



## **Territorial Cooperation in the European Union and at its borders: What contributions can be made to the EU's strategy objectives for 2020?**

**Tuesday 25 May 2010  
Valencia (Generalitat Valenciana, Spain)**

### **Meeting venue:**

***Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias - Avenida Autopista del Saler, 7  
Auditorio Santiago Grisolia Museo de las Ciencias Príncipe Felipe - "East" Entrance  
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## **AGENDA**

### **9.00-9.30: Welcome**

- Welcome speech by **Rafael Ripoll Navarro**,  
Regional Secretary for relations with the State and the EU - Generalitat Valenciana
- Presentation of the objectives of the seminar by **Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of the CPMR

### **9.15-9.45: Introductory Session**

- Contribution of the *Generalitat Valenciana* on Cooperation and Neighbourhood European Policy
- Practical experiences by **Juan Cotino**, Vicepresident of the Generalitat Valenciana and Regional Minister  
for Environment, Water, Spatial Planning and Habitat

### **9.45-12.30: Session 1 - Territorial cooperation issues by 2020**

Chaired and introduced by **José Luis Villanueva**,  
Director General for External Relations - Generalitat Valenciana (Spain)

*Due to their very nature and complexity, the challenges which the European Union currently faces (globalisation of the economy, climate change, demographic evolution...) cannot be dealt with within the scope of existing borders, whether regional, national or European. Their resolution requires the intervention of a range of skills and therefore of various stakeholders acting in partnership (horizontal, vertical, public-private partnership).*

*This increasing interdependence of issues and actors makes cooperation for the implementation of public policies an opportunity for development and cooperation instruments within the EU and at its borders (Objective 3 of regional policy, cross-border cooperation under the ENPI, wider neighbourhood action plan for the Outermost Regions) key tools in achieving the strategy objectives of the Union for 2020.*

*The core issue is therefore as follows: what contribution is expected from territorial cooperation within the EU and at its external borders in order to contribute to the implementation of an EU strategy for 2020?*

- *What should be the spirit of European territorial cooperation and neighbourhood policy? What must they finance?*
- *How can the effectiveness of territorial cooperation and the strong contribution to territorial cooperation be reconciled?*
- *Which partnerships? What role for the regional authorities?*

#### 9.45-10.30: Thematic input

- Cooperation necessary for economic development: promoting innovation in the territories by **João Afonso**, coordinator of the Observation Center of the Regional Development Dynamics for the Region of Lisboa e Vale do Tejo (Portugal)
- Cooperation brought about by geography: the case of the Mediterranean by **José Luis Villanueva**, Director General for External Relations - Generalitat Valenciana
- Debate

#### 10.30-11.00: Coffee break

**11.00-11.30:** Speech by **Carlos Carnero**, Ambassador for European Integration Projects of the Spanish Government - Spanish Presidency of the European Union -

#### 11.30-13.00: Round table: Which roles for European territorial cooperation and neighbourhood policy in the European Union in 2020?

**Moderated and summing by Jean-Claude Turret**, Director of the Institute of the Mediterranean

##### Participants:

- **Lambert Van Nistelrooij**, Member of the European Parliament and Member of the REGI Committee of the European Parliament
- **Jakub Urbanik**, General Coordination Unit – DG External Relations – European Commission
- **Ángel Cortadelles**, Director General of International Relations, *Generalitat de Catalunya* (Spain)

#### 13.00-14.30: Lunch on site

#### 14.30-17.30 Session 2: Which tools for European cooperation & neighbourhood policy 2014-2020?

Chaired and introduced by **Wulfran Despicht**, Vice-President of Region Nord-Pas de Calais (France)

*Consideration of the various instruments will take account of the following aspects:*

- *The variety of scales of action: The territorial approach which underlies the cooperation tools gives an integrated vision of a given problem and is, consequently, the only one which can give a satisfactory response to the complex and cross-border character of the issues which Europe must deal with. In spite of this, the cross-border or trans-national areas in which territorial cooperation is carried out do not always help to grasp certain difficulties, which exist at levels which are sometimes more restricted, sometimes wider;*
- *The strategic governance of the programmes, the operational partnerships of the projects, the States' participation in the programmes;*
- *The interaction between the Union and its neighbouring territories: In the majority of cases, cooperation at the external borders of the EU refers to the realities of development and autonomy of the territorial levels which are very different on both sides of the border. In the case of Outermost Regions, this border comes on top of the isolation and long distance from the European continent;*
- *The development of macro-regional reflections, initiated by the Baltic Strategy.*

*The debate will be based on the following questions:*

- *What lessons can be learnt from new tools such as the Baltic method or multi-regional programmes for European cooperation after 2013 (governance, coordination of the different scales and the funding...)?*

- *Should/could the same results be expected from cooperation actors and areas of very different maturity?*
- *How can European and neighbourhood cooperation tools be better coordinated?*
- *How can obstacles to the involvement of private actors be lifted?*
- *Should the national level be involved, and if yes, how?*

#### **14.30-15.30: Thematic input - Proposals**

- The prospects for cross-border cooperation in an enlarged Europe by **Martín Guillermo Ramírez**, General Secretary of the Association of European Border Regions
- Maximise the benefits of territorial cooperation to the outermost regions by **Carlos Portugués Carrillo**, Director General for relations with Europe – Government of Canarias (Spain)
- Which tools for territorial cooperation and neighbourhood policy after 2013? Food for thought by **Julie Gourden**, CPMR Director
- Debate

#### **15.30-16.00: Coffee break**

#### **16.00-17.30: Round table: Towards a new implementation of cooperation**

**Moderated and summing up by Amparo Montán**, INTERACT Point Valencia

##### **Participants:**

- **David Sweet**, DG Regio - European Commission
- **Merten Barnert**, Advisor - Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Region (Germany)
- **Didier Michal**, European Officer - *Délégation Interministérielle à l'Aménagement du Territoire et à l'Attractivité Régionale* (France)
- **Tarja Richard**, Head of Department – AUGMED – *Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur* Region (France)

#### **17.30: Summing up and conclusions by Eleni Marianou, Secretary General of the CPMR**

#### **18.00: End of proceedings**