

## **Summary of the Youtube Interview of Claudio Martini, President of the CPMR and President of Tuscany Region**

*EM: The Commission has adopted a plan to relaunch the economy in Europe. What is the Regions role in relaunching the economy?*

I think the role can be important if the Commission decides to call upon all the regions to contribute. The plan put forward is a plan which aims to boost the whole economic situation in Europe. Of course, banks and financial institutions first and foremost, but also industry and real economy, the purchasing power of families and workers, job offers and social systems in place for those who will lose their jobs in the coming months. It is a very vast, coordinated programme, in which the regions can play an important role - above all to give more efficiency and coherence in the presentation of all programmes, all structural funds, as this is money which arrives directly in the territories, which calls on the co-financing of the whole economic sector, private and public, so this can really give a boost to the whole economy.

I also believe that there can not be a general programme which does not respect the diversity, the specific characteristics, of the territories. It is not possible, on a European, or even on a national level, to have a targeted policy on all the specific characteristics of the territories. The problems faced by agriculture are not the same as those faced by very small enterprises. This is why the Regions, which are the connecting elements between Europe and the citizens, can really play an important role. Barroso has undertaken to involve us, let us hope that it will work out like that because it is a positive response for all the citizens of Europe.

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