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MIGRATION AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

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II Commission has studied in depth the topic on the connection between migration and local development. This topic is the the crux of the matter of the initiatives:

JOINT INITIATIVE OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND UN ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT, the II Commission was involved since last year launching a call on the positive connection between emigration phenomena and the development in the countries of origi, destination and transit of migrants.

FACM has got two projects in the framework of this call: the first one, on the migrants' aptitude, the second one on migrants' rights, both in partnership with Sicilian Region. I

II Commission, with Ms Colleo (Nomisma), has given its contribution on the project titled «**For most of it I have no words**» on migrants' rights, backed by UN for an amount of €200.000. This project aims to give informations on migrants' right and the dangerous irregular use of migration roots, through a communication suitable for youngs and sensibilization's campaigns to public opinion. In the meantime, it aims to turn the negative approach of european population impressed by migrants' irregular arrival crossing the Mediterranean especially in Sicily. The FACM's referent of project is Mr Nourredine Sbia, who has set up a project's team including Mr Saib Musette, resercher; Mr Amine Sbia will give his contribution to the project.

The Sicilian Region's referent is Mr. Attaguile, who will be assisted by II Commission's Secretariat, immigration department, recently established, of Family, Social Politics and Local Authorities Councillorship of Sicilian Region.

THE PROJECT EUROMEDITERRANEAN OBSERVATORY ON MOBILITY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT was shared with Egyptian, Tunisian, Italian (Sicily and Sardinia) Local Authorities and Association operating in Maghreb, France and Spain.

This project, elaborated by II Commission and Nomisma, aims to develop the potential of human mobility, financial, economic and cultural flows in terms of local development, trans-national and territorial integration.

The project aims to promote the cooperation between territories in order to develop concrete trans-national initiatives in a framework of inter-regional dialogue through a creation of a thematic round-tables' operative platform. This platform plans the participation of several administrative levels

(local, central,european) and the cooperation between public and private subjects, valorizing the collaboration's institutional and private networks still existing in the basin.

ATO gave its availability contributing both 400 arabic municipalities and the needed funds. Sicilian Region showed its interests as well as its involvement to be defined. The project is supported by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Committee of Regions. Other projects are being considered by II Commission with Sicilian Region aimed to FACILITATION OF THE MIGRATION'S MANAGEMENT FOR WORK REASONS, addressed to immigrants and potential migrants from Tunisia.

On the occasion of Coppem General Assembly, a CD ROM was given to the participants out,according to the LIBERTY,SECURITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION of COMMITTEE OF REGIONS: **reinforce the global approach on migration topic: increase the coordination,coherence and synergy.** This opinion, approved by Committee of Regions in June «underline the needs to improve the integration of migrants in the fabric of society of the countries , because they are fundamental for the development of both countries.. The Committee of Regions is convinced of the local and regional Authorities are elaborating, implementing, estimating and monitoring the migration's politics and the local Authorities should be interlocutors in the development of these politics” This conviction is a foundation of II Commission's works.

In the end, the documentary “ The different facets of emigration between the two shores of mediterranean” directed by Ilia Mazzone, produced by Coppem, under the aegis of the Sicilian Region, was broadcasted on Rai Med, satellite channel, in italian and arabic. Besides, Caritas Italiana's director gave his willingness to distribute the dvd in all the Caritas's branches.