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## DRAFT MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE EUROCITIES EUROMED WORKING GROUP

DATE: 1ST-2ND JUNE 2006

CITY: FÈS, MOROCCO

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**Chair:** Rinaldo Bontempi, City of Torino, Chair of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group

**Title:** Meeting of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group

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**Venue :** Palais des Congrès, Fès

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006

#### Participants list

City/Institution	Name	Family name
Amchit (Lebanon)	Antoine	Lahoud
Barcelona (Spain)	Joaquim	Cuxart
Barcelona (Spain)	Rosa	Morla
Bordeaux (France)	Sonia	Dubourg-Lavroff
Bordeaux (France)	Brigitte	Fournier
Bosra (Syria)	Kasem	Khalil
Bruxelles Région Capital (Belgium)	Manoelle	Wasseige
Genoa (Italy)	Anna	Castellano
Jdeidé (Lebanon)	Nazih	Yazbek
Jounieh (Lebanon)	Juan	Hobeiche
Lille (Communauté Urbaine Lille Métropole) (France)	Bérnard	Delebecque
Mahdia (Tunisia)	Mohamed Mehdi	Sfar Gandoura
Nice (France)	Brigitte	Ferrari

Nice (France)	Martial	Meunier-Jourde
Nice (France)	Séverine	Bertoglio
Rome (Italy)	Franco	La Torre
Rome (Italy)	Simonetta	Tironi
Stockholm (Sweden)	Maria	Ernblad
Torino (Italy)	Raffaella	Scalisi
Torino (Italy)	Rinaldo	Bontempi
Torino (Italy)	Fortunata	Armocida
Torino (Italy)	Gianpiero	Toso
Toulouse (France)	Marie-Hélène	Mayeux-Bouchard
Toulouse (France)	Isabelle	Durou
Anna Lindh Foundation	Gianluca	Solera
Caravan du Livre	Jamila	Hassoune
Committee of the Regions	Roger	Kaliff
Committee of the Regions	Tommy	Holm
UNITAR	Benedetta	Oddo

### *Item 1 Opening session*

<b>Working documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Abstract of the interventions by the rapporteurs</li> <li>✓ Message of the European Parliament</li> <li>✓ Report of the activities of the City of Jdeidé as Vice chair of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group for Middle East countries</li> </ul>
<b>Rapporteur</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Rinaldo BONTEMPI, political delegate of the Mayor of Torino for the relations with the Mediterranean</li> <li>▪ Mr. Hamid CHABAT, Mayor of Fès, hosting city</li> <li>▪ Mr. Nazih YAZBEK, Deputy Mayor of Jdeidé, Vice Chair of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group for Middle East countries</li> <li>▪ Mr. Mohamed LARAQUI HOUSSEINI, Deputy Mayor of Fès, hosting city</li> <li>▪ Mr. Mohamed Mehdi SFAR GANDOURA, Mayor of Mahdia, Vice Chair of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group for Maghreb countries</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Brigitte FERRARI, City Councillor of Nice, Vice Chair of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group for Europe</li> <li>▪ Mr. Roger KALIFF, President of the Commission External Relations and Decentralized Co-operation, Committee of the Regions</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcome to all participants, thanks for the invitation to participate in the Fès meeting and for the warm hospitality</li> <li>▪ Reading of a message sent by the President of the Commission External Relations of the European Parliament concerning the active role of Euro-mediterranean cities for decentralized co-operation</li> </ul>

*Item 2 UNITAR- United Nations Institute for Training and Research*

Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Power Point presenting the “Decentralized cooperation programme” of UNITAR</li><li>✓ Document presenting the Iraq project “Building the capacities of local Authorities and Actors in Iraq” (pdf)</li></ul>
Rapporteur	Mrs. Benedetta ODDO, Councillor for the Arabic and Euro-mediterranean Regions
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Presentation of UNITAR, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (organization- activities- aims- future projects)</li><li>▪ Focusing on the presentation of the project required by the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities to set up a project aiming at building capacities of local Authorities and Actors in the municipalities</li></ul>

*Item 3 Presentation of the Anna Lindh Foundation for the dialogue between cultures in the Mediterranean*

Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Abstract of the presentation of the Anna Lindh Foundation</li></ul>
Rapporteur	Mr. Gianluca Solera, Co-ordinator of the networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Presentation of the Anna Lindh Foundation for the dialogue between cultures in the Mediterranean (organization- activities- resources- aims- future projects)</li><li>▪ Proposal of signing a co-operation agreement between the EUROCITIES Euromed WG and the Anna Lindh Foundation</li></ul>

*Item 4 MED PACT- New initiatives in the Mediterranean region in the framework of the new programme MED PACT*

Working documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ None</li></ul>
Rapporteur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mrs. Raffaella SCALISI, Head of the International Affairs Department, City of Torino</li><li>▪ Mr. Rinaldo BONTEMPI, political delegate of the Mayor of Torino for the relations with the Mediterranean</li><li>▪ Mrs. Véronique MARCAULERY, Director of Co-operation. City of</li></ul>

	<p>Marseille</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Anna CASTELLANO, Deputy Mayor of the City of Genoa in charge of Culture and Co-operation</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Manoelle WASSEIGE, representative of Bruxelles Région Capitale</li> <li>▪ Mr. Mohamed Mehdi SFAR GANDOURA, Mayor of Mahdia, Vice Chair of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group for the Maghreb countries</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Brigitte FERRARI, City Councillor of Nice, Vice Chair of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group for Europe</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reading of a message from the Euromed Unit of the European Commission as concerns the MED PACT programme and its aims</li> <li>▪ Presentation of the good outcomes of the lobbying action of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group towards the European Commission as for eligibility of the costs of the European personnel within the co-financing of MED PACT</li> <li>▪ Presentation of several project proposals presented by cities members of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group in the framework of the new MED PACT programme (expiring on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006)</li> </ul>

***Item 5* The role of women in the development process of the Mediterranean**

<b>Working documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Abstract of the presentation of the Association "Caravan du Livre"</li> <li>✓ Document "Le développement Méditerranéen au féminin"</li> </ul>
<b>Rapporteur</b>	Mrs. Jamila HASSOUNE, Association "Caravan du Livre"
<b>Actions</b>	Presentation of the Association "Caravan du Livre" and of the new initiatives for the future

***Item 6* Bilateral co-operation between Euro-mediterranean cities**

<b>Working documents</b>	✓ None
<b>Rapporteur</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Kasem KHALIL, Mayor of Bosra</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Sonia Dubourg-Lavroff, City Councillor, City of Bordeaux</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Presentation of the City of Bosra and projection of slides</li> <li>✓ Presentation of the project between the City of Bordeaux and the City</li> </ul>

	of Oran (Algeria) as for the training in the field of environmental protection and urban management
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*Item 7 Closing of the meeting, next meeting*

Working documents	✓ None
Rapporteur	Mr. Rinaldo BONTEMPI, political delegate of the Mayor of Torino for the relations with the Mediterranean
Actions	Thanks to all participants and communication that the next meeting of the EUROCITIES Euromed Working Group will take place in Torino in Autumn 2006