



General Assembly of the Atlantic Arc Commission

Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May 2009 - Santander (Cantabria, Spain)

Meeting Venue:

Palacio de la Magdalena
Parque de la Magdalena - Santander (Cantabria)

DRAFT AGENDA

(on 24 march 2009)

Thursday 14 May 2009 - 14.00/17.00

Creativity and Innovation: resources of Atlantic stakeholders and territories



Introduction and Session Chair: Laurent Beauvais,
President of Basse-Normandie Region and President of the Atlantic Arc Commission

I- The objectives of the European year of Creativity and Innovation: European Commission

II- The Atlantic Regions' innovation and creativity initiatives:

1. **Cantabria's innovation strategy in the framework of Regional Policy 2007-2013: Regional plan and main actions** - José Luis Sánchez, Director General for Innovation and Enterprises Development - SODERCAN - Government of Cantabria
2. **Adapt innovation approaches to the territories: Presentation on innovation in a rural environment** - Basse-Normandie Region
3. **Social inclusion as a factor of creativity and innovation** - CCDR Lisbon and Tagus Valley

Coffee break: 15 min

III- Atlantic Arc and the European Research Area: synergies in the marine and maritime research sector:

1. **Research Infrastructures:** what synergies between ESFRI infrastructures with regard to the Sea and the Regions' strategies relating to the marine and maritime sector - European Commission
2. **Structuring projects to fund research in the Atlantic Arc:** example of an ERA-NET network within the Atlantic Area- British Region
3. **Use of FP7 at regional level:** Pooling experiences of Atlantic Arc Regions - Bretagne or Andalucía

Conclusions

by Laurent Beauvais and/or by a representative of the CPMR Secretariat General

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Thursday 14 May 2009 - 17.30/18.30
Atlantic Arc Commission Political Bureau Meeting

Thursday 14 May 2009

Official Dinner

Friday 15 May 2009: Atlantic Arc Commission General Assembly

8.30-9.00 Reception of participants

9.00-9.15 Opening session

- Welcome address the Vice-President of the Cantabrian Government, Dolores Gorostiaga Saiz
- Speech by Laurent Beauvais, President of Basse-Normandie Region and President of the Atlantic Arc Commission

9.15-9.30 Session 1: Atlantic Arc Commission Activity Report

- Report on the activities led since the Deauville General Assembly in June 2008: delivery of the presidency's programme

9.30-11.00 Session 2: From transnational cooperation to the development of an integrated area: which strategy for the Atlantic Arc?

- Presentation of the Baltic Sea Strategy
- What approach for the Atlantic Arc? Guidelines
Debate
- Maritime spatial planning in the Atlantic Area: State of play and presentation of a planned study on this topic

11.00-11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-12.30 Session 3: Transport, a big issue for cohesion and competitiveness in the Atlantic Area

- Report of activities of the Atlantic Arc Commission "Transport" Working group
- Presentation of the Atlantic contribution on TEN-T
- The Santander-Zeebrugge Short Sea Shipping Project by Christian Manrique, President of the Santander Port Authority

12.30-13.00 Review of the common fisheries policy

- Presentation of a guideline document on the Green Paper on the CFP Reform
- Debate

13.00-13.30 A.O.B.

- Rules of Procedure of the Atlantic Arc Commission
- News from the CPMR
- Financial report and call for proposals to host the 2010 General Assembly
- Summing up of the debates and final declaration
- Conclusion

13.30 End of the meeting

14.00 Lunch

16.00 Cultural visit (to be confirmed after 25 April according to the number of participants)