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## Intermediterranean Commission - Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions -

### Session II

Focus on Neighbourhood Policy South, links with migration issues  
and the challenges & perspectives for youth generations

*Neighbourhood Policy and Local and Regional Authorities: focus on the capacity building action  
with regard to integrated territorial development*

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## Structure of the presentation

- 1) The EU Neighbourhood Policy: an overview
- 2) The local and regional dimension of the ENP
- 3) Capacity building and Integrated Territorial Development: a Manual supporting LRAs
- 4) Looking ahead: discussion and training session

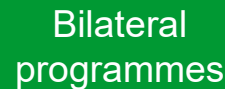


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**Objective:** Strengthening prosperity, stability and security at EU's external borders



**The 2014-2020 European  
Neighborhood Instrument  
€15 billion**



## Regional and ENI-wide programmes

## Cross-Border Cooperation





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## The EU Neighbourhood Policy at a glance (2/2)

The ENP was reviewed in 2015 to respond to the new challenges of an evolving neighbourhood: greater focus on stabilisation, resilience and security

New policy approach ensures stronger joint ownership and more flexibility

Priority areas:

- good governance, democracy, rule of law and human rights
- sustainable economic development
- security
- response to refugee and migration challenges



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## The Local and Regional Dimension of the ENP (1/2)

According to **Committee of the Regions**:

- ENP remains highly differentiated and operates differently according to the needs of the bilateral relationship (east vs. south)
- local and regional dimension weakly defined
- limited evidence of broader thinking on the sub-state dimension of the policy



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## The Local and Regional Dimension of the ENP (2/2)

**CPMR-IMC and ARLEM call for:**

- Genuine, partnership-based and long-term role for LRAs in ENP
- Turning the ENP in a “Cohesion Policy at the borders of the EU”
- Promotion of the “territorialisation” of ENP, putting decentralisation at the core



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## Supporting the active role of LRAs in Mediterranean relations (1/2)

- Leverage on subsidiarity principles to impulse bottom-up processes
- Need to reinforce capacity building of LRAs to enhance participation, cooperation and territorialisation of ENP
- Support virtuous processes towards Integrated Territorial Development



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## Supporting the active role of LRAs in Mediterranean relations (2/2)

- Elaboration of a manual on Integrated Territorial Development approach to public services in the Mediterranean:
  - Inception report
  - Questionnaire and desk research
  - Open and free training session





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## Structure of the Manual

- Glossary (TBC)
- Intro defining the Manual's context and objectives
- ITD definition, decentralisation and the experiences of Morocco and Tunisia (overview on regionalisation)
- ITD features
- Thematic Focus:
  - ITD approach to need analysis in public policies
  - Participatory approaches and human resources



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## Tentative outline of the Training Session

- Welcome and keynote speeches: local and regional development strategies linked to global agendas
- Unveiling the Manual: objectives, outline, target group(s), good practices
- Group exercise: design of a local economic development strategy in an imaginary context using the knowledge and tools acquired during the morning sessions
- Field visit (TBC): *depending on venue and time*



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## Discussion on the Manual and the training session

- **1<sup>st</sup> Draft of the Manual:** comments, remarks, proposals and questions?
- **Training session:** date and place proposals?