



[ Twinning for  
tomorrow's  
world ]



Conseil des Communes  
et Régions d'Europe  
Council of European  
Municipalities and Regions

10-12 May 2007  
Rhodes, Greece

# Welcome to a world of twinning

CEMR believes that the future of the EU depends on its capacity to involve its citizens in the "European project". Twinning, more than ever, remains the best way to bring together towns and their citizens from the whole of Europe, to translate the concept of European citizenship into reality.

The Rhodes conference therefore marks our commitment to the citizens of Europe, to unite them behind a common project: a Europe for peace, prosperity, understanding and equality; a Europe by and for its citizens.

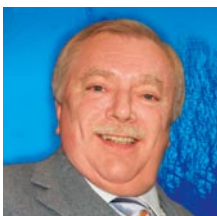
Hundreds of elected representatives from all over Europe will have the opportunity to share information about twinning and to devise together ways to respond to the challenges that are to come. The Rhodes conference will be a key opportunity for the drawing up and promotion of innovative and efficient twinning actions, for Europe in the XXI<sup>st</sup> century.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rhodes.

It was in Greece that the notion of citizenship was born, developed first by philosophers to then serve as the functioning basis of the ancient Republic. Now that Europe finds itself at a crucial moment in its construction, it is vital that all Europeans take up the democratic heritage of ancient Greece in the context of a new governance. The city of Rhodes and CEMR's Greek section, KEDKE, are proud to host a conference whose content will highlight the modernity of concepts that were discovered in ancient Greece.

European towns and cities are invited to play an important role in the implementation of the Europe for citizens programme. By coming together in Rhodes for the Conference Twinning for tomorrow's world, they can reaffirm their collective commitment to cohesion and dialogue in Europe. A crossroads for cultures and peoples over the ages, Rhodes is the ideal place to promote a EU which respect its linguistic and cultural diversity.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rhodes to demonstrate our common commitment.



Michael Häupl  
President of CEMR



Anders Knape  
Chair of CEMR's  
twinning working group



Hatzis Hatziefthimiou  
Mayor of Rhodes



Paris Koukouloupoulos  
President of KEDKE

# [ Programme ]

Thursday 10 May - Rodos Palace Hotel

10:00 – 18:00 Registration of the participants

18:00 Opening of the Conference, Plenary Session:  
"Europe for the Citizens: Twinning for Tomorrow's World"

Welcome speeches:

- Hatzis HATZIEFTHIMIOU, Mayor of Rhodes
- A representative of the KEDKE Administrative Board
- A representative of the Dodekanissa Local Union of Municipalities and Communities (TEDK) Administrative Board
- Michael HÄUPL, President of CEMR, Mayor and Governor of Vienna

Message from Lucien SERGENT, Senior Founding Member of CEMR

18:30 – 19:45 Debate: "Twinning for Tomorrow's World"

Jan FIGEL, European Commissioner, Education, Training, Culture and Youth. Video-link direct to Brussels

- Anders KNAPE, Chair of CEMR's working group on twinning, Deputy Mayor of Karlstad
- A representative from the Portuguese national government (next European Union Presidency)
- Hannu TAKKULA, Rapporteur of the European Parliament for the programme "Europe for Citizens"
- Pierre MAIRESSE, Director of the Directorate of Youth, Sport and Relations with the Citizen, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
- Fofi GENNIMATA, Vice President of the Commission for Culture, Education and Research of the Committee of the Regions

20:00 Reception, upon the invitation of the European Commission



# Friday 11 May - Rodos Palace Hotel

9:30 – 11:15

## Plenary Session:

### The new programme “Citizens for Europe” (2007-2013)

Chair: Anders KNAPE, Chair of CEMR’s working group on twinning

Presentations:

- Christine BOON FALLEUR, Head of Unit, Youth, Sport and Relations with the Citizen: Partnerships and Visits, DG Education and Culture, European Commission

A first evaluation of the new management of the programme:

- Marc JORNA, Head of Unit “Citizenship”, EAC Executive Agency

Participation of a representative of the Twinning Unit of the European Commission for questions and answers with the delegates

11:30 – 13:00

## Parallel sessions:

### GROUP A: A European citizenship for living together in Europe

#### SESSION 1: TWINNING: A TOOL FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

Chair: Christophe CHAILLOU, Director of the Cabinet of the Secretary General of CEMR

Contributions:

- Stephen FLETCHER, International and Twinning Officer, Watford Borough Council (UK)
- Carlos RUIZ PEREZ, President of the Twinning Associations of Torrelavega (E)
- Darija SHAJIN, Head of the Municipal Administration of Bac (Serbia)\*

Questions and contributions from the delegates

Future perspectives:

- Keith WHITMORE (UK), Member of Manchester City Council, Plenary Chair of the Institutional Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Roshan DI PUPPO, Director of the European Social Platform

#### SESSION 2: YOUTH AND TWINNING: AN INITIATION TO PUBLIC LIFE

Chair: Roberto DI GIOVAN PAOLO, Secretary General of AICCRE

Contributions:

- Anja BALANSKAT, European schoolnet - European eTwinning programme
- Alphonse HENRARD, Deputy Mayor of Houffalize (B), Vice President of the “Douzelage” network’s youth committee
- Ilias-Miltiadis KLAPAS, Mayor of Preveza, member of the « Douzelage » network
- Martina DICSO, citizen of Alsomocsolad (H)

