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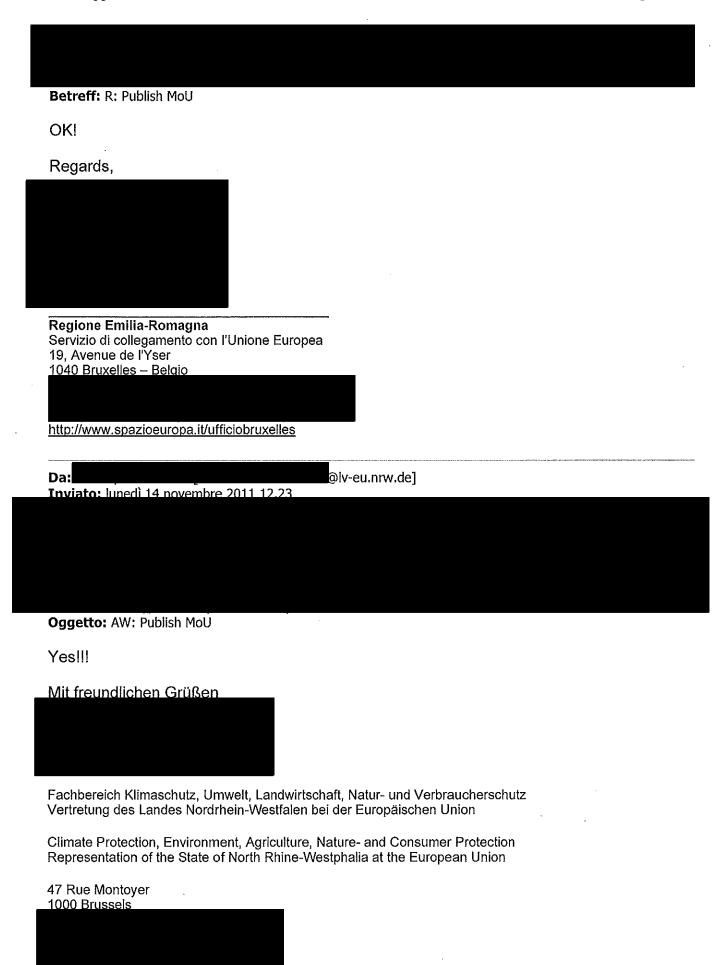
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Da: Inviato: lunedi 14 novembre 2011 12.23 @lv-eu.nrw.de]

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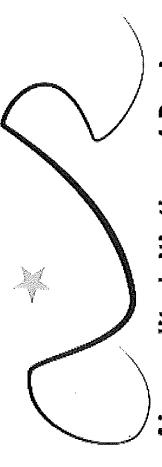
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Catalunya					Germany
	Ministry of Territory and Sustainability	Head of Air Quality Planning Technical Office			Barcelona Spain
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AW: List of experts - included Hessen

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Dear All

thank you very much for your great support and sorry, but I'm in the moment in thousand things active.

As attachment the completely list of experts included the expert from Hessen!

Good time from Hessen

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Published: 16 November 2011

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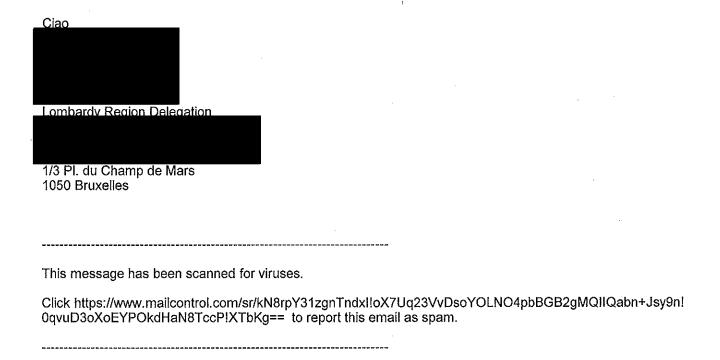
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Air pollution 'hot potato' for London Olympics

Published: 17 November 2011

Reducing traffic-related pollution, particularly from diesel, is set to become "a political hot potato" for London as air quality problems promise to grow bigger during the 2012 Olympics.

Background

The European Environment Agency's 2011 report on air quality, released on 9 November, shows broad historical improvements, with concentrations of sulphur dioxide falling by more than half in the decade ending in 2009.

Yet the report also shows that beginning in 2008, levels of nitrogen oxide (NO2), ozone and particulate matter have risen, fuelling concerns about overall air quality, especially in urban "hot spots".

Health experts say exposure to such pollutants affect humans not only outdoors, but at home and in the office through open windows or air conditions systems without proper filters.

At the European level, air pollution is regulated by the <u>Air Quality Directive</u>, adopted in 2008. A <u>review of the EU's air quality policy</u> has started in June 2011 with a wide public consultation. It said it will present new ideas on how to improve air quality by 2013 at the latest.

Simon Birkett, founder of Clean Air London, a campaign group, told EurActiv that local authorities have yet to come up with a convincing plan to tackle the air pollution problems that are expected during the Olympics.

"The Olympic organisers have admitted in March this year that the Olympic route network would cause breaches of air quality laws by displacing traffic and causing congestion," Birkett

told EurActiv in a video interview.

"They are working at the moment on designing mitigation measures but we haven't yet seen a package that will tackle that problem," he said.

Birkett was speaking on the sidelines of a EurActiv workshop on air quality, held in October.

Diesel the main culprit

According to the clean air campaigner, the problem is mainly caused by diesel exhausts from cars and trucks.

"Road transport is responsible for about 80% of the most harmful emissions in central and inner London and it is primarily a diesel problem," Birkett said.

Recent government statistics have shown that diesel cars produce 20 times as much pollution as petrol vehicles, he said. "So we really do need to tackle that problem," Birkett stressed.

Emissions of nitrogen dioxide (NO2), which results from the combustion process in vehicle engines, have grown significantly "due to increased penetration of diesel vehicles," according to a recent report by the European Environment Agency (EEA).

Diesel vehicles, it said, can emit "up to 50% of their NOx as NO2," a known toxic gas. "Epidemiological studies have shown that symptoms of bronchitis in asthmatic children increase in association with long-term exposure to NO2," the EEA noted in its report.

And when it comes to NO2, London is bottom of the league. "London has got the worst nitrogen dioxide problem, for example, of any of the 27 capital cities in Europe," said Birkett.

People suffering from allergies and other respiratory diseases will be first affected, warned Susana Palkonen, from the European Federation of Allergy and Airway Diseases Patients Association (EFA). "They are the sort of radars for the quality of the air," she said.

With pollution levels expected to go breach air quality standards, athletes too might experience difficulties, Birkett warned: "If we get high ozone levels as we have had a couple of times this year it really could be an issue for athletes next year."

Mayor to encourage cycling, walking, public transport

The Olympic authorities themselves have admitted that they need to reduce background levels of traffic by 30%, Birkett pointed out.

The London authorities have so far responded by saying they will encourage "walking, cycling or using public transport" during the Games.

"A key priority for the Mayor is to deliver cleaner air for London which is why he is focussed on targetted measures," said Kulveer Ranger, director for Environment for London Mayor Boris Johnson.

These, Ranger told EurActiv, include for example "using innovative technology such as dust suppresants, encouraging no-idling and installing green infrastructure." There are also longer-term initiatives, he added, such as "introducing low-emission vehicles to the capital, using cleaner buses, banning the most polluting taxies and tightening the Low Emission Zone standards."

'Big scare tactics' or 'Chinese approach'?

As the London authorities prepare their response, Birkett said local authorities usually have two ways of dealing with air pollution. The first is the "big scare tactic" which he said effectively means manipulating people's expectations by telling them not to drive because traffic will be awful. The other way is the "Chinese approach" which involves banning vehicles with odd and an even number plates on alternate days.

Choosing between these two options "is going to be a political hot potato in the UK," Birkett predicted.

A better solution, he said, would be to have "a tighter Berlin-style no-emission zone" in inner London during the 100 days of the Olympics and the Paralympics.

