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Introduction

The CoR is currently adopting its Political Initiative and is proposing to adopt a number of Territorial Pacts with regional and local authorities in order to make the most of the Europe 2020 Strategy in partnership with all the relevant levels of government.

The Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform is expected to continue monitoring the implementation of Europe 2020 on the ground, as endorsed by the European Parliament and by President Barroso in his letter to the CoR on 31 August.

In 2010, the CoR Political Groups appointed CoR members Ms Christine Chapman (UK/PES, Member of the Wales Assembly for Cynon Valley) and Mr Nichi Vendola (IT/PES, President of the Region of Puglia) as political coordinators for the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform.

The political coordinators will undertake the following tasks:

- to oversee the Platform's yearly activities. To this end, they will be provided with all key documents concerning Europe 2020 planning and activities. This will enable them, in particular, to check that the Rolling Programme – as the core Platform planning tool – takes full account of the CoR's political priorities and work programme. They will provide comments and relevant suggestions;
- to foster communication with the CoR Commissions, the European Commission, the Council, the European Parliament and other institutions and bodies about the outcome of the Platform's activities;
- to submit an annual report on the Platform's activities to the September CoR Bureau and to outline forthcoming initiatives.

To carry out its tasks, the Platform has set out the following working programme for 2010 and 2011.

***The input of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform
to the CoR Monitoring Report on Europe 2020***

The CoR will publish an annual CoR Monitoring Report on the Europe 2020 Strategy. The governance section will focus on a general overview of the input of the local and regional authorities to how the Europe 2020 Strategy is implemented in the Member States. The thematic section of the CoR Monitoring Reports will incorporate the key findings of the surveys carried out as part of the Rolling Programme of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform (see below), the relevant CoR Opinions as well as the output from the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform's events.

Members of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform will contribute to the CoR Monitoring Report with their knowledge and expertise either through surveys or events targeted at all local and regional authorities or through activities open only to the Platform's members. The Platform's members will also provide information about the implementation of the individual Territorial Pacts in their own respective countries.

The information collected via the surveys will also feed into the regular CoR consultative works on selected themes relating to the Europe 2020 Strategy.

In their capacity of political coordinators, Ms Chapman and Mr Vendola will present the CoR Monitoring Report on Europe 2020 (possibly also during a meeting with Commissioner Hahn).

Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform Rolling Programme

The following update of the Platform's Rolling Programme lists the surveys/quick surveys/consultations that are due to be launched over the next 18 months. The Rolling Programme is updated on a regular basis, at least twice a year.

1. Operational aspects of the Rolling Programme

The Rolling Programme is established under the responsibility of the political coordinators of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform, taking into account:

- the current developments of the Europe 2020 Strategy and the CoR's political priorities,
- the current consultative work agenda, and the related needs of rapporteurs and the timelines for the drafting and adoption of opinions, in cooperation with the CoR Commissions' secretariats,
- its operational feasibility.

The Rolling Programme is implemented by the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform team at DTC, Unit 3; the Team also provides support for the Platform's political coordinators.

2. Suggested themes for 2010/2011 surveys and quick surveys

The following table lists the suggested themes for the forthcoming surveys which the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform plans to carry out over the next 18 months (up to three themes for full surveys and three themes for quick surveys, per year).

Suggested theme	Tentative date of adoption by the European Commission
A European Plan for Research and Innovation	October 2010
Selected items from the Communication on the Relaunch of the single market	October 2010
Youth unemployment, especially items covered by the Youth on the Move and New Skills and Jobs flagship initiatives, and the Communication on Youth employment.	September/November 2010
Poverty reduction targets (in particular child poverty), relating to the flagship initiative setting up a European Platform on Poverty	December 2010
Regional adaptation to climate change, focusing on water management and desertification	-
Biodiversity protection	-
Impact of climate change on agriculture and fishery	-

Depending on the choice of surveys to be conducted by the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform, political coordinators will meet respective Commissioners and Chairs of European Parliament's Committees to discuss results and a possible follow-up of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform's activities (e.g. a meeting with Commissioner Andor on employment dossier, a meeting with Commissioner Vassiliou on youth policy, a meeting with Commissioner Öttinger and/or Hedegaard on energy policy, a meeting with Commissioner Potočník on water scarcity issues, a meeting with Commissioner Piebalgs on an external dimension of the Covenant of Mayors).

Selected surveys can be accompanied by external studies that would contribute to a preparation of questionnaires, elaboration of data and/or follow-up of results. Suggested themes for external studies for 2011 are the following: elaboration of 2011 National Reform Programmes on Europe 2020, water management and desertification, Platform's activities related to the dossier on the relaunch of the single market.

