

14th European Conference of Ministers responsible for Regional/Spatial Planning (CEMAT) (Lisbon, Portugal: 26-27 October 2006) on "Networks for sustainable spatial development of the European continent: bridges over Europe"

Resolution No. 4 on The organisation of the 15th session of CEMAT

*adopted at the 14th session of CEMAT, in Lisbon, on 27 October 2006*

The ministers responsible for spatial/regional planning of the member states of the Council of Europe, taking part in the 14th session of CEMAT,

express their heartfelt thanks to the Government of Portugal for having organised the 14th session on "Networks for sustainable spatial development of the European continent: bridges over Europe" and for its kind hospitality;

appreciate the work done and the activities implemented by the Committee of Senior Officials,

consider that no sustainable territorial development, spatial/regional planning and territorial cohesion can be promoted and implemented without the active involvement of national, regional and local representations;

are pleased that the Government of the Russian Federation has offered to host the 15th session of their conference in the Russian Federation in 2009;

decide that the theme of their 15th session will be:

"Challenges of the future: sustainable spatial development of the European continent in a changing world";

instruct the Committee of Senior Officials:

i. to make the necessary arrangements to prepare the 15th session and to ensure implementation of the resolutions and the declaration adopted at the 14th session;

ii. to continue to formulate on the basis of Recommendation Rec(2002)1 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member states on the Guiding Principles for Sustainable Spatial Development of the European Continent (CEMAT Guiding Principles) concrete and sustainable solutions and policies aimed at better balanced development and territorial cohesion of the European continent;

iii. to propose specific methods, and identify what is needed technically and financially, to implement CEMAT activities relating to the abovementioned Guiding Principles;

iv. to foster cross-border, transnational and inter-regional co-operation by carrying out territorial development projects supported by the Council of Europe, the European Union, and international and national institutions;

v. to continue and deepen their pan-European work on the basis of the results achieved so far, by means of appropriate dissemination in networks and national contexts;

vi. to present a report, with specific results and evaluations of the added value of activities implemented, at the next session of CEMAT.

ask the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, as requested by the Action Plan adopted by the heads of state and government of the member states of the Council of Europe at the 3rd Summit of the Council of Europe (Warsaw, 17 May 2005), to continue providing the conference secretariat and the Committee of Senior Officials with the resources needed to organise the next session and implement its work programme.