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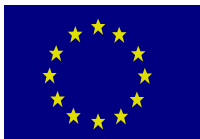
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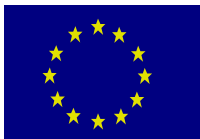
ACTIVITES REGIONALES Réunions Ministérielles

Date	Evénement	Lieu	Chapitre *	Détails	Point de contact
27 novembre 2003	Première réunion euro-méditerranéenne des Ministres de l' Agriculture	Venise	2	Ci-joint	Dott. Cosimo Lacirignola Comité de la Présidence italienne Ministère de la Politique agricole et forestière comitato@politicheagricole.it
1-2 décembre 2003	Conférence euro-méditerranéenne "Vers un nouveau Partenariat euro-méditerranéen dans les domaines de la promotion des investissements, du financement des infrastructures et de la sécurité des approvisionnements en énergie	Rome	2	Ci-joint	Mrs Donatella Castrini, Bureau des Affaires communautaires Ministère des activités productives donatella.castrini@minindustria.it Dr. Dario Chello Advisor to the General Manager for Energy Ministry of Productive Activities dario.chello@minindustria.it
2-3 décembre 2003	VI réunion euro-méditerranéenne des Ministres des Affaires Etrangères	Naples	1,2,3	Aucun	A notifier

* Chapitre 1 – Partenariat politique et de sécurité
Chapitre 2 – Partenariat économique et financier
Chapitre 3 - Partenariat social, culturel et humain

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17-21 September 2003	Réunion de lancement de la Plateforme Euromed Jeunesse (Programme Euromed jeunesse)	Malta	3	Aucun	Commission européenne DG EAC Alejandra.Martinez-Boluda@cec.eu.int Plate forme Euromed Jeunesse Giovanni Buttigieg Giovanni@euromedp.net
24-25 septembre 2003	Réunion des Hauts Fonctionnaires/Comité Euromed	Bruxelles	1,2,3	Aucun	
9 octobre 2003	Réunion ad hoc des Hauts Fonctionnaires sur le Terrorisme	Bruxelles	1	Aucun	
13-14 October 2003	Réunion régionale Tempus MEDA Coopération dans l'enseignement supérieur et dialogue interculturel entre les deux rives de la Méditerranée	Alexandrie	3	Aucun	Commission européenne DG EAC Augusto.Gonzalez@cec.eu.int
20 octobre 2003 (A confirmer)	Dialogue économique régional	Rome	2	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Bertin.Martens@cec.eu.int
22-23 octobre 2003	Réunion des Hauts Fonctionnaires/Comité Euromed	Rome	1,2,3	Aucun	

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24-27 octobre 2003	XVe Séminaire de formation des Diplomates Euromed	Malte	1	Aucun	Académie Méditerranéenne des Etudes Diplomatiques Stalleya@diplomacy.edu
6-7 novembre 2003	Sommet des Comités économiques et sociaux de la région euro-méditerranéenne	Malte	3	Aucun	
11-12 novembre 2003 (A confirmer)	FEMIP : réunion du Comité de coopération et Dialogue Economique	Naples	2	Aucun	
28-30 Novembre 2003	Forum Civil Euromed	Naples	1,2,3	Ci-joint	Arch. Michele Capasso Presidente - Fondazione Laboratorio Mediterraneo info@medlab.org or michele.capasso@medlab.org http://www.medlab.org
Novembre 2003 (A confirmer)	Forum Euro Méditerranéen sur la Société de l'Information	Bruxelles	2	Aucun	
1-2 décembre 2003	Réunion des Hauts Fonctionnaires/Comité Euromed	Naples	1,2,3	Aucun	



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ACTIVITES BILATERALES PRINCIPALES¹

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Automne 2003 (A confirmer)	Dialogue Economique UE/Egypte	Le Caire	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Gianluca.Grippa@cec.eu.int
22-23 septembre 2003 (A confirmer)	Groupe de travail UE/Maroc sur les migrations et les affaires sociales	Bruxelles	Aucun	Commission européenne DG RELEX Gianluca.Grippa@cec.eu.int
24-25 septembre 2003	Réunion interparlementaire Parlement Européen/Conseil législatif palestinien	Strasbourg	Aucun	
29 & 30 septembre 2003 (A confirmer)	Conseil d'Association UE/Tunisie	Bruxelles	Aucun	ruth.kaufmann-buhler@consilium.eu.int Mr Ben Rhuma amb.detunisie@brutele.be
29 septembre-2 octobre 2003	Visite en Algérie d'un groupe de travail de la délégation du Parlement Européen pour les relations avec les pays du Maghreb	Algérie	Aucun	
2-3 octobre 2003	Dialogue Economique UE/Maroc	Bruxelles	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Gianluca.Grippa@cec.eu.int
6-7 octobre 2003	Sous-comité-UE/Maroc – "Recherche et innovation"	Bruxelles	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Gianluca.Grippa@cec.eu.int

¹Inclut les réunions des Conseils d'Association, des Comités et des Sous-Comités et des dialogues principaux tenus sous les Accords d'Association. Afin de garder l'exercice dans des proportions raisonnables, le calendrier n'a pas pour but de fournir une liste exhaustive de toutes les réunions bilatérales Euro-Med.