<i>Planned events for 2011</i>

The following events are planned for 2011:

- 6th Territorial Dialogue for *Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth*

On the eve of the Spring European Council, the *Territorial Dialogue for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth* will provide an opportunity for a political discussion on the Monitoring Report on

Europe 2020, the European Commission's Annual Growth Survey and the update on the Territorial Pacts. The Territorial Dialogue will involve CoR members, members of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform as well as leading political representatives from all EU institutions and will discuss both thematic and governance issues.

- Thematic workshops during the 2011 Open Days

In most cases, the topic of the workshop will be related to the theme of the survey (either still open or completed e.g. a presentation of the results of the survey on water management and desertification)

- 2011 Annual Workshop of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform

The above events will be chaired or will include speeches of political coordinators.

When opportunities arise and with a mandate from the political level, political coordinators will participate in other external events on behalf of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform.

Report on 2010 developments

Membership and thematic cooperation with existing networks

At present (September 2010), the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform counts 127 local and regional authorities among its members, from across all the EU's 27 Member States. The last six months in particular have seen an increase in membership of around 10%. Activities relating to the specific themes under Europe's 2020 three pillars (i.e. smart, sustainable and inclusive growth) are carried out with the support of existing networks of cities and regions. In particular, under the environmental pillar, the Platform cooperates with the Covenant of Mayors, which has supported the survey on sustainable energy policies.

Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform's mission and 2010 initiatives

As the new Europe 2020 strategy has replaced the Lisbon Strategy, the Platform has continued to fulfil its **mission** to:

1. **monitor** how LRAs participate in the new strategy, examining the specific role they should play under the three pillars (i.e. smart, sustainable and inclusive growth) and their flagship initiatives, while demonstrating the importance of multilevel governance for making the best use of the new strategy;
2. **feed** into CoR consultative activity and the EU debate, while giving EU local and regional policymakers opportunities for direct discussion with the higher echelons within the European institutions;
3. **voice** the LRAs' political concerns and proposals about the design and implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy, with due regard to its three pillars and their flagship initiatives;
4. **facilitate** the sharing of best practice between EU cities and regions.

To support the CoR in its positioning on the Europe 2020 Strategy and to fulfil its mission, the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform has been involved in the following initiatives:

1. Surveys/Consultations

- "European Economic Recovery Plan in Regions & Cities: One Year On" (presentation of results from 74 contributions– January 2010)
- "Your Voice on Europe 2020" (presentation of results from 97 contributions – June 2010)
- "GDP and beyond" (presentation of results from 16 contributions - July 2010)
- "Sustainable energy policy by EU regions and cities: Good practices and challenges" (results from over 200 contributions to be presented in autumn 2010; survey organised with the support of the Covenant of Mayors initiative)

2. Events:

- 5th Territorial Dialogue (held in Palma de Mallorca, 18 January 2010) in cooperation with the Spanish Presidency
- Two thematic workshops at the 2010 Open Days: "New indicators for sustainable development and a better quality of life: policy issues for EU cities and regions", in cooperation with the Flanders Government, in the context of the Belgian Council Presidency and "Regional innovation indicators – evidence-based policymaking for EUROPE 2020 and for the European Plan for Research and Innovation"
- Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform annual workshop (to be organised in autumn 2010)

3. Studies

- After Lisbon, the role of regional and local authorities in a new strategy for sustainable growth and better jobs: comparative analysis of 27 national progress reports
- After Lisbon: Achieving the EU 20/20/20 goals bottom-up - Review of local sustainable energy strategies based on 8 case studies (to be available in autumn 2010)
- After Lisbon, the role of regional and local authorities in a new Strategy for Sustainable Growth and Better Jobs - Lisbon Monitoring Platform: 60 interviews with politicians (to be available in autumn 2010)

4. The Platform's communication and web tools geared towards

- increasing the value added of the platform's website through more dynamic management (timely updates and RSS feeds on major events/activities, circulation of relevant documents, possibility of online fora with access restricted to Platform's members, email alerts);
- making Europe 2020 monitoring exercises highly visible through specific sub-sites, while stressing its contribution to the long-term goals of the platform.

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Saarland (State of Saarland)
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Sjælland (Zealand)
Syddanmark (South Denmark)

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Segovia (City)
Valencia (Region)

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Itä-Suomi (East-Finland)
Oulun Kaupunki (City of Oulu)
Pohjois-Suomi (North Finland)

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Bretagne (Brittany Region)
Dunkerque (Dunkirk)
Île-de-France
Lorraine (Region)
Limousin (Region)
Nord-Pas de Calais
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