According to Birkett, London's existing low-emission zone, which currently applies in the inner city, is "a weak scheme" that will not be sufficient to tackle the problem.

"Even next year when it is tightened in January, it will still be only a Euro3 standard for vehicles over 1.25 tonnes whereas the German scheme has been Euro4 for diesel since the beginning of 2010," Birkett said, referring to EU standards for car emissions.

At the European level, Birkett says current EU air quality standards should be further tightened, in line with recommendations by the World Health Organisation (WHO): "Legal standards for dangerous airborne particles are about twice the WHO guideline level so they need to be tightened very substantially."

Click here to read the full interview with Simon Birkett.

Links

Regions

- Greater London Authority: Clearing London's air
- Transport for London: Low emission zone

NGOs and Think-Tanks

• <u>Campaign for clean air in London</u> European Union

• European Commission: Review of the EU Air policy

• European Commission: Staff working paper on Air Quality Policy review (14 March 2011)

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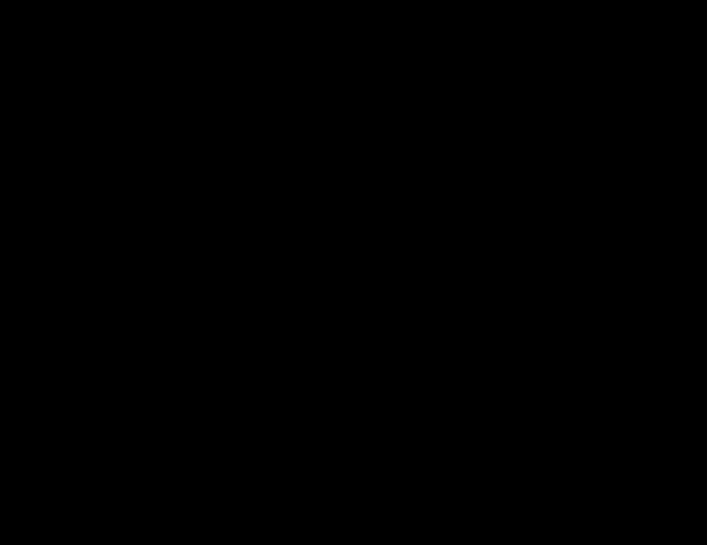
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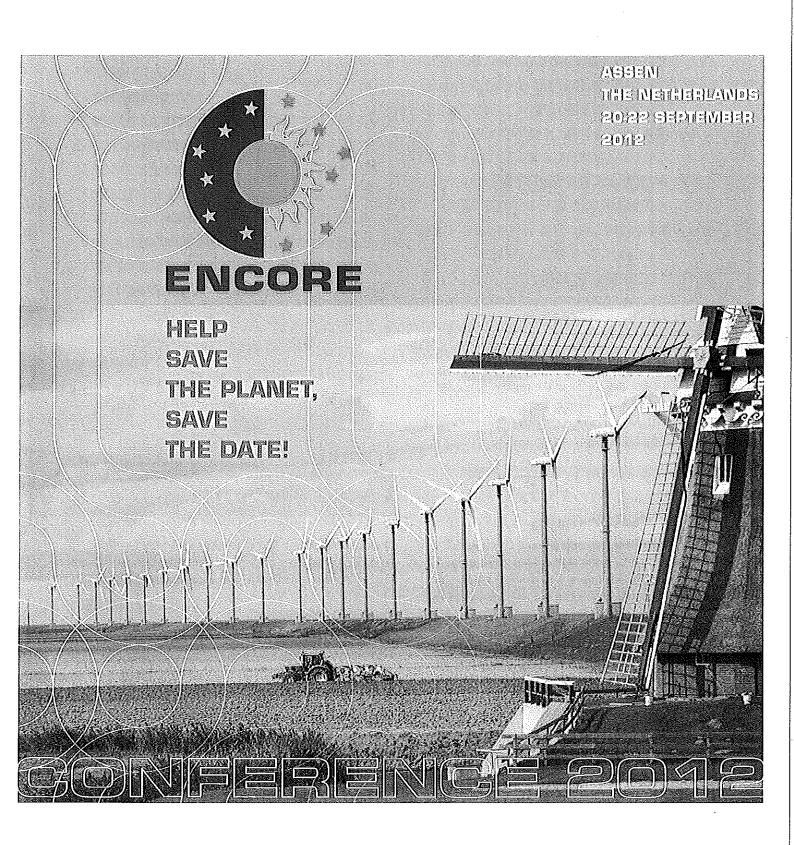
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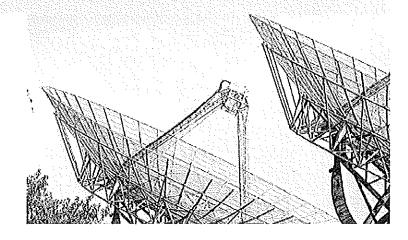
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10th Environmental conference of the regions of Europe soil, energy and climate change

Working apart together

The provinces of Drenche, Fryslân and Groningen, in the northern part of the Netherlands, are very pleased to invite all ministers and political leaders in the environmental field from all the regions within the European Union to take part in the 10th edition of the ENCORE Conference, This conference is co-funded by the Association of Dutch Provinces (IPO).



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Conference programme

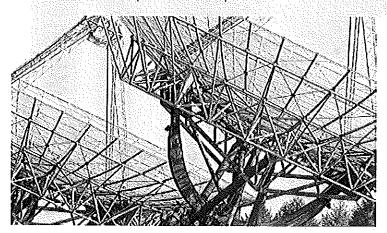
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- to improve environmental governance and sustainable development in the regions of Europe
- to cooperate closely together for a sustainable future.

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Thursday evening, 20 September

Registration and reception

Friday, 21 September

Plenary session

Presentations and workshops; building alliances Plenary statements and declarations (Speech Act)

Saturday, 22 September

Excursions, study visits

More details will be announced shortly. Registration starts in February 2012.

The conference will be organized with the utmost of care for the environment,

Who is adressed?

Regional ministers of the environment, representatives of European regions, members of the EU institutions.

Contact

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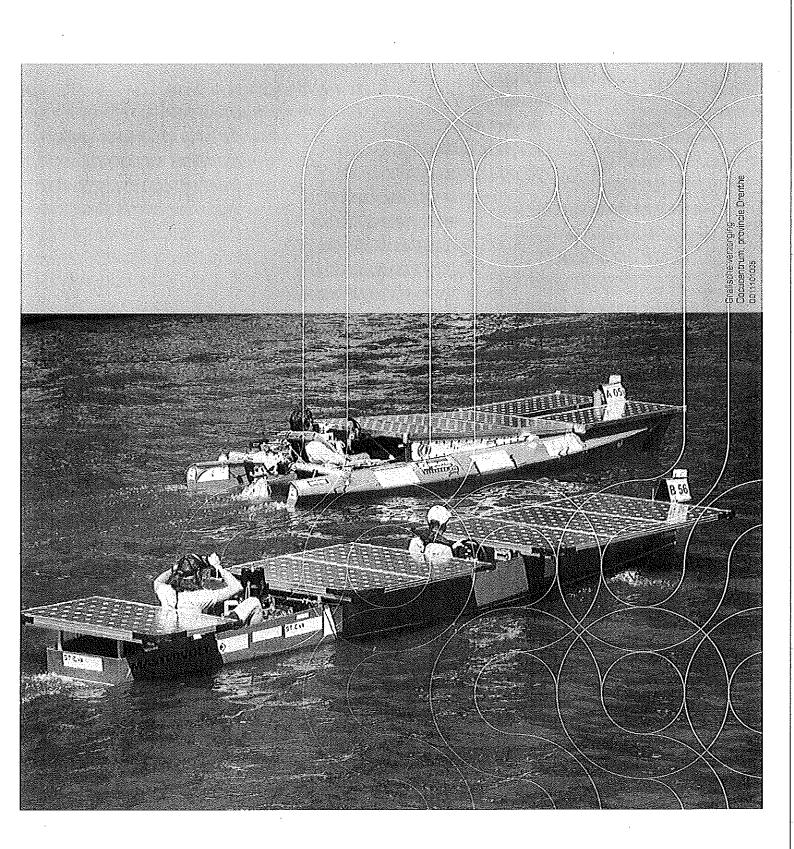


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18 November 2011 09:26

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Subject: Re: propose AIR quality as a topic for the 10 th ENCORE conference 2012?