Questions and contributions from the delegates

Future perspectives: Philippe TARRISSON, Director of the department “Europe of the citizen” of the AFCCRE

14:30 – 16:00

## Parallel sessions:

### GROUP B: Tomorrow’s Europe: facing the challenges

#### SESSION 1: PROMOTING OUR CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND PRESERVING OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE

Chair: Andrzej PORAWSKI, Executive Director of the Association of Polish Cities

Contributions:

- Georgios GIANNOPOULOS, Member of the Rhodes city council, Vice President of CEMR

- Milan STURM, member of the City Council of Nový Jičín (CZ)
- A representative from the network "Cultural Villages of Europe"

Questions and contributions from the delegates

Future perspectives:

- Ron VAN OERS, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO
- Roger TROPEANO, President of "Les Rencontres" Association of European Cities and Regions for Culture

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## SESSION 2: TWINNING: A FORUM FOR DYNAMIC, SOCIAL AND SUSTAINABLE EUROPE

Chair: Heikki TELAKIVI, Director of International Affairs, Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities

Contributions:

- Birger MUNTER, Director of Business Development, North Funen Business Council (Nordfyns Erhvervsraad) (DK)
- Liam BLAKE, twinning committee of Tuam (Ireland)
- a representative from the twinned towns Sarajevo (BH) or Barcelona (E)
- Bert LAGERWEIS, Coordinator, town twinning association, Ede (NL)

Questions and contributions from the delegates

Future perspectives: Johan ÖRTENGREN, Senior Advisor of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions

16:15 – 17:45

Parallel sessions:

GROUP C: Europe in the world

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## SESSION 1: TWINNINGS: BRIDGES FOR DIALOGUE AND PEACE AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Chair: Omar EL JAZOULI, Mayor of Marrakech, Chair of the Mediterranean Interregional Committee of UCLG\*

Contributions:

- Luisa MORGANTINI, Vice President of the European Parliament, member of the Committee on Development\*
- Athos GERMANOS, Secretary General of the Union of Cyprus Municipalities
- Gianfranco MARTINI and Antonella VALMORBIDA, President and Director of ALDA
- Representatives from the Israeli, Lebanese and Palestinian authorities
- Menderes TÜREL, Mayor of Antalya (Turkey)\*

Questions and contributions from the delegates

Future perspectives: Franco LA TORRE, cabinet of the Mayor of Rome, responsible for international relations

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## SESSION 2: FOR A BETTER WORLD: TWINNING AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Chair: Louis LE PENSEC, Vice President of CEMR, President of the French Association of CEMR, Vice President of the Finistère Département Council

Contributions:

- Pierre SCHAPIRA, Member of the European Parliament, Deputy Mayor of Paris
- Aristotelis BOURATSIS, Head of Unit, Relations with civil society and non state actors, European Commission
- A representative from a Portuguese city involved in twinning and development cooperation
- James BEADLE, European and International Unit Local Government Association (UK)
- Enrico CECCHETTI, Europartnership for decentralised cooperation, Tuscany Region

Questions and contributions from the delegates

Future perspectives: Jean BOSSUYT, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)\*

## Saturday 12 May - Palace of Grand Master of Rhodes

9:30 – 10:45

### Plenary session

#### Working tools for tomorrow's twinning

Chair: Oldřich VLASÁK, member of the European Parliament, Executive President of CEMR, President of the Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic

Contributions:

- An example of good practice: the "school of Europe" of St. Alban (F), Serge LABORDERIE, President of the twinning committee of St. Alban
- CEMR tools: Sandra CECIARINI, CEMR Head of Citizenship and International Co-operation
- Examples of good practices and exchanges of working methods with the representatives of CEMR national associations active in twinning.

11:15 – 12:30

### Plenary session

#### Twinning in Tomorrow's Europe and Tomorrow's World

Chair: Jeremy SMITH, Secretary General of CEMR

Key-note speakers:

- Nicole FONTAINE, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur for the creation of the community programme for twinning\*
  - Odile QUINTIN, Director General, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
- Presentation of the Final Declaration by Jeremy SMITH, Secretary General of CEMR

12:30 – 13:30

### Closing session

Argyrios MANTZIOS, President of the Committee of the Olympic Truce:

Presentation of the Olympic Truce: an initiative for peace in today's world

- Halvdan SKARD, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Elisabeth GATEAU, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments
- Hatzis HATZIEFTHIMIOU, Mayor of Rhodes
- Anders KNAPE, Chair of CEMR's working group on twinning, Deputy Mayor of Karlstad

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# [ Registration ]

To register for the conference,  
or for further information, either:

- Contact David Farge at CEMR  
Rhodes.2007@ccre.org,  
tel. + 33 1 44 50 59 59
- or download the registration form and details from  
CEMR website ([www.ccre.org](http://www.ccre.org))

There is a conference registration fee of €200 or 250 depending  
on the national GDP.

In addition, you can obtain the hotel booking form from David  
Farge or CEMR's website in order to book your room at the  
conference hotel (the Rodos Palace).



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# [ The organisers ]



The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) was founded in 1951. It brings together associations of local and regional governments from over 35 countries



Central Union of Municipalities and Communities of Greece



The Municipality of Rhodes is the capital city of the prefecture of the Deodecanese. It has a population of approximately 60,000 inhabitants



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