

First Seminar of PLATFORMA

The European platform of local/regional authorities for development

How can local/regional authorities act effectively in development cooperation?

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*Committee of the Regions,
Belliard Street, 101, B-1040 Brussels, Room VM1*

PROGRAMME

Objective: sharing experiences between local/regional authorities involved in development projects

**9.15-
9.30am** **Welcome by the Secretary General of the Committee of the
Regions, Gerhard Stahl**

**9.30am-
12.30pm** **Interactive strategy session - The contribution of
local/regional authorities in development cooperation**

Facilitator: Christiane Loquai, European Center for Development Policy
Management (ECDPM)

- Introduction: Local governments and aid effectiveness, by Jeremy Smith, Secretary General of CEMR and Christiane Loquai
- Kick-off points, by the representatives of the European and international organisations of local/regional authorities (1)
- Contributions from local/regional authorities' representatives and national associations (2)
- Exchange of views with the other stakeholders (European Parliament, European Commission, Committee of the Regions, CONCORD)
Pierre Schapira, Member of the European Parliament
Olivier Luyckx, Head of Unit, DG Dev, European Commission
Angelo Baglio, Head of Unit, Europeaid
Christophe Rouillon, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur
Olivier Consolo, Director, CONCORD
- Debate with the floor
- Conclusions

A coffee break is foreseen during the session

**12.30pm-
2pm** **Lunch**

2pm-5pm **Cooperation in the area of water and sanitation – what
outcomes? What lessons learnt?**

Introduction by Pierre Schapira, Member of the European Parliament, Deputy Mayor of Paris, rapporteur to the European Parliament, Resolution of the European Parliament on water for the 5th World Water Forum, in Istanbul, March 16th-22nd

1. Towards the Istanbul World Water Forum
Edgardo Bilsky, Director of programmes and research, UCLG: the contribution of local/regional authorities

2. Sharing experiences on water and sanitation in decentralised cooperation
Introduction by Olivier Chambard, Secretary General of AIMF
 - The experience of Grand Lyon, France, Vincent Dussaux, project officer, International Cooperation and Water Department
 - The experience of the city of Saragossa, Spain, by F.J. Rodriguez Melon, Head of the cooperation department
 - The experience of the town of Kindia, Guinea, as part of the Water Facility (EDF), by Ousmane Bah, project manager, « Support to improved water and sanitation delivery services in Kindia »
 - The experience of the Tuscany Region, Italy, by Franco Gallori

A coffee break is foreseen from 3-3.15pm

4.45-5pm **Conclusion of the seminar**

5pm **End of the meeting**

(1) UCLG : Hamisi Mboga, Secretary General of the Kenyan Association of local governments and authorities

CPMR : Xavier Gizard, Secretary General

AIMF : Olivier Chambard, Secretary General, Michel Makpenon, Director of prospective and local development, city of Cotonou, Benin

CEMR : Jeremy Smith, Secretary General

(2) including: Nicolas Wit, Deputy Director, CUF, France

Daniel Groscolas, Vice-president, AFCCRE, France

E. Ioannis, Mayor of Anatoli, Greece

Georgios Noutsos, Mayor of Grevena, Greece

Peter Knip, Director, VNG international, Netherlands

Neculai Ontanu, Mayor of the 2nd District of Bucarest, Romania

Fabio Pellegrini, Vice-President, AICCRE, Italy

F. Javier Rodriguez Melon, Head of cooperation, city of Saragossa, Spain

Christophe Meunier, project manager, city of Lyon, France

Rosalie Callway, International policy officer, LGA, United-Kingdom

Fredrik Astedt, International advisor, SALAR, Sweden