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I have checked with the organisation in the NL if they have some topics in mind already. Hopefully I can let you know the answer soon.

Met vriendelijke groeten, Yours sincerely,

Representative of the Province of Flevoland

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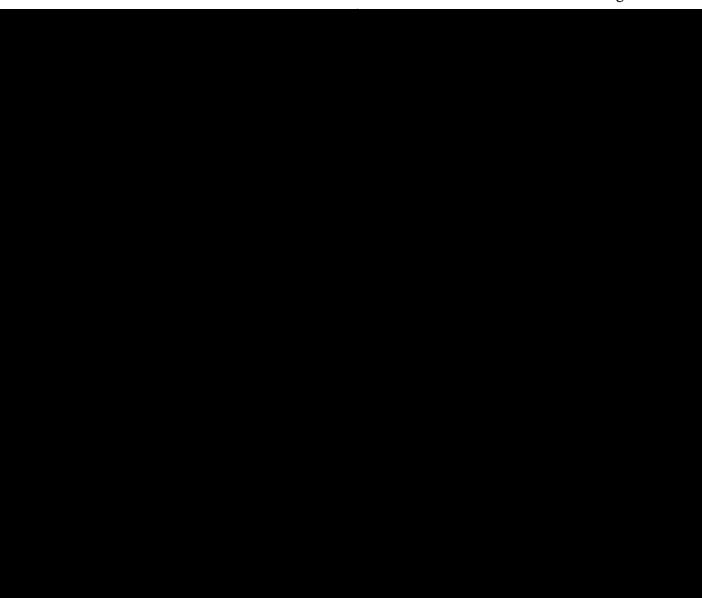
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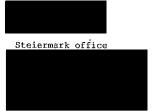
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Randstad reaction on AIR consultation EC 18 october



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Dear

As agreed in today's meeting, please find attached the reaction the Randstad provinces gave on the AIR consultation of the Commission on the 18th of October.

We are still working on the consultation of the CoR.

Please find also the speaking note of our politician Anne Bliek (that is the document you expect to receive from

I really wish you good look, but I think we made the right choise starting with the paper and finishing it in a first draft by the end of December.

It would be good having the list with all action point from this morning. So that we will be well prepared for our next meeting the 1st of dec.

Kind regards and good luck with all contributions!

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For point 14 of the action programme that sent out I suggest that each region listens to the political debate and filters what her/his politician has said. If this is more than has been sent to Jacki Davis in the preparation of the event, please send it to by November 25. I'm sorry but I can not find the time to do this for the whole debate.

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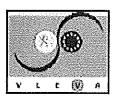
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Onderwerp: Today's agenda

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Thanks in advance.

Regards,



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In attachment all the contributions of the regions that I gathered and sent to Jacki Davis. Kindest,

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Albert Chan From: @regione.lombardia.it 21 November 2011 16:38 Sent: To: Cc: MoU AIR to be sent to MEPs Envi Committee Subject: Importance: High Dear all. in order to prepare our job with the European Parliament would like to send, on behalf of AIR Group, the MoU to all the MEPs members of the Envi Committee. Do you agree on that? The email text could be "Dear MEPs, Members of the ENVI Committee is an honour to inform you that the group Air-Quality Initiative of Regions, composed of Baden-Württemberg, Catalunya, Emilia-Romagna, Greater London, Hessen, Lombardia, North Rhine-Westphalia, Piemonte, Randstad, Steiermark, Veneto and Vlaanderen has signed a Memorandum of Understanding the last 10th November. Our aim, in the framework of the revision of Directive 2008/50 on Air Quality, is: Share information about best practices, scientific research results, and possibly take collaborative action; Work together on a position paper aiming to contribute to the wide European debate which has started on the Air Quality issues; Feed the specific regional perspectives in the Air Quality Directive's review by proactively working with all European Institutions involved in the revision process. I am sure we can have the chance to exchange opinion on this issue during the revision process and therefore I send you the MoU official text. We are at your disposal for any further information about our activities. Best regards Please let me know asap your comments Thanks and best regards Lombardy Region Delegation Tel

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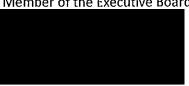
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Let's discuss this at our next meeting

Contact details of the Co-Presidents and Steering group:

Co-Presidents 2010 - 2012: DRENTHE (2012 conference host) Ms. Tanja Klip-Martin

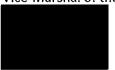
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Mr. Jarosław Słoma

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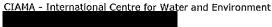
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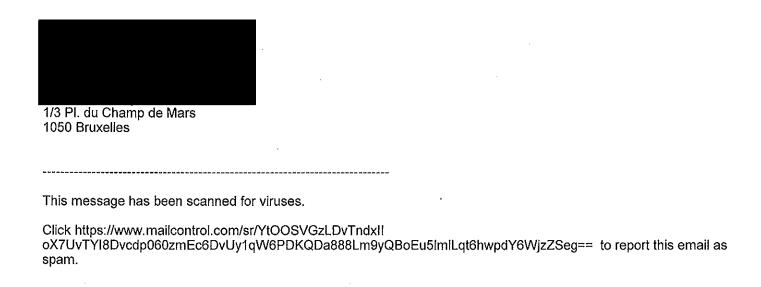
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THE LOMBARDY REGION'S POSITION ON THE FUTURE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROGRAMME (COMMON STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK – CSF)



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1. INTRODUCTION

The strategy and objectives outlined by Europe 2020 and the "Common Strategic Framework" put forward by the Commission in the recent Green Paper open a major debate on the future of European research and innovation. The objective, which is shared by the Lombardy Region, is to pursue a sustainable growth of the European system through the creation of a consistent set of support tools along the whole "Innovation chain", from essential research to the launch of innovative products and services on the market.

In this context the entire architecture of the future strategic framework needs to be developed in order to facilitate a simplified, coordinated and harmonised multi-disciplinary approach, which is able to identify, tackle and possibly solve in a positive and effective fashion the social and economic challenges faced by growth, and at the same time, capable of adapting to changes and unforeseen situations that inevitably interfere with planned choices.

Today, Research and Innovation are yet to be perceived as an economic value for citizens, businesses and competitive development within the territory, capable of creating wealth and prosperity for the community. This perception should be counteracted also through the new CSF (Common Strategic Framework).

Translating these general principles into actual choices, making them consistent with the many stakeholders and possible different interests and expectations, is in turn a challenge that should see the Regions as a preferred contact suited to identifying objectives, generating favourable context conditions, activating forms of cooperation, mobilising resources and taking part in their own right to the establishment of hubs and clusters capable of promoting excellence and sustaining complementarity both on a domestic and European scale.

2. POLITICAL OBJECTIVES

2.1. The European Union at the centre of global scenarios

Today the European Union is facing, perhaps for the first time, a global context where the **socio-economic** balances are redesigned to a significant extent. The global financial crisis has highlighted the limitations of a development model based on a solely economy-centred view of the world situation, revealing, at the same time, the consolidation of a competitive scenario featuring major players such as China, Brazil and India. However, the development of these large economies has been thus far considered as an opportunity to supply cheap labour, and then as the opening of new markets of great interest to the business systems of the more



advanced countries. Today, such countries, if on the one hand continue to face the issue of a structural development shortfall which stems from the essential needs of their communities, on the other, are proving in an increasingly apparent manner that they have realised that the key to ensuring real growth to their systems lies in the ability to innovate. These are large countries that are aiming with increasing determination to develop their excellence, invest in human capital and support research networks.

The Green Paper points out that "Public research and innovation funding in Europe is primarily organised at the national level" and moreover that "despite some progress, national and regional governments still largely work according to their separate strategies".

