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CPMR MIGRATION TASK FORCE MEETING

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SUMMARY OF DEBATES	DECISION/FOLLOW-UP
<p>1. CPMR Task Force</p> <p>On a proposal from Annika Annerby Jansson it was decided to update the terms of reference and future goals of the Task Force and to make note of its achievements.</p>	<p>CPMR Secretariat:</p> <p>Update terms of reference to be submitted to next CPMR Political Bureau (7 March, Brest)</p>
<p>2. CPMR Issue Paper on the External Dimension of Migration</p> <p>Presentation by Gemma Pinyol, Instrategies</p> <p>The updated draft issue paper was distributed to members by email (internal document not for circulation)</p> <p>Gemma Pinyol mentioned that the main changes in relation to the previous draft were improvement of the wording to avoid confusion and the integration of some comments and additional practices from regions.</p> <p>The paper gives a general overview of specific instruments at national and EU level and, within this framework, how regions can play a role in the external dimension of migration policies.</p> <p>Regions are asked to consult the draft issue paper to check if the proposals seem feasible and if there are other points and relevant experiences that could be included relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in international ‘regional’ networks • Humanitarian assistance / asylum seekers • Development actions. <p>Based on the different experiences, the aim is to build a regional strategy and set of tools on mobility and development cooperation, which is a closely related topic with regard to tackling root causes of migration.</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>All regions:</p> <p>Send comments to issue paper by 31 January</p> <p>Complete questionnaire if not already done. LINK to Questionnaire on the external dimension</p> <p>Skåne: provide more examples of practices</p> <p>Occitanie: provide examples of cooperation actions in the Mediterranean. Plan discussion with Gemma, Instrategies (last week January)</p> <p>CPMR Secretariat/Instrategies:</p> <p>Finalise paper by mid February</p> <p>Decide if to be endorsed by the CPMR Political Bureau (meeting on 7 March)</p> <p>Dissemination</p>

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<p>Given that migration is a sensitive topic at political level, we need to decide if the paper should be validated by the Political Bureau at its next meeting on 7 March in Brest or if the document would be presented as only as the work of the CPMR Task Force on Migration.</p> <p>In any case, the document will contain recommendations that will be put forward and disseminated according to the different opportunities that arise (future events, EU institutional partners, etc.).</p>	
<p>3. Committee of the Regions initiative: cities and regions for integration of migrants</p> <p>The CPMR has been contacted by the Committee of the Regions concerning the launch of a new initiative. It will be launched in the plenary in April and presented by the President and the Commissioner</p> <p>The initiative will be implemented in two phases</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Political campaign structured on concrete actions <p>Here they will insist on the role of the regions (municipalities already have more recognition in this area) and focus also on small towns and rural territories.</p> <p>Other topics to be addressed include unaccompanied minors.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Specific activities <p>They will ask COR members and networks to join the initiative by organising events and sharing experiences during the first semester of 2019. In the second semester with the help of DG HOME it will organise twinnings and study visits with the support of networks like CPMR</p> <p>This initiative is interesting for CPMR, but we need to be careful to avoid overlaps.</p> <p>Some studies will also be produced. The CPMR can highlight the best practices of its members.</p> <p>We could also link our regional mapping with the COR's mapping of multilevel governance relating to the part on the integration of migrants.</p>	<p>CPMR Secretariat:</p> <p>Follow the initiative and communicate to members</p>

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<p>4. Updates on Visual Mapping</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>We are currently working on the visual mapping to give a better structure and simplify the access to relevant data.</p> <p>Any Regions that didn't contribute, are asked to contact us so we can upload relevant information.</p> <p>A new version will be ready for the Political Bureau in March.</p>	<p>All regions:</p> <p>Regions that have not already contributed can send information via the regional factsheet</p> <p>Canarias expressed its wish to contribute</p> <p>Link to Factsheet Template</p> <p>CPMR secretariat:</p> <p>Finalise mapping by beginning March</p>
<p>5. AMIF Call/ REGIN Project Proposal</p> <p>The goal of this project is to design, develop and assess an innovative toolbox for regions to facilitate, promote and strengthen migrants' integration. The expected contribution is to advance robustness, accuracy and reliability of the regional authorities' capabilities to promote inclusions, as well as improving cooperation and knowledge-sharing among them.</p> <p>Four main objectives are addressed in the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective 1: Identifying inclusion and integration indicators and related public policies at regional level; • Objective 2: Developing a set of tools able to facilitate regional performance on promoting and strengthening migrants' and refugees' inclusion and integration; • Objective 3: Improving planning and monitoring of inclusion and integration indicators; • Objective 4: Interchange, dialogue and cooperation in practices and initiatives between the consortium partners. 	<p>Deadline for submission 31 January</p> <p><u>ACTION LIST:</u></p> <p><u>Week 21-25 January:</u></p> <p>Close list of full partners by Wednesday 23/01</p> <p>Establish list of associated partners</p> <p>Send application form to partners for feedback and completion (CPMR secretariat)</p>

