

One month of CEMR activities

30/09-01/10 (Delft): CEMR was given the opportunity to learn about Dutch expertise in terms of **climate change** and **water management** at the occasion of a meeting of the CEMR working group on environment and its network on energy issues. The meeting was organised at the invitation of the Association of Dutch Provinces. Contact: marie.bullet@ccre-cemr.org

30/09-01/10 (Brussels): CEMR called for the setting up of a **permanent dialogue on governance issues** between national governments, local and regional authorities and their national representative associations⁽ⁱ⁾ at the occasion of the 7th High-Level Meeting on Governance and the EU.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

06/10 (Brussels): CEMR organised a **network reception** in collaboration with EURO CITIES and the G4 EU Office to provide their members, amongst other guests, with the opportunity to informally exchange, **network and forge new working relationships**. Johannes Hahn, Regional Policy Commissioner, and Oldřich Vlasák, MEP and CEMR Executive President, were notably present.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: pierre.vanderauwera@ccre-cemr.org

06/10 (Brussels): CEMR notably **brought into question** the added value of a **legal instrument for service concessions**⁽ⁱ⁾ at the occasion of a European Parliament Public Service Intergroup meeting, attended by **Angelika Poth-Mögele**, CEMR Director of Policy.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

11-12/10 (Strasbourg): CEMR presented its work on **monitoring the impact of the financial and economic crisis** on local and regional authorities at the occasion of the Council of Europe Conference on **Local Government: Responses to Recession** across Europe. A publication on the subject was also launched at the conference with the support of and in cooperation with CEMR.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

13/10 (The Hague): Citizens are becoming increasingly disillusioned by their governments, a direct consequence of a growing lack of trust. Such was one of the main conclusions of the conference on **Trust in Government**, organised by CEMR and its Dutch member, VNG. The necessity of effective citizen participation and the importance of improving **methods of communication** to ensure trust were also discussed.⁽ⁱ⁾ Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

18-19/10 (Brussels): CEMR's working group on cohesion and territorial policies discussed the **future of EU cohesion policy**⁽ⁱ⁾ including the upcoming 5th Cohesion Report and the future of **rural development**⁽ⁱ⁾ with representatives of the European Commission. One of the main conclusions was the need to lobby national governments in support of a strong cohesion policy for all European regions and of a broad EU-rural development policy. Contact: marit.schweiker@ccre-cemr.org

21/10 (Brussels): CEMR lent its support to a proposal put forward by the Association of the City and the Municipalities of the Brussels-Capital Region (AVCB/VSGB) to establish a network of partners and stakeholders for the **exchange of best practice on good governance at local level**. Such support was expressed at the occasion of a forum on

Cities and Regions: Partners for Good Governance organized by AVCB/VSGB.  Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

25/10 (*Brussels*): CEMR published a letter urging MEPs to strengthen the issues of **prior authorisation** and **reimbursement of costs** prior to the vote on the draft directive on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare, held on 27 October 2010.  Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

25/10 (*Brussels*): European Commission President Barroso's cabinet confirmed its interest in CEMR Vice-President Wolfgang Schuster's proposal to provide concrete **examples of pilot actions** at the local and regional levels. These actions will thus allow the EU to see how goals set out in the **Europe 2020 strategy** can be achieved by municipalities and regions.  Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

26/10 (*Brussels*): Pierre Schapira and David Minoves, the two spokespersons for PLATFORMA, presented the **added value of decentralised cooperation** to the Development committee of the European Parliament. Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org

27/10 (*Brussels*): Colleagues from CEMR's working group on **cohesion and territorial policies** discussed the **EU Budget Review** with the European Commission, focusing on cohesion policy and its relation to the Europe 2020 Strategy, as put forward in CEMR's policy position on the subject.  Contact: marit.schweiker@ccre-cemr.org

27/10 (*Cagliari*): CEMR outlined the need to foster cooperation and **partnerships** when developing **integrated energy strategies**, at the occasion of a workshop on local and regional sustainable energy models in their socio-economic contexts, organised by the Committee of the Regions. Contact: marie.bullet@ccre-cemr.org

28-29/10 (*Palermo*): CEMR participated in a discussion on possible **strategies** to set up in the **area of the Mediterranean** at the occasion of a meeting organised by the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA). Contact: manuella.portier@ccre.org

28-29/10 (*Bordeaux*): The **future of CEMR** and **local and regional solutions to the economic crisis** were among the topics discussed at the occasion of "Bordeaux 2010: A time to reflect!", an event organised by CEMR and the AFCCRE.  Contact: nina.holbrook@ccre-cemr.org

