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LEADERSHIP OF CPMR ACTIVITIES IN THE SOCIAL INCLUSION SECTOR

Terms of Reference for the Lead Region

1. DUTIES

The general task of the lead region shall be to provide the necessary resources to assist the CPMR General Secretariat in preparing policy positions (resolutions, technical papers, reports, etc.) for the CPMR's executive bodies (General Assembly, Political Bureau, Presidency) on all issues related to Social Inclusion of immigrants in the peripheral maritime regions and the Social Inclusion Policy.

II. LEADERSHIP - COORDINATION

This activity shall be led by: Skåne Region.

The CPMR General Secretariat, in the person of Rui Azevedo, Director, shall be in charge of the technical coordination, in liaison with an officer appointed by the Regional Chair of Skåne Region.

Skåne Region shall take the following measures in order to lead this activity:

- Appoint and make available the services of a technical contact specialised in Social Inclusion, who should devote the necessary amount of time to running this activity;
- Organise one or more technical meetings a year;
- Take part in meetings of the CPMR's executive bodies - General Assembly and Political Bureau meetings;
- Provide funding for expertise if necessary.

III. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONDUCTING WORK

The lead region(s) shall be backed by a working group made up representatives from other CPMR member regions covering, as far as possible, the different contexts and regional situations on the issue. These representatives must have specialist knowledge in all or some of the areas within the scope of this activity, and may be either officers or politicians.

Positions drawn up in the framework of this activity shall be submitted for approval to the CPMR Political Bureau and General Assembly.

Actions to be taken on this basis directed at European institutions or national governments shall be tabled for discussion by the Political Bureau. Delegations responsible for meetings with community or national officials shall be constituted in association with the Political Bureau.

IV. AREAS OF JOINT ACTION

The work group is a part of the global issue of education, employment and social inclusion. The work group will approach social inclusion of immigrants in wide terms. The work should take into consideration the main priorities and dimensions stressed in the Renewed Social Agenda. Work areas for 2009- 2010 shall concern:

- Study best practise for integration in the member regions and other areas of interest;
- Get an overview and create scenarios and solutions for future integration patterns in the part taking regions and countries;
- Start a dialogue with the European Commission to emphasise the need of support and tools;
- Arrange a hearing/seminar/meeting concerning social inclusion of immigrants;
- Highlight the important role Regions and local authorities can play in the field of social integration of immigrants;
- Draft positions for the peripheral maritime regions on issues relating to the social inclusion of immigrants and circulating them among the relevant EU and Member State authorities (lobbying);
- Improving the level of information of the maritime regions and encouraging exchanges of experiences and transfer between the regions, professionals from this sector, scientists, experts and decision-makers (information/communication activities);
- Study and analyse demographic and other changes in our regions that will have an effect on mobility.

V. METHOD

- Analyse different kinds of migrant groups;
- Study best practice from different regions;
- Propose policies and guidelines.

VI. OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The group's working languages shall be English.

Each member of the group shall cover his or her own travel and subsistence expenses.

The CPMR shall cover costs related to secretarial tasks and the organisation of meetings, in addition to translation expenses for papers submitted to the Political Bureau and General Assembly.

The cost of simultaneous translation during the technical meetings of the working group shall be covered, where necessary, by the host region.