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CPMR MIGRATION TASK FORCE MEETING

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<p>1. Introduction</p> <p>Davide Strangis and Annika Annerby Jansson introduced the TF meeting and Gemma Pinyol who has taken over from Anna Terron as CPMR’s consultant on migration affairs. Davide Strangis recalled the recent activities of the CPMR and its Task Force:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- First issue paper on integration and reception with recommendations adopted in March 2018 2- Mapping 3- High-level conference organised by Attiki and the CPMR at the Committee of the Regions on 23/04/2018 4- Good feedback from DG HOME and the Director-General Paraskevi Michou, who reacted positively to the Intermediterranean Commission Declaration and bilateral meeting with the CPMR Secretary General. 5- Good results from the Proposal for a Regulation establishing the Asylum & Migration Fund on 12/06 and the latest AMIF calls where there are hooks for the role of regions in integration policies 6- Focus now on the external dimension and the Regions’ role in humanitarian aid and also development cooperation and other networking activities 	
<p>2. CPMR Issue Paper on the External Dimension of Migration</p> <p>Issue paper on the external dimension. Presentation by Gemma Pinyol, Instrategies (CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PRESENTATION) <i>(Draft issue paper available on request)</i></p> <p>Gemma Pinyol presented the proposed work on the external dimension of migration. The aim is to identify areas where there are opportunities for the Regions to bring added value, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing SDGs and improving quality of life in third countries • Addressing root causes: regions can work in regions of origin and destination 	<p>Member Regions:</p> <p>Send comments to issue paper as soon as possible</p> <p>Check if relevant practices are included. Consult with other departments within the region if necessary</p> <p>Important to give feedback on past and present actions</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilising new political instruments, notably on reintegration of returnees and recognition of qualifications • Taking advantage of the many different funding opportunities. • Implementing decentralised cooperation projects, learning from good and bad experiences • Mobilising diaspora which is currently an underused resource • Networks <p>Regions are encouraged to complete the CPMR survey as much as possible. The Conclusions and Recommendations slide of Gemma Pinyol’s presentation provides guidelines to help complete the CPMR Survey.</p> <p>Since migration is a very cross-cutting topic, members need to share the survey between different departments within their Region in order to identify all relevant practices.</p> <p>There are many strategies within the Regions that can include relevant actions, but they are not always under the umbrella of external action. We need to be open-minded and look also under other sectoral policies.</p>	<p>CPMR Secretariat/Instrategies:</p> <p>Conclusion to share a common vision</p> <p>Share opportunities for the regional approach</p> <p>Collect more practices</p> <p>Fill in the gaps</p>
<p>3. Presentation of Mapping (CLICK HERE TO VIEW DRAFT MAPPING)- N.B. for internal consultation only - please do not circulate)</p> <p>The mapping presenting regional competences and experiences is designed to be a user-friendly and usable tool for mutual learning between regions and for promoting the regional actions among external stakeholders (partner organisations for project activities/networking; European Commission to find out expertise in certain areas) to learn more about the role of the regions.</p> <p>It also enhances knowledge for regions on their own work.</p>	<p>Members to check the information regarding their Region.</p> <p>Input still possible. Link to Factsheet Template</p>

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<p>In order to be really useful and valuable, we need input from more regions to reach a critical mass.</p>	
<p>4. AMIF Call/Project Proposals</p> <p>(CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CALL)</p> <p>The latest call includes many references to the role of the regions in the 5 topics for the call.</p> <p>However, the one really adapted to the CPMR network is on “local and regional integration networks”. The CPMR explicitly asked Mrs Michou, DG HOME to provide opportunities for the regions in the new AMIF call, so we and our regions are now expected to participate.</p> <p>The funding perspective is quite limited – less than EUR 20M – but it is really tailored to the regions and close to our role. The call will fund 3-year projects between EUR 1-2 M.</p> <p>Some member regions are already preparing projects. The CPMR can help with partner searches.</p> <p>The CPMR Secretariat will also evaluate opportunities to participate in or lead some key projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIPEX-R <p>The new AMIF call could be an opportunity to boost the MIPEX-R project, which has unfortunately seen some set-backs due to the political situation in Catalonia. Mrs Michou already expressed great interest in the project itself. Maybe some MIPEX activities could fall within the scope of the call and be funded. Catalonia informed that Mr Amoros the Migration Secretary within the Region is now intending to restart the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Common Place– Migration as a driving force behind heritage and interculture in the European Union. LINK TO PROJECT DESCRIPTION <p>The project proposal in which the CPMR is a partner, was submitted under the call AMIF-2017-AG-INTE-01 (Integration of third country nationals – topic “Raising Awareness on migrant's contribution to EU</p>	<p>Member Regions to inform CPMR of projects and partner searches they would like to disseminate</p> <p>Regions to indicate if they are interested in joining projects</p> <p>CPMR Secretariat to evaluate the best consortiums to participate in relevant projects and/or to set up a specific proposal to apply (e.g. under topic 1)</p>

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<p>Societies”). It has not been accepted but is currently on the reserve list. It has also been re-adapted and submitted under the DEAR call [Reference: EuropeAid/160048/DH/ACT/Multi]. The CPMR Secretariat will keep members informed of the results.</p>	
<p>5. Collaboration with external partners/events/studies/AOB</p> <p>The CPMR is developing relations with other stakeholders in order to share opportunities with the Regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacts with OECD after the April seminar. The CPMR is suggesting best practices for the OECD study. • ICMPD (International Centre for Migration Policy Development) – this organisation which at the moment works essentially with EU states has open calls for projects. It could be interested to work with the regions • The CPMR has been contacted with regard to ESPON calls for studies. Emilia-Romagna has ideas on new studies e.g. producing scenarios on the value of migrants in the employment system. • The ARLEM (Euromed area linked to the UfM process) will possibly host a side event in Seville in February 2019 that the CPMR will co-organise. 	
<p>6. Upcoming Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 December 2018 (Barcelona): Conference “International Migrants Day: Promoting Diversity in Regions” hosted by Catalonia. • 17 January 2019 (Alicante, Valencia): Meeting of the CPMR Migration Task Force • 18 January 2019 (Alicante, Valencia): Conference on the External Dimension of Migration co-organised by Valencia Region and the CPMR 	