Tuesday, 9th October 2012
Committee of the Regions, JDE62, 14.30-17.00

14.30  Opening session

Welcome address:

• **Ramón Luis Valcárcel**, President of the Committee of the Regions

Keynote speech:

• **Jose Manuel Sousa Uva**, Director - Horizontal aspects of Rural Development, DG AGRI, European Commission

Introduction:

• **Carola Gunnarsson**, Chair of CEMR Thematic Platform on Sustainable Territorial and Local Development

15.00  1st Round Table discussion: the place of CLLD in the current discussions at national and regional level.

Debate on the negotiations of the partnership agreements.

• **Tudor Pendiu**, Mayor of Pitesti, President of the Association of Romanian Municipalities (AMR)

• **Mihkel Juhkami**, Chairman of Rakvere City council, Vice-President of the Association of Estonian Cities (AEC)

• **Bob Bright**, Leader of Newport City Council, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Full Member on Committee of the Regions
• **Michael Dower**, Member of the Agriculture and Rural Convention (ARC 2020)

• **Manuela Geleng**, Head of Unit - ESF policy and legislation, financial engineering, DG EMPL, European Commission

Moderation:

• **Carola Gunnarsson**, Chair of CEMR Thematic Platform on Sustainable Territorial and Local Development

16.00 2nd Round Table discussion: how to bring CLLD ideas forward at EU level.

• **Constanze Krehl**, Member of the European Parliament, Co-Rapporteur on General Regulation of Cohesion Policy

• **Catiuscia Marini**, President of Umbria region, CoR Rapporteur on General Regulation of Cohesion Policy

• **Graham Garvie**, Convener, Scottish Borders Council, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), CoR Rapporteur on Community-led Local Development

• **Charlina Vitcheva**, Director - Inclusive Growth, Urban & Territorial Development, Northern Europe - DG REGIO, European Commission

Moderation:

• **Frédéric Vallier**, Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

Conclusions:

• **Carola Gunnarsson**, Chair of CEMR Thematic Platform on Sustainable Territorial and Local Development

17.00 Networking Cocktail

Interpretation will be provided in the following languages: EN, FR, DE, IT, ES, RO and ET

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