Against this clear and reasonable analysis one can identify, however, the need to highlight with greater determination the importance of the role of national and regional governments so that Europe may finally evolve towards the role it is called upon to play: to be to an increasingly greater extent a major integrated entity that can negotiate and compete with the US on the one hand, and with the new large emerging entities such as the BRIC countries on the other.

The CSF is, from this viewpoint, the preferred tool for strengthening this integration. Therefore, the programme will need to set as a true political objective the creation of a European research and innovation system capable of developing real synergies within itself, by stimulating a genuine ability to create stable excellence networks. The essential establishment of the European research system may therefore be the essential factor for the actual integration of national systems and the true capacity of attracting talents and investments to the European Union.

In order to reach this goal, an essential requirement will be the in-depth and flexible understanding of those priorities towards which the European system's innovation efforts should be directed, both in terms of topic areas and as a method of dialogue and project integration.

2.2. The role of Regions in research and innovation policies

The need for greater involvement and more effective interactions between the different levels of projects operating on a different scale (European, national and regional) is an assumption that has progressively changed the "traditional" role of Regions, considered in a hierarchical form as the final and sequential stage of projects undertaken at higher levels. The Lombardy Region believes that this new phase of programming, in



taking into account the changes under way, may be an important opportunity to review the role and the contribution that regional governments can bring to the establishment of a European system capable of sustaining global competition.

Indeed, if it is true that it is essential that the integration of the European system be strengthened, it is just as clear that competition at global level is occurring to an increasingly greater extent between major regional systems. Industrial and research districts and clusters operate at regional level and compete with similar systems in other parts of the world.

Regions have always been a great wealth for Europe, as they represent the many vocations and traditions, at times more than the country themselves. Regions have proved, both within their own economic systems and through the action of their Governments, that they can interact among themselves to build networks of excellence. The acknowledgement of this role inside the CSF is an essential condition for the purpose of effectively promoting the coordination and stimulus action among the various stakeholders in the areas of research and innovation, according to complementary methods. From this perspective, the endorsement of research projects by regional governments is an added value that will need to be taken into account when assessing such projects.

The motivation for the Regions to stress the opportunity of a specific role stems not only from their exercising distinctive competencies, but also from their ability to identify topics and implement initiatives on a territorial basis through a specific relationship with the various stakeholders. From this viewpoint, the Regions are not the terminals of European research policies, but rather the engine capable of driving ideas, topics and methods for developing and renewing research and innovation policies in our continent.

After all, the Green Paper itself acknowledges that the Member Countries' research policies often "fail to take proper account of the trans-national nature of research and innovation, leaving synergies with the programmes of other Member States of the EU largely unexploited".

From a practical viewpoint, there is a need to identify preferred and permanent communication channels through which they can build and reshape on an ongoing basis an effective and up-to-date definition process for funding policies and programmes, such as:

developing strategies and tools that allow a more incisive participation by the Regions in the consultation and building processes for the future programme also for the purpose of continuously reshaping an



effective and up-to-date process of definition of the funding policies and programmes;

- supporting a strategic and complementary use of cohesion funds removing the regulatory obstacles and the financial mechanisms that today make this process difficult, putting in place structured competition and information measures that allow the regional authorities to increase knowledge and awareness vis-à-vis synergy options and opportunities between research funds and cohesion funds;
- grabbing the opportunity of new elements such as, for example, the European Innovation Partnership, for a greater involvement of the regional system, for the purpose of both improving the presence of specific territorial competencies and maximising the measures' impact and, at the same time, projecting local excellence and the involvement of the entire value chain in a European direction;
- stimulating, also through reward-based logics, a greater focus on research and innovation topics thus
 creating a coordinated framework also covering a "regional smart specialisation" that, according to the
 Commission, should guide regional policies.

2.3. Research policies and cohesion policies

The processes that promote cohesion within Europe are undoubtedly a priority on the political agenda not only of the EU Institutions but also of national and regional Governments. A genuine cohesion policy cannot be designed and pursued on a lowest common denominator basis. This would entail a progressive and inevitable loss of competitiveness on the part of the European system. Only by rewarding and growing excellence is it possible to improve the situation of entities affected by development shortfalls.

All this is clearly identified in the Green Paper as a primary requirement in terms of *leveraging* capacity, and the envisaged integration between research funds and innovation funds that have historically been present within structural funds is definitely a positive factor. However, the CSF will need to pursue the explicit goal of rewarding projects incorporating a real and effective integration between territories and systems featuring different development levels and between funds allocated to research and funds for cohesion policies.

To this end the action of regional governments appears to be essential, not only by referring such an objective to the future setting of cohesion policies (as specifically quoted in the Green Paper), but also by acknowledging forthwith the explicit role of the regions inside the research CSF as representatives of the optimum institutional level per enhancing the territories' specific assets.

2.4. Alliance networks and European global foresight

In order to implement the political objectives, the CSF will need to facilitate the creation and consolidation of strategic alliance networks among the European leading players and partnerships between territories featuring different development levels. The establishment of these networks will need to take into account the political-planning priorities of the Member Countries, the Regions and the overall European Union. This, for the purpose of supporting the implementation of major trans-European clusters identified on the basis of territorial vocations and their excellences.

For the purpose of optimising choices, the opportunity of implementing a socio-economic, geo-political and technological foresight at European level initiative will need to be assessed in order to identify the areas to which research and innovation related choices will have to be addressed on a priority basis. This tool, which has already been successfully trialled over past years in identifying priorities in the area of research by the Lombardy Regional Government, will have to be cross-referenced with the priorities of the political agendas of the different governments and with the ongoing evolution of the global socio-economic scenarios. A tool of this kind may be an essential aid both for the European Union and the Member Countries and Regions in orientating the choices in the areas of research, innovation as well as training and human capital development support policies.

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) which provides a scientific and technical contribution to the EU policies and with which the Lombardy Region is already cooperating on the various research and innovation topics, could be the reference and coordination entity for the insight initiatives. In order to ensure the effectiveness of the foresight activities, an essential factor will be the active involvement of national and regional governments for the purpose of determining precise guidelines that set priorities, methods (alliances) and criteria that are also consistent with the assessment processes for project to be submitted. Furthermore, it is deemed appropriate that the JPIs (Joint Programming Initiatives) be reviewed based on the global foresight results with a view to ensuring consistency in the objectives.

3. PRIORITIES

The Lombardy Region believes it is essential that some strategic priorities concerning the development of the



future European research and innovation programme and the challenges it will be called upon to face be duly stressed.

3.1. Objectives

Responding to the great social and economic challenges (climate change, energy and food security, population ageing, health, etc.) that Europe is facing today is certainly the starting point that must set high and at the same time measurable objectives for the coming years, with such objectives being also able to be incorporated in precise action plans. The Lombardy Region has been trialling for quite some time an effective working method to define the innovation needs identified in its territory through an intense dialogue with the main stakeholders (businesses, universities, hospitals, associations, public authorities, company clusters...); and a resulting design of clear and dedicated funding facilities in response to the established topics that aim to promote spontaneous clusters of excellent and diverse competencies for the implementation of scientific research projects leading to tangible results.

3.2. A change in continuity

The overall architecture of the new programme requires major changes in order to effectively respond to the new objectives.

The established preparedness to a review of the general approach must be matched by an **actual change in terms of clear intentions and tools, ease of participation and transition support,** thus avoiding to add further complexities.

For this reason it is believed that a "change in continuity" approach should be adopted especially with respect to those programmes and tools that have proved to be especially effective also on the basis of the intermediate assessment of the Seventh Framework Programme.

In particular, it is appropriate that those programmes that entail the aggregation of competencies originating from research centres, universities, businesses, albeit supporting greater interdisciplinarity, as well as those covering mobility and circulation of competencies, skills and researchers be maintained.

Furthermore, what transpires is the need to maintain an appropriate balance between curiosity driven research, bottom-up measures provided for in the FP7 (such as FET from ICT and Energy) and more market oriented measures for which the Regions can play an effective role.

3.3. Simplification

Simplifying and improving accessibility to research programmes must be at the basis of the new planning. The bureaucratic, management and administrative load for the management of the projects financed by the Framework Programmes must be significantly reduced, whilst still ensuring the transparency requirements that the use of public funds rightly demands.

