

1st Seminar of European Town Councils

28th, 29th and 30th September 2008, in Cáceres

Venue: Complejo San Francisco (San Francisco Complex)
Ronda de San Francisco s / n, Cáceres

Provisional Programme

28th SEPTEMBER 2008

20.00 Welcome reception and dinner for participants. Participants:

- **Ms. Carmen Heras Pablo.** Mayor of Cáceres
- **Mr. Miguel Bernal Carrión.** Chairman of Asociación Extremeña par la Cooperación Este-Oeste, AECEO (Extremaduran Association for East-West Cooperation)

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09.00 Opening session. Participants:

- **Ms. Carmen Heras Pablo,** Mayor of Cáceres
- **Mr. Juan Andrés Tovar Mena,** Provincial Government of Cáceres
- **Mr. Guillermo Fernández Vara, Junta de Extremadura (Council of Extremadura)**
- **Government of Spain**
- **Ms. Danuta Hübner, European Commission (Videoconference)**

10.30 Farewell address by the various authorities: Coffee break.

11.00 Conference session "*Municipalities in the New Europe*"
Speaker to be confirmed: **Chairman of the Committee of the Regions.**

12.00 Round table "*Municipal Governance Models in the 21st Century*".

Moderator: **Mr. Ramón Díaz Farias**, Chairman of Federación Extremeña de Municipios y Provincias (FEMPEX - Extremaduran Federation of Municipalities and Provinces)

Speakers to be confirmed:

- **Sir Steve Bullock**, Mayor of South East London
- **Mr. Gino Van Begin**, Director of ICLEI

13.30 Lunch.

WORKING GROUPS

15.00 The following working groups to be established:

1. Municipalities in Europe

15.00-15.30 Paper "*Municipal cooperation in Europe*".

Speaker to be confirmed: **Ms. Lorena Stoica**, President of Fondo Foundation for the development of the Carpathian euroregion.

15.30-16.45 Good practice in European municipal cooperation networks.

Speakers to be confirmed:

- **Mr. Urmas Kruise**, Mayor of Tartu (Estonia)
- **Mr. Gerard Otto**, Maryor of Houffalize (Belgium)

16.45-18.00 Debate.

2. Municipalities and development

15.00-15.30 Paper "*Municipalities and the Environment*".

Speaker: **Mr. Chavdar Roussev**, Representative of the National Association of Town Councils of the Bulgarian Republic.

15.30-16.45 Good practice in matters relating to the planning of sustainable towns, municipal energy efficiency policy, the creation of awareness amongst citizens.

Speakers to be confirmed:

- **Ms. M^a Luisa Murillo Diaz**, Diputada delegada del consorcio de Gestión de Servicios Medio Ambientales de la Diputación de Badajoz
- **Mr. Henning J. Jensen**, Mayor of Aalborg, Aalborg Commitments Promoter

16.45-18.00 Debate

3. Municipalities and services

15.00-15.30 Paper *“New models for the management of municipal services”*.

Speaker: **Mr. François Zaragoza**, Director of AFCCRE (French Association of the CEMR). Representative of the CEMR (Council of European Municipalities and Regions)

15.30-16.45 Paper *“Good practice in innovative or successful models for the management of municipal services”*.

Speakers to be confirmed:

- **Mr. Alexis Michaelides**, Deputy Mayor of Larnaca (Cyprus) and representative of the Mediterranean Town Councils
- **Speaker to be confirmed**

16.45-18.00 Debate

18.00 End of the day's business. Transfer to hotel and leisure time.

19.30 Reception hosted by the local authorities and presentation on the candidacy of Cáceres for the title of European Capital of Culture in 2016.

21.30 Dinner

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9.30 Conclusions reached by the working groups.

10.30 Coffee break.

10.45 Round table *“Municipal solutions to local development and employment”*.

Moderator: **Sr. D. Georges Dassis**, President of the ECO section of the European Economic and Social Committee

Speakers:

- **EuroCommerce**
- **European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)**
- **Mr. Alejandro Cercas**, European Parliamentary

12.15 Approval of the Declaration of Cáceres.

12.30 Closing session. Participants:

- **Mr. Valentín Cortés Cabanillas**, Provincial Government of Badajoz
- **Federación Española de Municipios y Provincias, FEMP (Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces)**
- **Government of Spain**

13.30 Lunch and farewell message.