



XII General Assembly of the Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities

30 June and 1 July 2011 – Niort (France)

Venue of the meeting:

Moulin du Roc

6, boulevard Main – 79000 Niort (Tél. + 33 (0)5 49 77 32 30)

Agenda

Thursday 30 June 2011

10.00-12.30: Working group (on request – English only)

Meetings of the CAAC's Commissions:

14.00-15.30: "Attractive and Cohesive Cities" Commission, by **Jorge Manrique**, Coordinator for European and International Programmes - City of Avilés

15.30-16.35: "Sustainable Urban Development" Commission, by **Benoît Cuvelier**, Officer for European Programme - Nantes Métropole

16.35-16.45: Coffee break

16.45-18.00: "Strategy and Coordination" Commission, by **Philippe Duron**, President of the CAAC, Member of the French Parliament and Lord Mayor of Caen (for members of the Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities only)

18.00-19.15: CAAC Executive Bureau (for members of the Executive Bureau only)

20.00: Drink "Apéritif"

*20.30: Dinner at the CNAR
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Friday 1 July 2011

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Cities in a network: encouraging cohesion

8.45-9.15: Welcome

Geneviève Gaillard, Lord Mayor of Niort, and Alain Mathieu, President of the CAN

*Chairman of the session: Philippe Duron,
President of the CAAC – Member of the French Parliament and Lord Mayor of Caen*

9.15-10.45: Session 1: Round table - Cohesion Policy: An Urban Future

- Introduction by **Jean-Paul Carrière**, University of Tours and moderator of the session
- Challenges and issues on Cohesion Policy after 2013: the work of the Regional Development Committee, by **Bernadette Vergnaud** and **María Irigoyen**, Member of the European Parliament
- Cohesion Policy: the urban axis by **Corinne Hermant**, European Commission – DG REGIO
- Territorial Cohesion: the urban dimension of macro-Regions (the Atlantic case) by **Philippe Duron**, President of the CAAC, Member of the French Parliament and Lord Mayor of Caen, Vice-President of the CECICN
- Debate

10.45-11.15: Coffee break

Chairman of the session: Philippe Lavaud, President of AIRE 198

11.15-12.30: Session 2: Round table – Cities in a network, the multiplier effect of urban networks

- Introduction by **Jean-Paul Carrière**, University of Tours and moderator of the session
- The urban leadership of European Partnerships – Some examples by **Philippe Lavaud**, President of AIRE 198
- CIVINET: synergies of urban mobility, by **Jean-François Retière**, Vice-President of Nantes Métropole and President of the CIVINET network
- The networks of peripheral and border cities: the shared path, by **Philippe Duron**, President of the CAAC and Vice-President of the CECICN
- Debate

12.30-13.30 Session 3: CAAC 2010 Update and Report

- Action plan, financial and legal perspectives
- Debate and vote
- Approval of the Final Declaration and of the working documents
- Invitation for the 2012 General Assembly

*13.30: Lunch at the CNAR
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