29/10 (*Bordeaux*): To prepare the renewal of its statutory bodies and discuss the results of its reflection process, **CEMR's Executive Bureau** met on 29 October in Bordeaux's town hall. Contact: nina.holbrook@ccre-cemr.org

Ongoing activities

CEMR and EPSU, as social partners, are developing their **joint work programme** for 2011-2013. Priority themes include: Local and regional public services in the internal market, EU2020 and the Equality Strategy. Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

CEMR is preparing a **policy paper** on the EU **energy policy**. This position is to outline a number of local and regional political messages in view of the upcoming initiatives on the EU energy strategy 2011-2020 and the revised EU action plan on energy efficiency. Contact: marie.bullet@ccre-cemr.org

CEMR is preparing a position paper on **access restriction schemes** and has thus sent a discussion paper to members of the CEMR working groups on transport and environment.

The objective is to identify CEMR's position on the role that the EU should play in supporting cities **introducing green zones**. Contact: marie.bullet@cce-cemr.org

CEMR is preparing a paper in reaction to the European Commission **EU budget review** communication.  Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@cce-cemr.org

CEMR is currently collecting relevant information concerning a proposal to provide concrete examples of pilot actions at the local and regional levels, in the framework of the goals set out in the Europe 2020 strategy.  Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@cce-cemr.org

PLATFORMA is preparing an event on **aid effectiveness from a local government perspective** in the framework of the upcoming **European Development Days** on 6 December 2010 in Brussels.  Contact: laurent.chaboy@cce.org

CEMR's calendar¹

09-10/11 (Cologne): Seminar on **twinning**. Contact: manuella.portier@cce.org

16/11 (Brussels): Roundtable on the **5th cohesion report** between political representatives of the European networks of local and regional associations and European Regional Policy Commissioner, Johannes Hahn, hosted by the Committee of the Regions. CEMR will be represented by Oldřich Vlasák, Executive President of CEMR, MEP and President of CEMR's Czech section, SMOCR. Contact: marit.schweiker@cce-cemr.org

22-23/11 (Liege): Informal meeting of the European ministers responsible for cohesion policy, at which CEMR will be represented at the political level.  Contact: marit.schweiker@cce-cemr.org

24/11 (Brussels): Roundtable on the 5th cohesion report hosted by the European Commission DG REGIO. CEMR will be represented by its Secretary General, **Frédéric Vallier**. Contact: marit.schweiker@cce-cemr.org

30/11 (Brussels): **European Social Partners**, including CEMR, are participating in a conference on employment in Europe. Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@cce-cemr.org

Other events

08-10/11 (Zagreb): European Network of Cities for **local Integration policies for Migrants** (CLIP Network) conference on ethnic entrepreneurship. Contact Christina: christina.dziewanska-stringer@cce-cemr.org

15/11 (Brussels): Meeting of the jury for the **European Youth Capital 2013**. Contact: manuella.portier@cce.org

17/11 (Brussels): Conference on the 2011 **European Year of Voluntary** Activities: What Role for EU-regions and Cities, hosted by the Committee of the Regions and the Lander of Berlin. Contact: manuella.portier@cce.org

17/11 (Brussels): 2010 Golden **Stars Awards** Ceremony. Contact: manuella.portier@cce.org

17/11 (*Brussels*): Conference on the **Voluntary Quality Framework** for SSGIs. Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

18/11 (*Brussels*): Workshop on Shaping the Future of EU Civil Society Mobility Schemes by the European Commission. Contact: manuella.portier@ccre.org

17-20/11 (*Mexico City*): UCLG World Congress.  Contact: sandra.ceciarini@ccre.org

21/11 (*Mexico City*): World Summit of Mayors on Climate Change.  Contact: mili.spahic@ccre-cemr.org

25/11 (*Brussels*): European Commission DG MARKET Open Hearing on Accelerating **e-Procurement**: What role for the EU.  Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

23-24/11 (*Brussels*): **Environment as a tool for social cohesion**, organised by the Secretary of State in charge of Housing for the Brussels-Capital Region. Contact: christina.dziewanska-stringer@ccre-cemr.org

23-24/11 (*Brussels*): Conference on **Adaptation to the Changing Climate**: Time to Intensify Efforts.  Contact: marie.bullet@ccre-cemr.org

25-26/11 (*Brussels*): Conference on Europe Environment Policy: What's next? – Towards a **7th Environment Action Programme**.  Contact: marie.bullet@ccre-cemr.org

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

