



Development agreement for the Mediterranean



PREMISE

- ➔ UE has made social integration and fight against poverty as principal theme target FSE intervention;
- ➔ **GECT could be** the instrument through predict the local development strategies and (ITI) integrated territorial investments of local initiatives for employment, education, health, transport, social inclusion and enhancement of the productive sectors;
- ➔ support actions, defined in the art.3 of the new EU regulation FSE, must also be explicitly related to areas with very low population density and the island regions as requested by CdR;
- ➔ the strengthening of institutional and administrative capacity becomes the basic prerequisite for the implementation of effective policies;
the administrative simplification is another prerequisite to facilitate the implementation of interventions;
- ➔ sing financial instruments such as risk-sharing programs, equity capital and loans, guarantee and participation funds and loans funds that constitute a necessary innovation to foster the development and territorial cohesion;



- ➔ **the principle of fiscal flexibility and the forecasting taxation development** are two important elements to promote a higher level of spending and economic growth and to better satisfy the needs of the territory.
- ➔ different implementation of the Stability Pact, as goal to achieve for large areas and not for single body of territorial autonomy, should be implemented in a systematic way to ease the current rigidity that is not conducive to growth.
- ➔ **the principle of permanent structural disadvantages, insularity's costs and levels of income per capita that characterize the island territories or parts of them should be considered not only for more targeted measures but also for more adequate funding.**
- ➔ **economic underdevelopment that characterizes many islands, can be used as leverage for a new development based on innovative forms and to create centers of excellence in the field of education, health, research, culture, manufacturing activities, of employment, energy conservation and waste.**
- ➔ **That one of the objectives of the new cohesion policy is to make diversity of territories and the strengths for a renewed policy at EU level, but st Member States, Regions and Local Authorities, too.**



➔ Articles 174 and 175 of the new Treaty of Lisbon, have sanctioned these concepts in reference to islands and mountainous areas.





Considered

- ➔ new challenges and the economic crisis highlight the need to build a development model more regionalised and leading to the assumption of the choices provided by the community and its economic forces and close coordination among all the QSC Funds (Strategic Framework Community);
- ➔ a program of integrated development of the Mediterranean is the answer to the principles and objectives set out in the introduction;
- ➔ a different role of the universities, most linked to the territory, is another element of innovation;
- ➔ strengthening networks (chambers of commerce, crafts, federalberghi, etc.) can be one of the goals of the development agreement,
- ➔ That the role of training - especially in the maritime field - the revaluation of the environment, the landscape enhancement of cultural heritage and traditional products can be the areas for integrated action within development Agreement to enable sustainable tourism;



➔ the GECT Archimed may be implementation tool and content of this new path;



GECT Archimed's Members give the following "Development Agreement for the Mediterranean" with which they undertake to implement, with integrated projects in this new development model



- ➔ Create a single planning document of the Mediterranean islands
- ➔ Identify the first joint projects to nominate financing regional, national and Community,
- ➔ Activate awareness initiatives, on this experimental process, the various levels of government of the EU
- ➔ Search funding sources to support the achievement of the integrated testing of the development and employment of the Mediterranean
- ➔ Have a possible unified brand that distinguishes the products and actions of Archimed's members
- ➔ Initiate immediate joint projects in the new European programming;