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14 octobre 2003	Conseil d'Association UE/Jordanie	Luxembourg	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Franc.Gaztelu@cec.eu.int
21 octobre 2003	Comité d'Association UE/Maroc	Rabat	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Gianluca.Grippa@cec.eu.int
28 octobre 2003	Dialogue Economique UE/Israël	Jerusalem	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Loic.lallemand-zeller@cec.eu.int
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24 novembre 2003	Dialogue Economique UE/Liban	Bruxelles	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Michael.Ryan@cec.eu.int
Décembre 2003 (A confirmer)	Dialogue Economique UE/Algérie	Alger	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Armand.lmbert@cec.eu.int
Novembre 2003 (A confirmer)	Sous-comité UE/Maroc – “Justice et sécurité”	Bruxelles	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Gianluca.Grippa@cec.eu.int
Décembre 2003 (A confirmer)	Dialogue Economique UE/Jordanie	Amman	Aucun	Commission Européenne DG RELEX Franc.Gaztelu@cec.eu.int

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PROPOSAL FOR THE FIRST EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE OF THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE (Venice, November 27th 2003)

1. Background and description of the activities

Agriculture plays a crucial role for all the Euro-Mediterranean Partners. All the more so for the countries from the southern shore, where the sector has a primary position both in terms of impact on GDP and of labour force employed.

Drawing on this and in order to meet the expectations for a stronger agricultural partnership – something that has been frequently emphasised and, lately, on the occasion of the Conference of Ministers for Agriculture of the member States of the Paris-based International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), held in Beirut on September 21st 2002 – Italy intends to organise a Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on this subject under its Presidency.

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2. Objectives

Without touching on regulatory aspects, the conference is aimed at identifying ways for a strengthened cooperation on structural agricultural issues of common interest, such as quality upgrading, protection of natural resources, food safety and security, denomination of origin, rural labour and the struggle against poverty. The meeting should lead to the approval of a recommendation – to be conveyed to the subsequent Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference in Naples – that special attention be devoted to the above mentioned issues, with a view to widening the sector's scope within the Barcelona Process.

3. Compliance with regional activity criteria

The Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Agriculture will be open only to the Ministers for Agriculture of the Barcelona Process member States.

4. Financing

The Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Agriculture will be held in Venice on 27 November 2003, following a Pan-Mediterranean Conference on Fisheries due to end the previous day in the same city. The estimated cost of the Conference is EUR 200,000; Italy does not intend to request any contribution.

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**PROPOSAL FOR THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
"TOWARDS A NEW EURO-MED PARTNERSHIP ON INVESTMENT
PROMOTION, INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AND ENERGY SUPPLY
SECURITY"
(Rome, 1-2 December 2003).**

Submitted by Italy in agreement with the European Commission

1. Context

The Italian Presidency of the European Union intends to place particular attention on cooperation on investments and infrastructure development to improve common energy supply security in the Mediterranean area, as its contribution to the North/South, as well as South/South, integration processes. It is, in fact, believed that the promotion of investments by means of further enhancement of the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP), can contribute, on the one hand, to attracting greater capital to growth initiatives in the stabilising of the economy of the Mediterranean Partners and, on the other hand, to facilitating necessary structural reforms. The development of regional and sub-regional infrastructures of the Mediterranean Partners in the field of energy is one of the aims of the FEMIP as part of a far-reaching Euro-Med energy policy.

In this context, the meeting of the High Officials Working Group on Euro-Mediterranean Industrial Co-operation, to be held in Rome on 2- 3 October 2003, will gather representatives of Euromediterranean business associations and will be devoted to the financing FDI in the Med Partner countries and to the role of the FEMIP. The conclusions of this session will provide useful ideas and suggestions for the next Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference "Towards a New Euro-Med Partnership on Investment Promotion, Infrastructure Financing and Energy Supply Security".

The incoming Italian Presidency has decided, in full continuity with Greece's, to place particular attention on the issue of Euro-Mediterranean co-operation in the energy field. The focus of lengthy efforts since the 1995 Euro-Mediterranean Barcelona Conference, the energy a Partnership now requires greater momentum. All the more so considering the EU Council of Ministries of Energy of 14 May that favourably received the idea of enhancing Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on energy, as well as the conclusions adopted in Athens on 21 May at the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on energy.