Within the effort being made by the Commission, it is suggested that the opportunity of strengthening the direct links between the Commission itself and the Regions be assessed, for the purpose of making more effective the information to industrial and research organisations in relation to contents, priorities and required procedures but, above all, to involve the Regions themselves in supporting research projects, also through their direct participation in the said projects.

This will also allow the regional systems to highlight the **topic-related priorities** of their systems and **strengthen the capacities of inter-regional alliances** between different European entities, taking also into account contextual situations that already feature, in a number of cases, the existence of bilateral or multilateral agreements between the Regional Governments.

Working hypothesis:

The presentation, management and reporting of a project proposal requires an increasingly greater effort, both in terms of time required and financial resources. Some actual proposals aimed at restricting the impact of the merely procedural and administrative stages within a project may concern:

- a. The breakdown of the proposal presentation into two stages (as already occurs for some calls) reserving the burden, and the relevant costs, of a detailed proposal only for those who have overcome the first step relating to the project idea and the partnership involved. In this way, the time and resources required would be significantly reduced and the success rate of the projects pre-selected at the first step would increase.
- b. The adoption on a wider scale of the lump sum refunds system adopted in some People initiatives, in particular extending them to the SMEs which usually have great difficulty in applying administrative reporting rules.

- c. The shift towards an output-based funding system may represent a major step forward provided there is a clear and shared choice of result indicators and this does not introduce elements of non programmable uncertainty in the provision of the funds. In particular, what is suggested is a gradual approach that allows a fine-tuning of the system through the beneficiaries' involvement.
- d. The harmonisation of procedures among the different programmes and measures: it is hoped that the integrated approach that is at the base of the future programme leads to a greater consistency of the access and reporting procedures that currently are not always harmonised (at least in terms of their interpretation) within the programmes themselves and to the reduction/rationalisation of the existing tools.

3.4. Joint Programming Initiatives

The Lombardy Region stresses the positive nature of an approach almed at structuring the European Research Space and multiplying the opportunity of converging different resources on shared research objectives. At the same time it expresses its concern that these initiatives may, unless they are appropriately directed and mediated, create asymmetric situations if financial and/or procedural restrictions limit the involvement of researchers and enterprises, thus risking to fragment the scientific community. For this reason it is believed that the JPI should be developed in strict synergy between the European, national and regional levels with a view to identifying the most appropriate methods to allow a wide participation and implementation of the planned actions. The Joint Programming initiatives may also benefit from common actions promoted by the EU and conducted by Member Countries and privates, as part of the European strategic energy technology plan (SET Plan). Consolidating strategic alliances with international networks and partners such as JRC — which play a primary monitoring and coordination role within the SET Plan — would also help determine, manage and assess the outcomes of the projects along the entire innovation chain.

3.5. Research Driver Innovation

The Lombardy Region agrees with and appreciates the intention of the Commission to integrate research and innovation in a single reference and funding framework and believes that the "open innovation" paradigm gives the Regional Authorities a further task in actually implementing those contextual conditions aimed at integrating research and innovation and facilitating public-private cooperation according to a new set of



principles. To this end, it is also necessary to re-direct the resources and tools to the objectives of a sustainable growth. It is suggested that the appropriateness of including a specific unit specialised in business innovation inside the JRC be assessed.

Working hypothesis:

It is necessary to create the contextual conditions to sustain stricter ties between research and innovation, for example:

- a. making the existing "research based" tools more flexible and integrating them with new tools which allow the adoption and use of research results, thus widening the measures for proving the results and facilitating the involvement by various stakeholders (SMEs, finance companies, public sector);
- b. enhancing the role of public demand as a key to innovation and strengthening the initiatives undertaken on a pre-commercial public procurement. This should be done through a partnership among government organisations (joint procurement) aimed at achieving a significant critical mass in order to attract the best competencies in response to strategic needs shared by the government organisations;
- c. providing for greater flexibility in the management of projects with a view to allowing the possible entry, even during the implementation of the project, of new entities better suited to exploit the knowledge (stemming from the project), even if they were not part of the initial partnership;
- d. covering the gap that exists between pre-competitive research and the stage when the industrial and/or financial system is prepared to invest, i.e. the stage that allows the testing of the feasibility of the new "concepts" resulting from the so-called "Proof of concept funds" also from the point of view of the integration and coordination among the European research funds and the national and regional innovation funds;
- d. facilitating initiatives of business training of researchers, of mobility towards companies as well as industrial PHD courses (these measures have already been partly undertaken and should be examined in further detail and incorporated in an organic context) with a view to facilitating the transfer of knowledge from the world of research to businesses by targeting human capital



3.6. The role of basic (curiosity driven) research

The fact of setting up the new programme by placing a strong focus on the integration between Research and Innovation, so that the research initiatives are aimed at solving issues and developing new products, does not mean abandoning investments in basic curiosity driven research. The greatest changes to the scientific paradigms are linked to green field research, which does not have pre-defined restrictions and is not pushed towards the preventive pursuit of results with strict resource and time related requirements. The Lombardy Region, that boasts on its territory excellent international level research groups operating in both technical-scientific (ICT, life science, new materials...) and humanities areas, intends to stress the essential principle of the utmost usefulness of allocating significant research resources and initiatives without restrictions of any kind. This activity may be referred to the EU (and national) government level, rather than the regional level, due both to the huge resources required for this type of research and the global nature that it entails (linking the leading research groups that operate in the various countries).

3.7. Business involvement: the role of SMEs.

If on the one hand the European system shows a marked ability to generate excellence in research, despite a growing international competition, on the other it confirms a symmetrically limited attitude to have the European business system, especially SMEs, benefit from the said excellence. The greater involvement by SMEs is a recurring theme that accompanies each new programming phase for funding European research. Despite the efforts and measures adopted in the FP7, the programme is still difficult to be accessed by SMEs including research intensive SMEs that struggle to find a place of their own inside the system due both to the proposed technical-scientific contents and the implementation modes. It is believed that the future programme will need to widen the range of available actions for SMEs (which, to date, is limited to precompetitive research projects in the FP7) through measures that facilitate the industrial application and take into account the differentiation that exists between the inclination to and the capacity of innovation of the diverse world of SMEs.

Indeed the fabric of SMEs is not only a necessary complement to the activities of large companies, but rather a value in its own right. The flexibility and innovation capacity of the SME system, in an era of strong global competition, has already proven and continues to prove that it can ensure a capacity to rapidly adjust to the changing market conditions and the rapidly growing needs of users and consumers. In many cases, the fabric of



SMEs has also been capable, thanks to the above mentioned flexibility, to react to the recent global financial crisis in a more effective manner compared to large enterprises, despite having to confront very serious problems, linked especially to the difficulty to access credit.

Therefore it is essential that an adequate share of the research budget be reserved for SMEs and that increasingly more favourable condition to access project be introduced for them. However, the availability of reserved funds cannot ensure in its own right that the SMEs be adequately stimulated to win the true impending challenge, through the creation of organised and structured networks and clusters, which is the only way they can be allowed to act not just as individual entities but rather as a system. The CSF, from this perspective, may specifically pursue the objective of pushing for the implementation of such clusters, thus rewarding the presence of the SMEs inside the projects to an extent that is so much greater, greater is the extent to which these are organised according to these principles.

Therefore, what is hoped for is not only the reservation of a share, but assessment criteria clearly orientated to reward the aggregation capacity among SMEs within the logics of a cluster.

Working hypothesis:

In order to improve accessibility by SMEs to the future Framework programme, the following is proposed:

a. Increase participation by high intensity knowledge (research performing) SMEs through the identification of research topics that are close to the needs and competencies of SMEs. This process has already been partly undertaken as part of the current Cooperation even though the "topics" are defined in too specific and closed a manner, thus making them difficult to identify by SMEs. Moreover this inclination makes it difficult to carry out the interdisciplinary research that will instead be essential in the future programme.

b. Incorporate in the vertical topics (eg. energy, ICT, etc.) demonstrative actions, results take-up to stimulate the result application and increase the innovative potential of the SMEs that lack adequate competencies to directly participate in research projects. Specific measures for creative SMEs that use research results (eg. innovative materials) could be considered.

c. Maintain and extend the bottom-up approach of the current programme dedicated to the SMEs, "Research to the benefit of SMEs"; however, it is appropriate to provide for a funding share also for SMEs (currently the EU funding covers the expenses of the research providers who work on behalf of the SMEs): the lack of direct



funding often deters SMEs from participating.

