



# MEDITERRANEAN CHART FOR A WIDE AREA OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

## **WHEREAS**

- ➔ that the EU has made social and economic integration a fundamental thematic objective;
- ➔ that the development of the territory of the Community and the strengthening of cohesion involves the strengthening of territorial cooperation;
- ➔ that the strengthening of institutional and administrative capacity becomes the basic prerequisite for the implementation of effective policies
- ➔ that administrative simplification must be the other fundamental prerequisite for facilitating the implementation of interventions;
- ➔ that the principle of permanent structural disadvantages, insularity costs and per capita income levels that characterize the island territories or part of them must be taken into consideration not only for more targeted measures but also for more adequate funding;

- ➔ that the economic underdevelopment, which characterizes many Islands, can be used as a lever for a new development based on innovative forms and to create centers of excellence in the field of education, health, research, culture, production activities, employment, energy saving and waste;
- ➔ that one of the objectives of the new cohesion policies is to make the territories and the diversity the strengths for a renewed policy at the community level, but also of the Member States, the Regions and the local Autonomies;
- ➔ that articles 174 and 175 of the new Treaty of Lisbon have sanctioned these concepts in reference to the insular and mountain realities;
- ➔ that articles 191, 192 and 194 constitute further fundamental principles on the specific themes of water resources, on different energy sources, on tax provisions;

## CONSIDERED

- ➔ that the new challenges and the economic crisis highlight the need to build a more territorialized development model and that presupposes the condition of choices by the community and its economic forces and a close coordination among all the CSF funds (Community Strategic Framework);
- ➔ that a program of integrated development of the Mediterranean area constitutes the answer to the principles and objectives stated in the introduction;
- ➔ that a different role of the Universities, more linked to the territory, represents another element of innovation;
- ➔ that the strengthening of networks (Chambers of Commerce, crafts, Federalberghi, etc.) can be one of the objectives of the Development Agreement;
- ➔ that the role of training, the revaluation of the environment, the enhancement of the landscape, cultural heritage and typical productions may be the sectors that are the object of integrated action

in the Mediterranean area;

➔ that the Archimed GECT can be an implementation tool and content of this new path.

### **The Subscribers are committed**

➔ to contribute to drawing up a single planning document for the Mediterranean islands;

➔ to help identify the first common projects to apply for regional, national and community funding;

➔ to activate initiatives to raise awareness, on this experimental path, of the various levels of government of the EU;

➔ to seek together further sources of funding to facilitate the implementation of the integrated development and employment experimentation of the Mediterranean area;

➔ to immediately start common projects in the new European programming.