.org

CEMR's calendar¹

06/10 (Brussels): Debate on **public procurement** organised by the European Parliament Public Services Intergroup. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

07/10 (Brussels): **PLATFORMA**-CONCORD dialogue. Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org

8/10 (Zagreb): Conference and Steering Committee meeting of the **European network of cities for local integration policies for migrants**, of which CEMR is a member. Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

11/10 (Paris): **University for Equality** "States and decentralised governments: how to cooperate to better serve gender equality". Contact: sandra.ceciarini@ccre.org / manuella.portier@ccre.org

13/10 (The Hague): Conference on **Trust in Government**.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

13-14/10 (Brussels): 3rd **structured dialogue** session on the upcoming orientations of the **European development policy**, organised by the European Commission. Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org

18-19/10 (Brussels): Working group on **cohesion and territorial policy**. Main subjects on the agenda are the future of cohesion policy including the 5th cohesion report and the budget review. Contact: marit.schweiker@ccre-cemr.org

20/10 (Brussels): **Employers' Platform**. Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

21/10 (Brussels): **Sectoral social dialogue** committee working group with CEMR and the European Federation of Public Services Unions (EPSU). Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

26/10 (Brussels): **PLATFORMA** coordination committee, followed by a European Commission hearing of PLATFORMA for the European Parliament Committee on Development. Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org

28-29/10 (Bordeaux): "**Bordeaux 2010: A Time to Reflect**".⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: nina.holbrook@ccre.org

Other events

3-4/10 (The Hague): **Cities of Migration** Conference.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

18-19/10 (Brussels): 9th Roundtable on **Poverty and Social Exclusion**. Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

19-20/10 (Brussels): Conference on “*Building Together: A **Society for All***”. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

26-27/10 (Brussels): 3rd Forum on **Social Services of General Interest**.¹ Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

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