- d. Provide for a greater frequency in the publication of calls (currently limited to one call per year).
- e. Support the establishment of business networks and their participation in research projects —especially the larger ones with a view to benefiting economies of scale and a greater representation.
- f. Facilitate a greater knowledge and awareness of the sharing and management processes of intellectual property that originate inside research partnerships also through the activation of services/experts dedicated to SMEs.
- g. Review the definition of SMEs in order to take into account the objectives of Europe 2020 and replace the current quantitative criteria with new qualitative criteria based on companies' intensity of investments in research and innovation capacity.

3.8. Extra-European dimension of the projects

Research and innovation are today strongly globalised, through brain circulation, structured exchange of experiences among universities and multi-centric location of research implemented at global level by large companies.

The CSF will need to take into account the added value of the presence of extra-European entities in project partnerships, where such a presence enables not only a greater effectiveness of the research and innovation projects but also an easier transition to the next pre-industrialisation and industrialisation phase of the research itself.

This is a delicate issue, which should be handled taking also into account the need for reciprocity vis-à-vis other extra-European research programmes, favouring the European entities' capacity to build and strengthen alliances and networks at a global level.

Also in this case, the foresight activities will be an essential support to the identification of topics and strategies towards which the alliance networks between European and extra-European entities should be directed as a matter of priority also with a view to attracting researchers to Europe.

4. TOOLS

4.1. Public-private partnerships

By now it has been proven that PPPs allow the implementation of virtuous synergies in various sectors, from infrastructure to welfare, from health to training. This is a method that enables, from a complementary viewpoint, the utmost enhancement of the different and inter-related roles of public and private entities in the implementation of public interest initiatives. It is certainly a favourable aspect that the Green Paper stresses the concept of PPPs also in relation to CSF projects. This approach, however, appears to refer mainly to PPPs that are developed inside the JTIs (*Joint Technology Initiatives*). In fact, the stimulus to the partnership should be further strengthened and extended outside the concept of JTIs which, despite definite results, risks to allocate to few projects a huge amount of resources aimed at favouring only a limited number of large organisations capable of affording significant investments. The tool used by the JTIs should be reconsidered and redesigned also for the purpose of making it consistent with the results that will emerge from a socioeconomic, geo-political and technological global foresight.

The direct participation in projects, according to the principles of complementarity, on the part of institutional organisations, among others, – both as co-promoters and users of the project (eg. Regional governments or Chambers of Commerce), and co-lenders (eg. public finance providers) – further strengthens the general and public interest dimension of the project and the latter's sustainability over time.

Therefore, again from this perspective, there is the need to identify precise parameters regarding the presence in the projects of PPP entities to be considered as reward-based factors in their assessment phase. These parameters will consider the qualitative and quantitative level of the participations, considering, for example, the nature of the public or institutional entities that are part of the project and their level of involvement, including involvement of a financial nature, in the project itself.

Through these mechanisms it will thus be possible to enhance the growth of a public-private partnership logic in the research and innovation system, which is essential for creating and strengthening strategic alliances. The role of Governments and institutional entities at regional level will be, from this viewpoint, essential. From the perspective of a full and actual integration between reference policies for the different types of partner organisations (eg. policies originating from Research Funds, the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Rural Development Fund, the European Globalisation Fund, etc.) it would be



appropriate to establish a "cross-reward reserve" at European level based on objective quantitative/qualitative parameters aimed at rewarding leading and individual partners that are capable of creating integration.

4.2. Venture capital

The Green Paper acknowledges that "the low level of private finance for research and innovation is a major bottleneck in Europe". The European system is indeed penalised, compared to others, by the scarce capacity of the financial world to become involved in research and undertake venture capital initiatives. The decision to participate in start-ups that originate with a view to enhancing the results of research projects through risk capitals provided by financial companies, is a sort of endorsement of the project itself, as the relevant economic and social effects are carefully assessed from a risk profile viewpoint by entities that are deeply involved in the research enhancement process. At the same time, the presence of venture capital funds is proof of a special focus on the entire research-innovation chain up to the industrialisation of the results of the research itself.

These considerations assume that a start-up created for the purpose of enhancing the results of a research project and involving co-funding based on risk capitals has already undergone a sort of pre-screening by the market which can certainly help in the assessment process by the Commission. At the same time, the introduction of reward-based criteria for projects that, after turning into enterprises, entail the participation of venture capital funds, is a strong element through which the CSF may stimulate the growth of this process also in Europe. As it is likely that extra-European venture capital funds may also be part of these companies, this should be carefully taken into account and properly assessed as regards opportunities and risks involved.

4.3. Research vouchers

The businesses that undertake technological innovation processes, specially SMEs, often find it hard to meet the need to develop their own innovative intuitions, as they do not necessarily have the required competencies within their structures. Not always are universities or large research centres the entities most suited to satisfy such a need, due both to the complexity of the management of their own projects and the timeframes required.

It could be interesting to include in the CSF a trial based on the accreditation/voucher principle, which has already been successfully trialled by the Lombardy Region. Based on the favourable experience accrued in recent years, the Lombardy Region is working on the definition of "Vouchers for research and innovation services of micro, small and medium Lombardy-based enterprises and contributions aimed at facilitating



patenting processes". This initiative aims at getting businesses to focus on the issues of technological and innovation development, by creating a system where the various entities – businesses, universities, research centres, public institutions – actively participate in the implementation of innovative processes. This is an initiative whose purpose is to open communication channels in order to improve ties, exchanges and generally the cooperation between research and the economy.

Businesses that prove the value of their innovative ideas could be granted vouchers to be spent at research centres or accredited public and private entities. In this way, the beneficiaries could obtain an adequate support in the development of their innovative idea up to its implementation. These vouchers would not require to be accounted for by the beneficiaries as their use would be certified by the centres where such vouchers are spent. This would allow a drastic simplification of the procedures involved and an innovative and strongly complementary method for supporting small and innovative organisations. The accreditation of the centres could be carried out on a national or regional basis, with the validation of a European body, such as, for example, the JRC.

4.4. State aid

Regulations covering state aid sometimes risk to be in conflict, in certain areas, with the effective implementation of support policies. One of such areas could be the essential research-innovation-industrialisation chain. Indeed, especially in the initial stages (pre-industrialisation and marketing) the need for financial support could fall to comply with the regulations covering the provision of aid. This issue should be dealt with in a specific manner, by clearly defining the application limits of such regulations in this area and any waivers that may be applied in order to facilitate the full success of the projects.

Even though current regulations covering State aid, including research grants, provide for concessions in favour of SMEs, it would be very useful to introduce a further simplification of the approval procedures relating to State aid for research with a view to making effective and concrete the measure in favour of SMEs, who cannot afford high bureaucratic burdens and that for this reason often shy away from R&D grants that otherwise would be within their reach.

The more you come closer to the market, the more the time factor becomes essential for implementing innovation processes by businesses. Therefore, the Commission should introduce shorter decision timeframes and create a sort of preferential lane that drastically cuts down the approval times for state aids to research.



Mechanisms such as "silence means consent" and block exemptions are effective solutions in response to this need.

Finally, this preferential lane should be applied to all companies, provided they benefit from research-related aid allocated as part of operational programmes of the EU regional funds, that in general have already received EU approval; indeed, without prejudice to the approval times of the regional operational programme (ROP), a collaborative mechanism for a research aid approval should be introduced forthwith, while the various European Commission's DGs debate such measures through independent approval procedures.