While reasserting the opportunity of taking up the energy issue again at the Ministerial Conference to be held in Rome, the conclusions adopted in Athens envisaged priorities to focus on under the Italian Presidency so as to identify ways to strengthen the cooperation on energy over the next three years. In particular, the Ministers took note of the Italian proposal of:



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- (a) producing a mid-term report on the technical, economic and environmental feasibility study of oil transport across the Mediterranean basin via submarine pipelines;
- (b) helping make operational access to financial mechanisms for projects of common interest and promotion of the related industrial cooperation, with special credit to the FEMIP;
- (c) providing the Euro-Mediterranean Energy Forum with logistical support for the implementation of policies to be pursued for the period 2003-2006.

As regards to point (b), at the mentioned Euromediterranean Conference in Athens the Ministers expressed appreciation for the FEMIP, with specific reference to projects of interconnection in the energy field and those concerning the modernization of the existing infrastructures, both for the transport and distribution of electricity and natural gas. Although primarily designed for the SME's and the private sector, investments by the FEMIP may well be directed to the infrastructure development too, especially in the field of energy. The Ministers asked therefore the Forum to launch a reflection on the development of new regional Euro-Mediterranean products for the realisation of large infrastructure projects in the energy sector and of projects of common regional interest.

2. Objectives

Launched in October 2002 as the European Investment Bank's Mediterranean "Facility" with a total endowment of EURO 918 million for the time frame 2003-2006, the FEMIP aims at promoting investments on behalf of the private sector Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) of southern shore countries, activities that the Bank itself carries out in that area, especially in the sector of infrastructure. The Conference will discuss developments concerning FEMIP following the meeting of the PDCC scheduled in November in Naples.

On the basis of the conclusions of the Euro-Mediterranean Conference on energy held in Athens on 22/23 May of 2003, the Conference in Rome will also aim at supporting a better access to Euro-Mediterranean financial schemes designed to reinforce the energy infrastructure of Mediterranean Partners, in particular as regards the implementation of major infrastructure projects in the field of energy (building of warehouses and the modernization of manufacturing systems) and to outline a collaboration between the two shores of the Mediterranean on energy supply security.



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3. Description of the activities

The Ministers' discussion will focus on the following issues:

- setting up of an ad-hoc logistical support structure for the implementation of the Euro-Mediterranean energy policy on the basis of priorities adopted for the period 2003-2006;
- definition of the ad-hoc logistical group's working procedures; tasks, and relations between the group and the Energy Forum;
- proposal for a reconsideration of the TEN Energy, with an extension of eligibility to oil transportation infrastructures and an extension of participation to the countries of the Partnership;
- a cost/benefit first comparative analysis of the various systems of oil transportation in the Mediterranean Sea basin in terms of energy, environmental and employment;
- Discussion of FEMIP results on the basis of the results of the PDCC conference;
- FEMIP impact on the development of joint ventures, in particular in the energy sector, between Euro-Mediterranean companies
- the FEMIP one year later: access procedures to funding for the modernisation of energy infrastructures;
- future perspectives for the FEMIP in particular in the Energy field ;
- Convergence between North/South legislative and regulation frameworks.

4. Respect for criteria for regional activities

The Conference will be open to all Euro-Mediterranean Partners and will place particular attention on the energy issues included in the Barcelona Process framework. Acceding countries will be invited as active observers.



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5. Funding

The Conference will take place in Rome on 1/2 December 2003. The cost of the Ministerial Conference, beyond the contribution of the host country, would be in the order of 300.000 Euros. A financial contribution by the Commission will be highly appreciated.

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PROPOSAL FOR THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CIVIL FORUM (Naples, November 28-30th 2003)

1. Background and description of the activities

The important role civil society can play in the Barcelona Process is widely acknowledged in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. The Euro-Med Civil Forums, established in the past, have constituted a platform of dialogue and to foster exchanges and co-operation in the region with the aim of creating an area of peace, stability and prosperity.

In this framework, the next Civil Forum will take place in Naples (28-30th November 2003). This initiative is part of the follow up of Civil Forums already held in Barcelona (1995), Malta (1997), Naples (1997), Stuttgart (1999), Marseilles (2000), Brussels (2001), Valencia (2002) and Chania (2003). It will be organised to precede the Barcelona VI Foreign Ministers Meeting (3-4 December 2003)

2. Objectives

The Civil Forum discussions will concentrate on two main axes:

- Sustainable development including questions concerning employment
- Good governance and empowerment of the civil society.

In this respect, the organisation of the Civil Forum is entrusted to a Steering Committee, with a wide representation of Euro-Mediterranean civil society, in the framework of the present work of restructuring and strengthening the role of civil society in the Barcelona Process.

3. Compliance with regional activity criteria

Non-Governmental Organisations from all countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership will be invited to the Civil Forum of Naples. Participation from Mediterranean partners will be encouraged with particular emphasis on partners whose civil society had little participation in the Civil Forums held in the past. The organisers will guarantee, as well, the objective of gender equality.

4. Financing

The estimated cost of the Civil Forum is EUR 500,000 including the national consultations to be held in each of the Mediterranean partner countries. A contribution from MEDA regional funds is envisaged.

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