

13th European Conference of Ministers responsible for Regional Planning (CEMAT) (Ljubljana, Slovenia: 16-17 September 2003) on "Implementation of strategies and visions for sustainable spatial development of the European continent"

Resolution No. 5 on The organisation of the 14th session of the European Conference of Ministers responsible for spatial planning

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The ministers responsible for regional planning of the member states of the Council of Europe, taking part in the 13th session of the European Conference of Ministers responsible for Regional Planning (CEMAT),

express their heartfelt thanks to the Slovenian Government for having organised the 13th session and for its kind hospitality;

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

are pleased to announce that the Government of Portugal has agreed to host the 14th session of their conference in Portugal in 2006;

decide that the theme of their 14th session will be:

"Networks for sustainable spatial development of the European continent";

instruct the Committee of Senior Officials:

i. to make the necessary arrangements to prepare the 14th session and to ensure implementation of the resolutions and the declaration adopted at the 13th 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, concrete and sustainable solutions and policies aimed at better-balanced development and territorial cohesion of the European continent;

iii. to foster transnational and inter-regional co-operation by carrying out development projects supported by EU instruments and international financial institutes;

ask the Committee of Senior Officials to present concrete results or evaluations at the next CEMAT conference;

ask the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to continue providing the conference secretariat with the resources needed in order to organise the next session and do the work required between sessions.