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<p>The project would allow the Task Force to obtain funding and external help to carry out its work.</p> <p>The consortium consists of 2 levels of partnership: full partner and associated partner.</p> <p><u>Confirmed full partners</u>: CPMR (project leader), Instrategies, Migration Policy Group, CIDOB, Murcia, Catalonia, Sardinia, Skåne.</p> <p><u>To be confirmed</u>: Azores (PT), a Finnish region, Calarasi (RO), Baden Württemberg (DE)</p> <p><u>2nd level of partnership</u>: other regions, local authorities, ICBSS (confirmed) and even some regions from non-EU countries. (eg. L'Oriental)</p> <p>If the project approved, it would kick off by end of 2019/beginning of 2020 and will last 2 ½ years (tbc)</p> <p>Regions will contribute to Work Packages 3, 4 and 5. They will receive information on the goals to be achieved.</p> <p>Regions should indicate in which areas they are most interested. The proposal could be adjusted to each regional partner.</p> <p>Budgets will be arranged to meet territorial needs in order to come to a final agreement between all partners.</p> <p><u>Details on Work Package 3 presented by Elena Sanchez CIDOB.</u></p> <p>WP3 will analyse to what extent integration policy supports migrants and find out how migrants are integrating with different regions.</p> <p>There are 2 indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Same indicators as MIPEX which has been used for the past 15 years at national level – Saragossa indicators. <p>We need for data from regions on issues such as education, labour market, housing, etc. We are aware that not all regions have same competencies/data.</p>	<p>Bilateral discussions on budget for each partner (Instrategies with partners)</p> <p>Send to partners list of administrative/legal documents (CPMR secretariat)</p> <p>Send template letter of support for associated partners (CPMR Secretariat)</p> <p>Finalise budget and proposal and communicate to partners (Instrategies/CPMR secretariat)</p> <p>Final agreement on proposal (all partners)</p> <p><u>By Monday 29 January COB:</u></p> <p>Send to CPMR all administrative/legal documents (Full partners)</p> <p>Send to CPMR letters of support (associated partners)</p> <p><u>Tuesday 30 January:</u></p> <p>Submission of proposal (CPMR)</p>

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<p>The work package includes desk research at regional level and collecting and analysing data as well as some events to hold regional discussions and policy analyses.</p> <p>The budget will cover the work of external experts in the countries covered to analyse 2 Regions.</p> <p>We need to look for comparability in the regions and the opportunity to use the budget for partner regions to analyse other regions in the same country. Partner Regions can select another region in their country that could be comparable (similar competences, policies etc.)</p> <p>Skåne indicated that they have a vast collaboration with researchers and universities which have and are producing unique research on integration indicators. We can involve this in WP3. Katarina Carlzén to send brief overview.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Events – The Conference on economic development and the external dimension of migration/mobility co-organised by Valencia Region and the CPMR, originally planned on 18 January in Alicante, was postponed. New date to be communicated (possibly March). This would be an opportunity to present the final results of the issue paper. – 25-26 February, Valencia: Event on the internal dimension of migration organised by the Region of Valencia, supported by the CPMR – 26-27 February, Seville (ES): Workshop co-organised by AEBR and CPMR during the 10th ARLEM Plenary session – Valencia 25-26? Meeting with Council of Europe meetings. Programme under Commission – 7 March, Brest (FR): CPMR Political Bureau (presentation of issue paper (tbc) and proposed new Terms of Reference for the Task Force) – October (date tbc), Palermo (IT): Meeting of the Task Force during the CPMR General Assembly <p>We may foresee other internal and external meetings (online or physical) after the Bureau in March including in synergy with our members and the initiatives of the Committee of the regions/ICMPD/Networks/Council of EU etc. In particular connection with the events of the new CoR Initiative on “cities and regions for integration”</p>	<p>More coordination will be organised before the next physical meeting in October (before summer) or back-to-back with any other events.</p> <p>Please inform us if your Region wishes to organise any events.</p>