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24th General Assembly of European Municipalities and Regions

❖ Malmö, 22-24 April 2009 ❖

Congress Theme:
FIT FOR THE FUTURE?
how Europe's local and regional governments are preparing

OUTLINE PRE-DRAFT PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

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| 10 h 30 – 12 h 30 | CEMR Policy Committee meeting |
| 12 h 30 | Lunch for members of the Policy Committee |
| 15 h 00 | <u>Formal opening session</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Film on Malmö➤ Opening by the Mayor of Malmö➤ Mayor of Innsbruck➤ President of CEMR➤ Representative of Skåne Region |
| 15 h 30 | Intermission, with possible projection of a film (to be confirmed) |
| 15 h 45 | <u>Round table: Facing the future – the international and European challenges</u>

Possible speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Representative of the Swedish government➤ First Vice-President of CEMR➤ Representative of the European Parliament & Commission➤ 2 or 3 European Mayors / President of Regions➤ Representative of an NGO / international organisation |
| 18 h 00 | Reception (Congress Centre) |

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL

- 8 h 30 – 9 h 30 Meetings of national delegations
- 9 h 30 – 11 h 00 Series 1 parallel sessions:
- “*democracy and governance*” session 1:
participation and inclusion
- “*quality services and demographic change*” session 1:
adapting our services and workforces to change
- 11 h 30 – 13 h 00 Series 2 parallel sessions:
- “*democracy and governance*” session 2:
changing structures and competences
- “*quality services and demographic change*” session 2:
improving and evaluating service quality
- 13 h 00 – 14 h 30 Lunch
- 14 h 30 – 16 h 00 Series 3 parallel sessions:
- “***New cohesion policy: bridging the urban-rural divide***”
- “***Building stability and co-operation across Europe and with its neighbours***”
- 16 h 15 – 18 h 00 ***International co-operation – new roles for local and regional government***
- 17 h 30 – 19 h 00 Resolution committee
- 19 h 30 Gala evening (Malmö Opera House)

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

- 9 h 15 – 10 h 45 **Plenary session: Climate change**
- 11 h 05 – 12 h 30 **Plenary session: Twinning:** – a special session to mark the 20th anniversary of the EU’s support for the town twinning movement
- 12 h 30 – 13 h 15 **Conclusion**
Adoption of Final Declaration
➤ President of CEMR
➤ Representative of host city / region for 2012 Assembly
➤ Mayor of Malmö
- 13 h 15 Lunch

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

Post-congress visits

