



## Multilevel Governance in a Changing World Bringing the Regions of the Mediterranean Closer to Citizens

7th and 8th July 2011, Palau de Pedralbes, Barcelona

### Final Forum of the Medgovernance Project

#### Main subject of the seminar

**Analyse the role of the regions in multilevel governance in the Mediterranean.** The process of modernisation of the administrative structures and public powers. Administrative and political decentralisation to better develop the potentialities of the territories. Bringing the Administration closer to citizens (subsidiarity). Territorial cooperation and regional development. Prospective scenarios for the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation policy.

**Participants:** Regional authorities, experts, academics, practitioners and policy makers.

#### Members of the Medgovernance Project:

Tuscany Region  
Piedmont Region  
Lazio Region  
Government of Catalonia  
Government of Andalusia  
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region (PACA)  
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Network of Mediterranean Universities and other Academic Institutes (MAEM/MEM)  
Paralelli Institute - Turin  
European Study Centre Plural - Genoa  
European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) - Barcelona  
Inter-Mediterranean Commission (IMC) of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

7th July 2011

### 9 am – 9.20 am Welcoming Words

**Joana Ortega**, Vice-President and Minister of Governance and Institutional Relations, Government of Catalonia, Barcelona

**Enzo Brogi**, Regional Councillor, Tuscany Government, Florence

### 9.20 am – 10. 30 am Opening Session: Future Prospective Scenarios

The Mediterranean area within the scheme of priorities set out for Europe 2020. Challenges and potentialities of cooperation between the EU and the southern Mediterranean area. Support for democratic values and civil societies in southern Europe as structuring pillars of North/South cooperation.

Chair:

**Senén Florensa**, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Government of Catalonia, Barcelona

Speakers:

**Representative** of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (PACA) Region

**Representative** of the Government of Andalusia

**Representative** of the Tuscany Region

**Representative** of the Piedmont Region

**Representative** of the Lazio Region

### 10.30 am – 11.00 am Coffee break

### 11.00 am – 11.30 am Medgovernance's Project Presentation

**Maria Dina Tozzi**, Lead partner representative of Medgovernance project, Florence

### 11.30 am – 1 pm *The Different Political and Administrative Models of Territorial State Organisation*

Advantages of the different models (Spain, France, Italy). How to optimise the administrative structures: centralisation, decentralisation and deconcentration. The role of regions in European governance.

Chair:

**Raffaele Lombardo**, President, Inter-Mediterranean Commission of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (IMC, CRPM)

Speakers:

**Gaspar Zarrías**, Spanish Secretary of State for Territorial Policy, Ministry of Territorial Policy and Public Administration, Madrid

**Ferran Requejo**, Professor, Political and Social Sciences Department, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona

**Patrick Le Galès**, CNRS Research Professor, Centre of European Studies, Sciences Po, Paris

**Charlie Jeffery**, Head of School, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh

**Anna Maria Poggi**, Professor, Law Faculty, University of Torino, Turin.

First Comments:

**Bouâmar Taghouan**, President of the Regional Council, Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaër Region, Rabat

**Mohamed Boussraoui**, Executive Officer, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Marseilles

**1 pm – 1.30 pm Debate**

**1.30 pm – 2.30 pm Lunch**

**2.30 pm – 4 pm *Interregional Cooperation for Territorial Development***

Interregional cooperation for territorial development. The role of the Committee of the Regions. The Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM). The decentralisation in the South. Interregional cooperation as a motor of change in governance. Twinning and technical assistance between regional and local administrations as key tools to share decentralisation and governance experiences when fostering processes of modernisation of administrative structures.

Chair:

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel**, First Vice-President, Committee of the Regions, Brussels

Speakers:

**Salvador Sedó**, Director General of Foreign Affairs, Government of Catalonia

**Philippe Chichowlaz**, Deputy Director of European and Foreign Affairs, Government of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Marseilles

**Claudio Martini**, Former president of the Tuscany region, Florence

**Fouad Brini**, Director General, Agency for the Promotion and Economical and Social Development of the Northern Prefectures and Provinces of the Kingdom of Morocco, Rabat

First Comments :

**Antònia Sabartés**, Secretary General, Pyrenees-Mediterranean Euroregion, Barcelona

**Saki Aciman**, General Director, Centre for Transport Studies for Western Mediterranean (CETMO), Barcelona

**4 pm – 4.30 pm Debate**

**4.30 pm – 4.45 pm Coffee break**

#### **4.45 pm – 6.15 pm *The Participation of Civil Society as a Key Element of Governance***

The promotion and support of civil society and its participation as a key element for the success of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership: main goals and challenges. The local perspective: the provision of services in keeping with the needs of local and regional populations. The alliance between local bodies and civil society as a framework for decentralised cooperation.

Chair:

**Leonello Gabrici**, Head of Unit, EuroMed and Regional Issues, European External Action Service, Brussels

Speakers:

**Aly Maher**, Head of the Egyptian Network, Anna Lindh Foundation, Alexandria

**Kinda Mohamadieh**, Programs Director, Arab NGO for Development, Lebanon

**Tuomo Melasuo**, Research Director, Tampere Peace Research Institute, Finland

**Anwar Zibaoui**, Coordinator, Association of Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASCAME), Barcelona

First Comments:

**Stelios Stavridis**, ARAID Senior Researcher, University of Zaragoza, Zaragoza

**Roderick Pace**, Director, European Documentation & Research Centre, University of Malta, Msida

#### **6.15 pm – 6.45 pm Debate**

**8th July 2011**

#### **9.30 am – 11 am *Multilevel Governance: The Role of the Administrations***

The role of the different levels of the Administration in the management and regulation of public services. The principle of subsidiarity, shared responsibility and complementarity between the different state levels (multilevel governance). The funding of public administrations and the process of privatisation of public services.

Chair

**Mohamed Boudra**, Co-President Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), Brussels

Speakers:

**Vicente Rodriguez**, Deputy Head of Unit, Transnational and Interregional Cooperation Unit, European Commission, Brussels

**Francisco Longo**, Director, Institute of Public Governance, ESADE Law and Business School, Barcelona

**Francesc Morata**, Professor, Institute of European Studies, Autonomous University of Barcelona

**Andrea Noferini**, Senior researcher at the Institut Universitari d'Estudis Europeus (IUEE/UAB) and Lecturer, Department of Political Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona



First comments:

**Jean-Claude Touret**, Director of Mediterranean Institute, Marseilles  
Representative of Tuscany region

**11 am – 11.30 am Debate**

**11.30 am – 11.45 am Coffee break**

**11.45 am – 1.15 pm *Which Euro-Mediterranean Policy Should Be Adopted to Improve Governance?***

Principles of the Barcelona Process at the service of democratic transformations. Adaptation and strengthening of the neighbourhood instruments. Lessons to learn from the pre-accession policy. The role of the Union for the Mediterranean in the new context. Extension of the European cohesion policy to the southern neighbour countries.

Chair:

**Youssef Amrani**, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean, Barcelona

Speakers:

**Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels

**Jean-Louis Ville**, Former Head of Unit, Centralised Operations for Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, DEVCO, European Commission, Brussels

**Maja Bozovic**, Head of the Mashreq/Maghreb European Council Working Group in Charge of Foreign Policy, Brussels

First comments:

**Larabi Jaidi**, Professor, Mohamed V University, Rabat

**Federica Bicchi**, Lecturer, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics, London

**1.15 pm – 1.45 pm Debate**

**1.45 pm – 2 pm Closing Session**

**Andreu Bassols**, Director General, European Institute of the Mediterranean, Barcelona