



## CPMR BALKAN AND BLACK SEA COMMISSION (BBSRC) 2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Thursday, 11 June 2009 (9.30-16.00) - Odessa (UKRAINE)

### Meeting venue:

Odessa Regional State Administration Building  
4, Shevchenko Avenue - Odessa - Tel/Fax: +380 48 718 94 55

## AGENDA

*Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into English and Russian.*

- Opening and welcome speech by **Mr Georgios TSIOTRAS**, President of BBSRC, General Secretary of Central Macedonia Region (Greece)
- Welcome address by **Mr Mykola SERDYUK**, Head of Odessa Regional State Administration
- Welcome address by **Mr Mykola SKORYK**, Head of Odessa Regional Council
- Speech by **Mr Kostyantyn RZHEPISHEVSKIY**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
- Speech by **Mr Xavier GIZARD**, CPMR Secretary General: CPMR initiatives in combating the present financial crisis - The role of the Regions

### **Defining the EU's neighbourhood policies: the interaction between the Eastern Partnership and the Black Sea Synergy and their impact on the Regions:**

- Presentation of the new "Eastern Partnership" (EaP) policy of the European Union by **Mr Anthony PAPADIMITRIOU**, BBSRC Executive Secretary
- "Threats to the National and European Security in the Black Sea Region: Comparison of the Black Sea Synergy and Reality" by **Ms Hanna SHELEST**, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Strategic Studies, Odessa.
- "Black Sea (In)security: What Should Ukraine do for the EU's Regional Policy?" by **Professor Sergii GLEBOV**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Odessa Mechnikov National University
- **Dr. Dimitrios TRIANTAPHYLLOU**, Director General - International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) - Athens (Greece)

Debate

**11.00-11.15: Coffee break**

### **Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2007-2013 in the framework of the European neighbourhood Policy**

- Programme Strategy and final information related to the 1<sup>st</sup> Call of Proposals, by Mrs **Sorina CANEA** (inv.), Programme Manager, Joint Managing Authority (JMA), Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2007-2013, Bucharest Romania presented by **Mr Andrey STANEV**, Chief Specialist of International Assistance Coordination Division of the General Department of Foreign Economic Activity and European Integration of Odessa Regional State Administration

General Debate

### **The Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII) - A forum for regional co-operation in the area?**

- **Mr Sotirios VOSDOU**, General Secretary, Region of Ionian Islands (Greece)

General Debate

## BBSRC General Assembly

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting in Rhodes (Greece - 27 June 2008) and Bayonne (France - 1st October 2008).
- Presentation of the Hosting Region: **Odessa (Ukraine)**
- Presentation and admission of new member Regions: **Trabzon (Turkey)**
- Presentation and admission of new member with Observer status: "**The Union of the Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (UBBSLA)**"
- Report of activities of the BBSRC "From Bayonne to Odessa" inclusive of a report on the CPMR/BBSRC application for "Sectoral Partnership Dialogue" status with the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) by **Anthony PAPADIMITRIOU**, BBSRC Executive Secretary.
- "The new cooperation era between with EU and Russian Regions in the framework of the Black Sea Synergy and the Baltic Sea Strategy" by **Georgios TSIOTRAS**, President of the CPMR Balkan & Black Sea Commission, and Mrs **Christel LILJESTROM**, President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission
- Presentation and adoption of the CRPM's BBSRC reaction to the "Joint Declaration of the Prague Eastern Partnership Summit" signed on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008
- Amendment of the CPMR statutes, Introduction by **Anthony PAPADIMITRIOU**, BBSRC Executive Secretary.
- Introduction and Participation of BBSRC member regions to the CPMR Working groups on:
  - Innovation and research in the Balkan and Black Sea area and territorial cooperation by **Damien PÉRISSÉ**, CPMR Director
  - Trans-European Transport Network TEN-T, Agriculture and Aquamarina by **Patrick ANVROIN**, CPMR Director

### **14.00: Presse conference / Lunch on site**

- Progress report on the Technical Committee after the Thessaloniki kick-off meeting - Introduction by **Theodora AVGOULIDOU**, Expert Adviser to the Secretary General, Central Macedonia Region
- Proposals and brainstorming on how inter-regional cooperation could be fostered in the Balkan and Black Sea area
- Visits to member Regions and future events.
- Miscellaneous.
- Decision for the venue and date of the 2010 BBSRC General Assembly meeting, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> BBSRC Technical Committee meeting and possible future activities
- Closing of the meeting by **Mr Georgios TSIOTRAS** President of BBSRC & General Secretary - Central Macedonia Region, Greece

**16.00: Transfer of BBSRC representatives to the Odessa Exhibition on Transport**  
(for those wishing to attend)

**19.00: Walk to the dinner venue (From Opera and Ballet Theatre)**

**19.30: Dinner in «Svyatyi Mykolai» Restaurant**  
**Katherininska square., 6 - Odessa**