5. ASSESSMENT

The project assessment is an essential factor in the candidates' participation and selection process, where this process is based on the learning of rules and procedures and the risks to be queried in light of the changing of the reference context. As a result, this becomes a critical and important factor to be considered for the next Programme. The whole assessment process needs to be arranged in a strict, timely and skilful fashion, based on a set of criteria and a public procedure to be determined in detail beforehand.

The assessment criteria should be widened compared to the current ones in order to enable a more complete and transparent assessment of the projects. It is essential that the assessment criteria be perfectly consistent with all the priority factors that will be identified through the foresight activities and in the dialogue with the political-institutional stakeholders at Member Country and Region level. It will be essential that an adequate space for assessing the novelty factors compared to the past for the purpose of avoiding that such novelty factors be limited to statements of principle. In particular some reward-based factors to be taken into account should be:

- a) capacity of aggregation and planning by different entities/competencies in response to the priorities determined in the socio-economic, geo-political and technological *foresight*;
- b) ability to develop project that integrate research and innovation;
- c) capacity to integrate resources originating from different sources (both public and private, such as, for example, Venture Capital);
- d) ability to develop public-private partnerships along the research-innovation-market chain;



It is further essential that provisional monitoring processes be arranged in order to assess the actual effectiveness of the projects and the achievement of intermediate goals.

Finally the importance of an assessment of the impact of the research projects thus far implemented needs to be stressed, in order to establish the consistency of such projects, over time, with the objectives (social challenges) and the assessment criteria outlined above.

6. PROGRAMME FLEXIBILITY

The evolution of the global scenarios is occurring with increasingly rapid dynamics at all levels, and this applies also to research and innovation. In fact, this very sector is undergoing very fast changes that, in turn, influence the overall market dynamics. An ambitious and significant research programme such as the European programme, which spans over a seven year period, must necessarily take this evolution factor into account, through adequate adjustment mechanisms over time. Indeed essential are the regular reviews currently provided for, which allow the analysis of the programme usage status and a possible redirection of resources. However, this does not appear to be a factor of sufficient flexibility: indeed it is necessary to include, as part of the whole duration of the programme, the possibility of reviews that affect the very criteria and the programme priorities of the entire CSF. Only an approach of this kind can ensure an ongoing adjustment of the programme depending on the context conditions, thus maximising the effectiveness of the programme in terms of the European system. From this perspective, the CSF may turn into a stimulus factor for the European research system to become increasingly flexible, by not merely reacting to challenges coming from the rest of the world, but becoming itself the real world driver of innovation. Indeed it is unreasonable to think that the European research system may become world leader if the main tool it has available, i.e. the CSF, does not have in its own structure the criterion of flexibility and innovation of strategic criteria and objectives. In this way, the European foresight, previously quoted as an essential orientation factor in the building of alliances and definition of strategic priorities, becomes the tool that, by being continuously reviewed according to the evolution of the global scenarios, allows an ongoing update of the CSF over its implementation period. Then it will be necessary to identify in detail the mechanisms and procedures through which strategic priorities, alliance networks and assessment criteria should be adjusted over time in order to make the CSF really effective in terms of support of the system's competitiveness.



7. POLICY COHESION AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

The research support policies of the European Union's national and regional governments are indeed varied. An example may be the tax exemption for research activities, a measure that may be, to some extent, considered similar to a sort of "venture capital" participation by the government: the latter, indeed, risks losing taxation resources should the research project be unsuccessful, but in the event of a successful outcome, it recovers far larger taxation resources in the research output industrialisation phase. A well-directed tax exemption policy would also contribute to encourage companies, especially SMEs to invest more in research and innovation initiatives and, at the same time, account for such business: this would probably reveal a series of investments that currently are not recorded, as they do not provide companies with any kind of benefit. In this way, the research and innovation investment capacity indicators could be favourably influenced. A measure of this kind, however, is not applied in a consistent and coherent manner inside the EU.

One can definitely find other examples of support policies that vary between Countries and Regions.

The CSF, with its huge potential, must become an opportunity for stimulating national and regional governments so that effective and consistent research support policies be implemented, for example by highlighting the different effectiveness of the projects when they are supported also by favourable national and regional policies and by rewarding the projects that can prove a strong institutional support in terms of contribution/tex exemption by national and regional governments.

Moreover, the CSF may be the opportunity to review the European research and innovation indicators and hopefully make them increasingly more consistent with the evolution of the global scenario, also through flexibility mechanisms.



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Response to the Commission Consultation on the Green Paper

From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation Funding

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At its meeting on 19 May 2011, the ECRN General Assembly adopted this position paper on the Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation Funding.

The European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN)¹, representing a broad range of chemical regions from all over Europe, welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Green Paper, and emphasises the importance of including the regional perspective in the development of the Common Strategic Framework. From the point of view of the chemical regions in Europe, wishes to emphasise the following points in particular:

- The ECRN supports the strategy and objectives outlined by Europe 2020 and the development of a "Common Strategic Framework" for EU research and innovation funding. In developing the framework, the ECRN underlines the need for a strategic multilayer approach, allowing for involvement and engagement of stakeholders at multiple levels. In this respect, the ECRN wishes to highlight the key role of the regions in activating cooperation, developing favourable context conditions and mobilizing resources to support research and innovation through close contacts with stakeholders and policy implementation on practical level.
- The ECRN welcomes the Common Strategic Framework as a tool for strengthening the collaborative efforts and the alignment of strategies of national and regional governments in supporting research and innovation, but underlines the necessity for sufficient flexibility to account for divergent local needs. The ECRN stresses the need for greater involvement and more effective interaction between the different levels of projects operating on a different scale (European, national and regional).
- The ECRN encourages the Commission to use this new phase of programming as an opportunity to review the role and the contribution that regional governments can bring to the European innovation and competitiveness landscape.

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Question 1. How should the Common Strategic Framework make EU research and innovation funding more attractive and easy to access for participants?

The ECRN welcomes the efforts for further simplification of processes to facilitate access to research programmes, to shorten time to grant, and to reduce the administrative burden and bureaucracy on project management, whilst acknowledging the need to ensure transparency and accountability of the processes and projects. Initiatives to reduce unnecessary complexity are supported, as they facilitate access and encourage broader participation, particularly that of SMEs.

Question 3. What are the characteristics of EU funding that maximise the benefit of acting at the EU level? Should there be a strong emphasis on leveraging other sources of funding?

The ECRN believes that diverse funding sources should be leveraged to support initiatives within the Common Strategic Framework. These sources include for instance venture capital and private finance, as well as state aid and grants. Possibilities to attract funds or apply for grants should be accessible particularly to SMEs. The ECRN acknowledges the need for EU efforts to bridge the market gaps and provide financial instruments to support growth of business and commercialisation of research results. Complementary sources of funding should be accessible, but there is a need for further simplification of the approval procedures relating to aid and potential conflicts in regulations.

Question 6. How could the Commission ensure the balance between a unique set of rules allowing for radical simplification and the necessity to keep a certain degree of flexibility and diversity to achieve objectives of different instruments, and respond to the needs of different beneficiaries, in particular SMEs?

The ECRN appreciates the intention of the Commission to integrate research and innovation in a single reference and funding framework and the goal of simplification. In this regard, however, the ECRN calls for sufficient **flexibility** to allow for tailored responses to address regional challenges and the ability to develop initiatives matched to the level of regional development. The framework should allow for adjustments or modifications to maintain its relevance and adequacy throughout the duration of the next programme period. Regional input should be included in the evaluation. Hence, it is necessary to integrate foresight tools and a policy of continuous review of strategic priorities in the framework.

Question 8. How should EU research and innovation funding relate to regional and national funding? How should this funding complement funds from the future Cohesion policy, designed to help the less developed regions of the EU, and the rural development programmes?

The ECRN acknowledges the importance of enhancing integration between research funds and development funds to improve the leveraging capacity of structural funds and the Common Strategic Framework. There are several good examples from regional operational programmes on ERDF and cohesion funds directed towards supporting research and innovation. The regional practices and processes are known and accepted by the SMEs, involving for instance simplified application procedures and short approval and granting cycles, which facilitates participation of SMEs and new project applicants. The successful project experiences on local level encourage future

participation in research programmes and other projects, particularly if the frameworks are linked to one another and the procedures share common elements.

