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CPMR MIGRATION TASK FORCE MEETING

16 September 2019 (14.30-16.00) – On-line meeting

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SUMMARY OF DEBATES	DECISION/ FOLLOW-UP
<p>1. Updated Terms of Reference of the CPMR Task Force</p>	<p>Validated by the TF Link to final document</p>
<p>2. Preparation of the next TF meeting, 16 October Palermo (Sicily)</p> <p>The meeting will take place back-to-back with the CPMR AGM from 17.00-18.30 on Wednesday 16 October.</p> <p>Currently around 30 participants are registered to attend representing 15 Regions from northern and southern Europe.</p> <p>PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the Task Force’s recent and future activities (ToRs, issue papers, advocacy, projects). Presentations from member regions (Basque Gvt: SHARE proposal / Norwegian regions: new competences on integration / Other tbc...) • Social Inclusion, Migration and Health. As an opportunity to explore synergies between the CPMR and the World Health Organisation, we have invited Dr Santino Severoni of the WHO Regional Office for Europe to participate during this Task Force meeting and also to speak on the session “Future of Europe” during the AGM. • REGIN Project (including link with health indicators) <p>Background documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WHO Report on Migration and Health - WHO book “Health diplomacy: spotlight on refugees and migrants” (to be officially launched on 18 September) 	
<p>3. Prospective Report (July 2019) and Advocacy</p> <p><i>Presented by Davide Strangis, CPMR and Gemma Pinyol, Instrategies</i></p> <p>This technical paper builds on the CPMR Task Force’s previous work on policy recommendations. It sets out plans on how to convey these proposals in practice, targeting EU institutions and other relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>It also provides a comparison between the CPMR’s messages and what has been taken into account by the European Parliament in its first reading of the regulations on funds (ESF+, AMF, NIDCI).</p> <p>We can be reasonably satisfied with the funding proposals, but the CPMR still needs to keep pushing to promote the regional added value.</p> <p>European Commission</p> <p>The distribution of portfolios within the Commission is still not yet finalised.</p> <p>The new President Ursula Von der Leyen has called for a new pact on migration and asylum and to relaunch the reform of the CEAS.</p>	<p>Task Force/CPMR Secretariat</p> <p>Refine questions for the Commissioner’s hearings once portfolios have been finalised</p> <p>Identify MEPs to target (when and how?). E.g. Meeting with LIBE Committee</p>

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<p>DG HOME will have competence on migration under the Swedish Commissioner Ylva Johansson. There is likely to be a key role to play by our Swedish member regions.</p> <p>DG JOBS will have competence on integration</p> <p>It is still unclear how responsibility for the external dimension of migration will be distributed.</p> <p>The Vice-Presidents will act as coordinators between several Commissioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaritis Schinas in charge of “Protecting our European Way of Life” will oversee DG HOME • Valdis Dombrovskis in charge of “An Economy that Works for People” will oversee DG JOBS • Josep Borrell in charge of “A Stronger Europe in the World” will oversee DG ECHO & DEVCO <p>European Parliament</p> <p>We need to benefit from early discussions and plan meetings/discussions for technical and political representatives of the CPMR with targeted MEPs. The LIBE Committee (Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs) is a priority target.</p> <p>As communication material we may use the document “CPMR Policy Priorities 2019” which includes key political messages on Migration.</p> <p>The CPMR Manifesto/Strategic Plan to be presented at the AGM in Palermo (16-18 Oct 2019) will include a more long-term strategic position on all CPMR policies including references to migration issues.</p>	
<p>4. REGIN Project</p> <p>The project submitted under the AMIF call was approved by the European Commission in July 2019.</p> <p>The objective is to increase the performance of integration policies through test beds and indicators. It aims also to influence the EU approach to integration policies.</p> <p>The project will start in February 2020 and run for 24 months. Its action will be closely linked with that of the Task Force.</p> <p>The consortium consists of: CPMR (project leader), Instrategies, Migration Policy Group, CIDOB, Azores, Campania, Murcia, Catalonia, Skåne, Sardinia tbc.</p> <p>Some other regions and organisations have expressed support to contribute as associate partners.</p> <p>We need to involve as many member regions as possible in the activities. Their feedback on their experiences and learning processes will contribute towards improving public policies.</p>	<p>Task Force</p> <p>Discuss how to include Task Force/member regions in the project activities</p>

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<p>5. SHARE Proposal update <i>Presented by Marta Marin, Basque Government</i></p> <p>The SHARE proposal aims to offer a solution for the redistribution of asylum seekers between voluntary regions based on the indicators of population, GDP and unemployment rate.</p> <p>It is important to keep the discussions on this issue open, even if the Council is blocking progress, in order to ensure a proactive role for the regions.</p> <p>The proposal is very much related to advocacy work on integration, since integration is only possible if the burden is shared.</p> <p>At the end of August, the President of the Basque Government presented the initiative at the Vatican, where it was favourably received.</p>	<p>Basque Gvt with support of CPMR Secretariat:</p> <p>Keep promoting the initiative and encouraging regions to join.</p>
<p>6. Committee of the Regions initiative: cities and regions for integration of migrants</p> <p>The CoR initiative, supported by the European Commission, was launched in April 2019. The CPMR is a partner.</p> <p>The objective is to share best practices, encourage cooperation, develop a narrative based on solidarity and counter disinformation.</p> <p>Events and workshops are organised regularly. A major conference on Integration at the local and regional level supported by DG HOME will be organised on 3 December 2019. Annika Annerby Jansson has been invited as a speaker and can therefore have the opportunity to put across some messages on behalf of the CPMR</p> <p>Some studies will be produced where the CPMR can provide input based on its own recommendations.</p> <p>It is planned also in the future to address the issue of unaccompanied minors. After the first phase at the end of 2020, there will be an evaluation and follow-up, notably with the organisation of trainings and capacity building actions.</p> <p>So far the following CPMR Regions have joined the initiative and we encourage others to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Murcia - Basque Government - Catalonia - Skåne - Tuscany <p>More information: https://cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/Pages/cities-and-regions-for-integration.aspx</p>	<p>CPMR Secretariat:</p> <p>Follow the initiative and communicate to members</p> <p>Co-build some of the future activities</p> <p>All regions:</p> <p>Reply to the questionnaire and join the initiative</p> <p>Send to the CPMR Secretariat any expressions of interest for the 3rd December conference</p>

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<p>7. European Forum on Integration of Migrants and Refugees <i>Hamburg, 24-26 October 2019</i></p> <p>Region Skåne plans to organise a workshop during this event in association with the CPMR. More information will be communicated once the programme becomes clear.</p>	<p>Skåne/CPMR Secretariat:</p> <p>Define main messages for the workshop</p> <p>Communicate programme</p> <p>Identify potential panellists (including from CPMR member regions)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Events – 16 October, Palermo (IT): Meeting of the Task Force during the CPMR General Assembly – 17-18 October, Palermo (IT): CPMR General Assembly – 24-25 October, Hamburg (DE): European Forum on integration of migrants and refugees. – 3 December, Brussels: EU Conference on Integration, – Others to be defined 	<p>All regions:</p> <p>Members to get in touch with CPMR Secretariat for new joint events or to represent the CPMR in meetings linked to CoR Initiative</p>