

# The European voice of local and regional authorities for development



## **Bring the experience of local/regional authorities in decentralised cooperation to European policies**

### **PLATFORMA is committed to**

- Gaining increased political recognition of the contribution of local/regional authorities for development cooperation.
- Promoting effective decentralised cooperation for the development of partner territories.
- Ensuring a real dialogue between local/regional authorities and the European Institutions.

### **Our objectives**

- Coordinate the voice of local/regional authorities toward the European Institutions, in particular for the definition and implementation of European development policies.
- Facilitate networking of information and sharing of experiences.
- Strengthen the participation of local/regional authorities in European development programmes.
- Strengthen links with civil society, in particular with CONCORD, the European confederation of development NGOs.

### **Our members**

- The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), and its national association members actively involved in development cooperation, together with its worldwide organisation United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and United Cities of France (CUF);
- The European organisations of regional governments, including the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR), the Assembly of European Regions (AER) and the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR);
- The International Association of Francophone Mayors (AIMF);
- Cities actively involved in decentralised cooperation including Paris, Lyon and Bucharest (2nd district).

## Our actions

- Common political positions on European development policies;
- Thematic seminars highlighting the contribution of local/regional authorities in development cooperation;
- Regular information to encourage the action of local/regional authorities for development cooperation, in particular through European programmes.

For further information: [www.platforma-dev.eu](http://www.platforma-dev.eu)

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## PLATFORMA and the European Charter on development cooperation in support of local governance

- PLATFORMA has been ensuring the technical secretariat of this Charter since February 2010.
- A multi-actors instrument, drafted in partnership and recognised both by the European Commission and the EU Council of Ministers.
- A tool for dialogue between the different stakeholders of support to local governance, giving indications to apply the Paris Declaration at local level.

For further information: [www.platforma-dev.eu/charte](http://www.platforma-dev.eu/charte)

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