

5th European Conference of Ministers responsible for Regional Planning (CEMAT) (London, United Kingdom: 21-22 October 1980) on "Achievements and prospects for regional planning in Europe"

Resolution No. 4 on Urban renaissance

The ministers,

1. recalling previous discussions on urban matters and regional planning, notably at their third session (Bari 1976),
2. stressing that the organisation of the European Campaign for Urban Renaissance is regarded as an important CEMAT-instigated activity, which will be further pursued by the study of urban problems within the regional planning context as a priority of the Committee of Senior Officials and its groups of experts,
3. considering that the problems of urban organisation, development and renewal depend to a large extent on balanced regional development and a harmonious relationship between town and country,
4. convinced that urban change will continue in Europe, but for social and economic reasons future urban development must show greater respect for the human and material values of the existing urban fabric and make better use of its resources,
5. recognising therefore that town planning and urban management problems and the mastery of urban development call for new policies based on the economic, social, cultural and ecological needs of citizens, following a long-range-orientated democratic and interdisciplinary political approach,

Decisions

6. welcome the launching of the Council of Europe's Campaign for Urban Renaissance on the occasion of their fifth session and hope that it will receive widespread support from those concerned with regional planning, urban development and the organisation of urban community life,

7. ask the Committee of Senior Officials to follow the various events planned in connection with the campaign, and in particular to attend and contribute to those bearing on fields of special interest to CEMAT,
8. wish the campaign to take account of their past recommendations and hope to be able to contribute to the closing conference (1982),
9. instruct their Committee of Senior Officials to report on the campaign's relevant results at their next plenary session.