



Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities

Declaration

A Corunna – February 11, 2017

In a context where geographical and political maps of Europe are evolving despite themselves, Atlantic Arc cities consider that it is time to make the voices of citizens and local authorities of this part of the continent heard.

In order to promote this dialogue, Atlantic cities, gathered in A Corunna on 10 and 11 February 2017, subscribe for the future to the following points:

1. The cooperation between our territories knows no disputes on physical or artificial borders. Our intention is to continue to work from one shore of the Atlantic Ocean to the other.
2. We understand this cooperation as an essential point of our sustainable development plans, and we are committed to intensify it in the future.
3. We believe that, under the principle of subsidiarity, the local level offers a unique perspective to address the European project. It is with the expertise of the cities and the complementarity with the regions that the European Union is built.
4. We believe that our networks and their potential for critical mass are fundamental instruments of cooperation, dialogue and growth.
5. We stress the importance of cohesion policy as a fundamental instrument of development and we refuse any initiative that would lead to its total or partial disappearance.
6. We believe that the macro-regional perspective, which enables large-scale projects, is appropriate for a territory like ours, a gateway to the rest of the world.
7. We ask for a review of the European Urban Agenda in its current implementation, so that urban partnerships and programs offer easy access to medium-size towns or those with specific geographical characteristics.
8. The CAAC wants to emphasize the importance of the Atlantic Maritime Strategy and its action plan. It is essential that tomorrow, the Atlantic Maritime Strategy can acquire a greater visibility in European programmes.