



Regione Toscana
Diritti Valori Innovazione Sostenibilità



Med Declaration

We Claudio Martini, President of the Region of Tuscany, Piero Marrazzo, President of the Lazio Region, Mercedes Bresso, President of the Piedmont Region, Michel Vauzelle, President of Region Provence-Alpes Cote d'Azur, José Montilla, President of Generalitat Catalunya, José Antonio Griñán, President of Junta de Andalusia have a long relationship and friendship based on a common view of the Mediterranean area;

We developed, since many years, a common work thanks to many Programs of the European Union and in this framework we proposed the "Medgovernance Project" on a new governance for the Mediterranean Area under the umbrella of the Med Program of the EU Territorial Cooperation (ERDF Fund);

We think time has arrived in order to strengthen our institutional relations and to promote common policies especially in this moment when a very hard crisis demands for stronger action to promote regional and local development, nearest to citizens, expressing a strong solidarity and capable to tackle poverty;

We are willing to engage ourselves and our territories in order to develop a common strategy based on innovation and environmental protection, accessibility, local economic development, dialogue and cooperation people to people;

We decided to strengthen our institutional relations because we think that the Western Mediterranean area could be the first to experiment common development strategies in the whole Basin in order to help overcoming division and misunderstandings;

We have demonstrated over the recent years trough cooperation our capability in addressing some of the major issue facing the Mediterranean area and we are ready to discuss with our respective states and with European Union an increasing role in all Mediterranean policies;

We are, in this context, ready to contribute to the definition of the new Mediterranean policy which will emerge also from the current discussion on the future European budget covering the period 2014-2020.

We are open to all contributions coming from other regions of the area; we call cities, municipalities, provinces, departments, deputaciones, associations of local authorities, national governments, the Union for the Mediterranean and the Barcelona Process, the institutions of European Union, economic sector and civil society, to develop joint proposals on our common future arising from the territories;

We endorse the strengthening of a network of research Institutes of the Mediterranean in order to enhance our policies in the sectors proposed by the Medgovernance project together with the aim of improving our institutional relations and comparing other similar experiences in the world.

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