One month of CEMR's activities

- *27-28 August (Bonn):* CEMR participated in a conference that brought together major German stakeholders involved in **development cooperation**. CEMR presented the European Platform of local and regional government for development and its role. Contact: sandra.ceciarini@ccre.org

- *1 September (Paris)*: CEMR is partner of a project to set up a tool box for **sustainable urban development**. The project is led by the French Ministry of Sustainable Development. The tool box will gather best practices, existing policies and instruments available to cities and municipalities. Contact: Angelika.Poth-Moegele@ccre-cemr.org

- *2 September (Strasbourg):* A CDLR (Council of Europe)/LGI (Soros Foundation) workshop was held on the Impact of the **economic crisis** on local government. CEMR took the floor to present its two studies on the impact on the economic and financial crisis on local and regional authorities. Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

- *7 September (Brussels):* CEMR co-chair of the working group on transport, Oliver Mietzsch, took part in a conference on the challenge of **sustainable transport** in cities. He underlined the growing gap between costs and revenues in public transport. Contact: marie.bullet@ccre-cemr.org

- 9 *September (Brussels):* Jeremy Smith took part in the selection jury to reward best **town twinning** projects with the Golden Stars award. It was organised by the European Commission. Contact: emilie.blondy@ccre.org

- *11 September (Brussels):* The European Commission's DG transport and energy organised a meeting with European associations of local and regional governments including CEMR to discuss their priorities in the field of **energy** and discuss the Covenant of Mayors, of which CEMR is a partner. The Commission presented a new source of funding (€15 million) for local energy "Elena". Contact: marie.bullet@ccre-cemr.org

- *12 September (Tours):* The AFCCRE organised the 1st national Meeting on **town twinning and partnership**. The event attracted around 400 participants. CEMR secretary general Jeremy Smith took the floor to underline the need to revitalise town twinning and partnerships. Contact: sandra.ceciarini@ccre.org

- *14-15 September (Stockholm):* At the conference on European cities and the **global climate challenge**, Angelika Poth-Mögele, called on the Swedish Environment minister, Andreas Carlgren to confirm its support to local authorities's call to be recognised as partners in tackling climate change. As representative of the current EU Presidency, Mr. Carlgren, said he would bring this to the G20 meeting in Pittsburgh and to the negotiations on the post-Kyoto protocol. Contact: angelika.poth-moegele@ccre-cemr.org

- *15 September (Stuttgart)*: At the City of Stuttgart's conference on NGO's and cities in **development cooperation**, CEMR presented the work of the European Platform of local and regional government for development, in collaboration with the European institutions. Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org

- *17 September (Brussels):* CEMR met the director of the European Institute for **Gender Equality** to present its work and the activities of its national associations and their members. Contact: emilie.blondy@ccre.org

- *18 September (Paris):* CEMR's **financial management committee** met in the premises of Dexia Bank, who is a partner of CEMR. A Dexia representative gave participants an overview of the situation of the bank in the context of the economic and financial crisis. Contact: dominique.arrestat@ccre.org

- *21-23 September (Strasbourg):* CEMR was an observer at the meeting of the European Committee on **local and regional democracy** of the Council of Europe. Issues debated included the Utrecht conference of European ministers responsible for local and regional government (16-17 Nov), and possible amendment protocols to the European Charter of Local Self-Government. Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

- *24 September (Brussels):* CEMR and other associations presented their ideas on the **future of cohesion policy** at the Committee of the region's COTER committee. CEMR's working group on cohesion and territorial policies will draft a policy paper on the issue that will be presented at the CEMR Policy Committee in Berlin (30 November-1 December). Contact: marit.schweiker@ccre-cemr.org

- *24 September (Prague):* CEMR presented the European Charter for **equality of women and men in local life** at a meeting of Czech local leaders. The conference received support from the Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic and the Norwegian association of local and regional authorities. Contact: emilie.blondy@ccre.org

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- *5-6 October (Lyon):* Seminar on the role of local and regional government in development cooperation; meeting of the **European Platform of local and regional government for development** + meeting of the World Affairs Committee. Contact: lucie.guillet@ccre.org

- *8-9 October (Brussels):* Meeting of the employers' Platform + meeting of the working group of the sectoral social dialogue Committee (CEMR-EPSU) on **social procurement**. Contact: cornelia.schroeder@ccre-cemr.org

- *12-13 October (Brasov - Romania)*: Joint meeting of CEMR's working groups on **cohesion, environment, transport, energy**. Contact: valerie.solle@ccre-cemr.org

- *15-16 October (Stockholm)*: CEMR will participate in a round table on **poverty and social inclusion** organised by the Swedish presidency of the EU. Contact: cornelia.schroeder@ccre-cemr.org

- *16 October (Barcelona)*: Seminar on the implementation of the **European Charter for equality of women and men in local life**. Contact: emilie.blondy@ccre.org

- *22 October (Brussels)*: Joint conference of the hospital, commerce, private security and local and regional government sectors on **third party violence**. Contact: cornelia.schroeder@ccre-cemr.org

- *29-30 October (Oswiecim – Poland)*: Meeting of the twinning officers of CEMR and seminar on **town twinning and reconciliation**. Contact: emilie.blondy@ccre.org

- *November*: Release of **CEMR's second study on the impact of the economic and financial crisis** on local and regional government, based on a survey conducted by CEMR among its members. Contact: boris.tonhauser@ccre-cemr.org

- *5 November (Vienna)*: Meeting of **CEMR's Executive Bureau**. Contact: nina.holbrook@ccre.org

- *30 November/1 December*: **CEMR's Policy Committee** meeting at the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall. CEMR proposes to organise an exhibition on the topic. Contact: nina.holbrook@ccre.org

Other events

- *5-8 October (Brussels)*: **Open Days** organised by the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions

- *22-24 October (Stockholm)*: **European Development Days** under the theme of democracy, climate change and the economic crisis

- *12-14 November (Guangzhou)*: **UCLG World Council**

[1] The provisional calendar of CEMR events is available on CEMR website: www.ccre.org.