The ECRN wishes to highlight the practical viewpoint on the need to build and reshape on an ongoing basis an effective and up-to-date definition process for funding policies and programmes, involving:

- developing strategies for enhanced participation by the regions
- supporting a **strategic and complementary use of cohesion funds** and financial mechanisms, and removing the regulatory obstacles that hinder such leverage
- encouraging "smart specialisation" and development of local excellence in the regions, as well as increasing regional involvement in new initiatives, such as the European Innovation Partnerships

The ECRN underlines the essential role of regional governments in contributing both to the development of the Common Strategic Framework for research and innovation, and the future design of cohesion policies. The ECRN will elaborate its position on the cohesion policy later this year when the proposals for new policy are published.

Question 11. How should EU research and innovation funding best support policy making and forward-looking activities?

The ECRN acknowledges the vast potential of collaborative networks and strategic alliances, and recognises the supporting role of EU research and innovation funding for policy making and foresight activities. Collaboration and dialogue between the EU, the Member States and the regions is necessary to identify priority areas for research and innovation activities. The priorities should be aligned with political agendas and socio-economic trends and scenarios.

The variance between Member States and regions, as well as the prerequisites of key industries and clusters should be taken into account in identifying the priorities. The ECRN supports European initiatives to map and monitor these needs, and welcomes for instance the prior information notice on the foreseen tender from the Commission to analyse the policies in chemical regions to support the competitiveness of the chemical industry.

The ECRN stresses the importance of creating and supporting cross-border networks and development of clusters. The current system is inadequate to effectively support the trans-national nature of research and innovation. The role of regional efforts is vital in supporting European competitiveness in the global competition between regional systems and clusters.

Regions are particularly well-positioned to **identify emerging trends** and implement initiatives on a territorial basis through a specific relationship with the various stakeholders. Thus, regions possess a capability of feeding ideas, topics and methods for developing and renewing research and innovation

policies in Europe. The innovation capabilities of chemical regions and cluster cooperation have been central to the INTERREG project ChemClust².

The ECRN recognises the importance of **Joint Programming Initiatives** in enhancing effectiveness through focused support, but urges for constant monitoring of trends and emerging opportunities and dialogue between European, national and regional levels to ensure that such initiatives are appropriately directed and mediated and allow for sufficiently broad participation and implementation.

Question 16. How and what types of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) should be supported at EU level; how should this complement national and regional level schemes? What kind of measures should be taken to decisively facilitate the participation of SMEs in EU research and innovation programmes?

To support research and innovation and innovative SMEs in particular, the ECRN encourages the complementary use and leverage of tools, policies and initiatives on European, national, and regional level. This involves endorsement of public-private partnerships (PPPs) to enable synergistic collaboration of public and private entities, and support for innovative SMEs and other entities for instance with research vouchers. Vouchers have been trialled on regional basis with success, allowing businesses to obtain support for their innovations from research centres or other accredited entities.

This paper is a result of close collaboration and discussion with our member region Lombardy (Italy).

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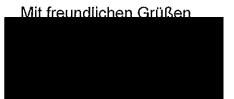
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This is correct – it is a common position of the ministers for Environment of the German regions from November 2011.

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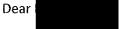
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Dear .

I will send you some input from NRW tomorrow. I only have position papers in German, so I have to translate it.

I can announce you that the next AIR meeting will be on Dec. 12th 09:30h in the NRW-representation

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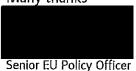
Hello all,

A friendly reminder that I have so far received only half of the regions' position papers (or responses to consultations).

The first draft is almost done and plan to circulate next week.

Not necessary to name and shame but those of you that have yet to send me your views please do so by this Friday 2 December.

Many thanks



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Air pollution's perspective changed in the 1990s, with the three-way catalyser for petrol cars, which was a huge help. Nevertheless, a few years later a new debate emerged, concerning climate change, pushing air pollution out of the table. This change brought us were we are today, talking about air pollution again, because all policies focus on CO2 emissions and greenhouse gases at any price.

This means that gasoil cars, which are highly subsidised, include other type of pollutants. Therefore, because of low taxes on gasoil vehicles, people wrongly understand that these are the "good" ones and should never be banned. We have to get a grip on this. We have to make things clear to them.

Many problems have been highlighted in the presentations of this morning. Nonetheless, two particular ones stand out: heating and private vehicles, prompting little sources of emissions.

We have to inform the people who own these little sources of emission which are all of us, the public. We have to provide the people with appropriate tools to solve this problem.

Turning to transports, I would go beyond Euro6 and specify the pollutants that each vehicle emits. Hence, they will have more information to choose which vehicle to purchase, something they cannot do now.

Albert Chan

From: @Regione.Emilia-Romagna.it]

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Dear colleagues,

I've just finished my meeting with sub-editor for EurActiv.

I outlined the common work our Regions have done in the field of air quality since March this year and explained what we are planning to do next year, that is to say working together on a position paper to contribute to the air quality directive's revision, in line with our MoU. I've also mentioned that this position paper could be presented in an event to be hosted at the EP by next summer. However, I have not mentioned what we are planning to do in terms of organisation nor the EU speakers/guests we intend to invite.

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From: 05 December 2011 15:39

To:

Subject: R: next AIR Meeting, 12.12. at 9.30 in NRW-office

I agree with you about the importance of a leading EU reporting about our activities and I underline the necessity to keep in touch and be informed about any "press contact". Grazie and Ciao!



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Subject: Fw: CEMR-CCRE: Air quality

Dear all.

For your information the CEMR newsletter mentioning CEMRs contribution to the revision debate in COR's ENVE commission by Rapporteur Lamers.

If you click on the "information" bullet in the article you can find a link to the position of CEMR and Eurocities on air quality.

CEMR will make an Air Quality platform in near future. Randstad has expressed interest to the Dutch regional CEMR member to be represented in this platform in 2012.

Maybe it is usefull for other AIR members as well to be (represented via their local or regional umbrella organisations in) the CEMR air quality platform.

Kind regards,

Representative of the Province of Flevoland

Regio Randstad Huis van de Nederlandse Provincies new address: Trierstraat 61 B 1040 Brussel



Flevoland: Room for Solutions!

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CEMR-CCRE: newsletter / lettre d'information

- français ci-dessous -

Dear all,

Your newsletter covering CEMR activities in November 2011 is now available in English and French on our website. As you will see, these last weeks, CEMR has been particularly active in the fields of gender equality, cohesion policy, town twinning, public procurement, PLATFORMA, local and regional government as employers, air quality and migration. Do not hesitate to contact me or any of the relevant CEMR staff should you have questions or require any further information.

For your information, this is the last newsletter for 2011. The next edition will be published early February 2012 covering activities in December and January.

In the meantime I, and all of us at CEMR's General Secretariat, wish you a lovely holiday season!

Best regards,

Chers collègues,

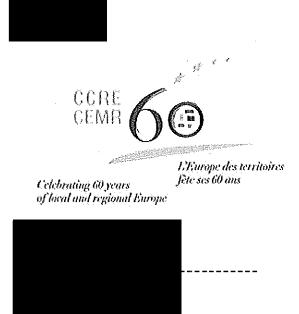
Votre lettre d'information couvrant les activités du CCRE en novembre 2011 est maintenant disponible en français et en anglais sur notre site internet.

Comme vous le verrez, ces dernières semaines le CCRE a été particulièrement actif dans les domaines de l'égalité hommes-femmes, de la politique de cohésion, des jumelages, des marchés publics, de PLATFORMA, des autorités locales et régionales en tant qu'employeurs, de la qualité de l'air et de la migration. N'hésitez pas à nous contacter si vous avez des questions ou si vous souhaitez de plus amples informations.

Pour votre information, ceci est la dernière lettre d'information pour l'année 2011. La prochaine sera publiée début février 2012 et couvrira les activités du CCRE de décembre et janvier.

D'ici là, l'équipe du Secrétariat général du CCRE et moi-même vous souhaitons de bonnes fêtes de fin d'année !

Bien à vous,



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