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CPMR MIGRATION TASK FORCE MEETING

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<p>1. Follow-up of the meeting of 6 September</p> <p>Short recap on the brainstorming meeting with external guests from the relevant DGs of the European Commission (EEAS, HOME, DEVCO), Committee of the Regions, European Economic and Social Committee and UNHCR (Refugee Agency) and on the action plan of this task force in 2017-2018. More information [LINK TO MINUTES]</p> <p>The CPMR is leading in particular the following key activities in collaboration with appointed expert Anna Terrón:</p> <p>1. Mapping exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey launched in July to gather Regions' experiences in the reception and integration of migrants and refugees (innovation, lessons learned, needs, potential) • Issue paper with scenarios and ideas for future lobbying • Mapping with google mymaps • Matrix of key players in migration issues at EU, Euro-Med and international level. <p>2. Recommendations on recast CEAS (beginning of 2018)</p> <p>3. Recommendations on reshaping funding instruments for migration (beginning of 2018)</p>	
<p>2. Results of the CPMR survey on migrant reception and integration</p> <p>18 Regions have replied to the survey so far.</p> <p>The following findings were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different regional situations, competences, and ways of managing migration • No common wording: some words mean different things to different regions. 	<p>Regions can access replies to questionnaire here and circulate to their own migration experts [Link to replies]</p> <p>More input needed, especially from Greek members (Attica,</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not easy for many Regions to distinguish between formal and “soft” powers. Both are relevant for our analysis. • Regional actions on education, social inclusion and health are very much related to migration. This can be overlooked by regions who believe they do not have competences on migration. • Migration is a transversal issue within many regional policies • There might be confusion between what has been done and what is happening in the regions, e.g. there may be facilities established within the region but not managed by the regional authority directly. It is not clear what the regional competences are in this regard, but if there is a relation with the regional authority, this is interesting for our work. • More information required on how regions deal with unaccompanied minors, since many regions mention this as a major problem. • What is the room for cooperation between regions, municipalities and the state in a multilevel governance model and what could be the link with EU policies and programmes ? Should more resources go to the regions considering what they are actually doing on the ground? How can they be better taken into consideration in the EU migration agenda? • There is possibly the need of a more shared and positive narrative on migration 	<p>Western Greece...), French members (Occitanie...), Västra-Götaland (i.e. cooperation with a German region)</p> <p>Regions encouraged to reply as far as they can. Not necessary to answer every question.</p> <p>CPMR Secretariat in collaboration with Anna Terron to send a reminder to CPMR members.</p> <p>Possibility to do phone interviews with members.</p>
<p>3. First draft of the Issue Paper and Matrix on Key Players</p> <p>a) ISSUE PAPER</p> <p>Presentation of the 1st preliminary draft of the issue paper [Link to document]. This document develops the index agreed on the 6/9 and is not exhaustive concerning the examples coming from the regions.</p> <p>Specific comments on the structure and content:</p> <p>Chapter 2. This section provides some background on the history of migration management in Europe and points out that Regions have never been mentioned in the different processes.</p>	<p>Regions should provide their comments and feedback on the draft issue paper, notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chosen examples of cooperation practices • Narrative from the regions’ perspective

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<p>Chapters 3. & 4. These sections describe how migration is included in policies key for social inclusion and migrant integration policies. This is based on the Regions' own input. Therefore, the more information we have on this point the better.</p> <p>Chapter 4. This section deals with cooperation practices giving relevant results. It is not meant to be a showcase on best practices but more to demonstrate realities and take examples to serve for recommendations.</p> <p>Regions should check if they are comfortable with the experiences chosen from those who answered questionnaire.</p> <p>The majority of regions have a different narrative on migration which is linked to everyday life (regional development, cooperation, integration, etc) and not about preventing immigration. We need to see how to bring this forward and how to influence or reinforce the EU narrative.</p> <p>b) MATRIX OF KEY PLAYERS [Link to document]</p> <p>A draft has been prepared to show as an example. It will be further developed and sent with a consolidated first draft of the issues paper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on common wording <p>First comments to the first non-exhaustive draft by the end of November.</p>
<p>4. Discussion</p> <p>The main points raised by some of the member Regions concerned the lack of data within the Regions preventing them from completing the questionnaire in detail in all sections. Some regions did ask missing data to the decentralized administration of the State competent on the matter, other indicated where to find it.</p> <p>Anna Terrón indicated that for the purposes of survey, it is just as important to determine areas where Regions do not have knowledge or competences and at the same time to look at the questionnaire also from other angles (e.g. how other regional policies which are not directly / formally related to migration and refugees are addressing them in a way?). Regarding data, if the Regions do not have it themselves they can obtain it sometimes from other known sources since this can be useful for the mapping.</p>	<p>Regions could possibly go back to complete the questionnaire with additional data, information and examples where appropriate or just inform the Secretariat about additional information to be taken into account.</p>

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<p>5. Projects</p> <p>MIPEX-R Catalonia informed that the MIPEX-R project was in preparation and still on track. The current delay is due to a public procurement process that is on its way to be concluded, hopefully by the end of the year. [Link to MIPEX-R presentation]</p>	<p>Questions on MIPEX-R can be addressed to: Orland Cardona (Catalonia) orland.cardona@gencat.cat Tel. +34 93 2701687</p>
<p>6. PANORAMED axis 4 MED Interreg Programme</p> <p>More information: https://governance.interreg-med.eu/</p> <p>This project is looking at migration from the angle of sustainable tourism development and maritime surveillance. The current stage is to gather relevant documents and interesting information via a matrix document.</p>	<p>CPMR regions are invited to contribute to the matrix [Link to matrix]</p>
<p>7. Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPMR North Sea Commission Smart Regions Group, 2-3 November 2017 (Aberdeen, UK). Annika Annerby Jansson is invited to present the activities of the CPMR Migration Task Force and get contributions from NSC members • High-level Conference on City to City Migration, 7-8 November 2017 (Beirut, Lebanon) (more information) • Global Conference on Cities and Migrants, 16-17 November 17 (Mechelen, Belgium) (more information) • High-level conference, April 2018 (Brussels) There is an opportunity with Attica Region to organise high-level conference in the European Parliament in April next year. This could be good place to present the results of the CPMR survey and work on migration issues. 	<p>For the Global Conference on cities and migrants, please contact Davide Strangis if your region is interested to be a potential speaker. Davide.strangis@crpm.org Tel. +34 93 554 50 49</p>

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We could propose to organise a short **Task Force meeting** in Brussels on this occasion and/or before, in the first trimester of 2018.