

Mr. CLAUDIO MARTINI
President of Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

Dear Mr. Martini,

I am writing this letter to inform you about the event VIVA EUROPA 2010 to be held in Valencia on 18 June. This project is included within the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

VIVA EUROPA is a European cultural event consisting on the live simultaneous broadcast on giant screens of an opera in several European cities.

Following last year's success of the performance of the *Valkyrie*, this new edition in 2010 will be performing the work of Georges Bizet, *Carmen*, in the Palau de les Arts Reina Sofia in Valencia, under the musical direction of Zubin Mehta. As in 2009, this opera will be broadcast simultaneously via large screens in those European cities participating in the event, and whose citizens can enjoy it without any cost.

The importance of this event is given not only by the quality of its components-Zubin Mehta as music director, Carlos Saura as stage manager, Helga Schmidt as art director or Elina Garanca in the role of Carmen-, but also by the spirit of this act in which ideals and initiatives of European co-existence are promoted through art and culture.

Through this letter I also wish to request your cooperation in searching European cities in member regions of CPMR wishing to participate in the live and simultaneous broadcast of this eminently European and cultural act. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate if you could distribute the attached letter among the members of CPMR encouraging their participation in this cultural event.

Thanking you in advance for your support, yours faithfully

Rafael Ripoll Navarro
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in the Valencian Region