

## Partnership between COPPEM and IDEASS



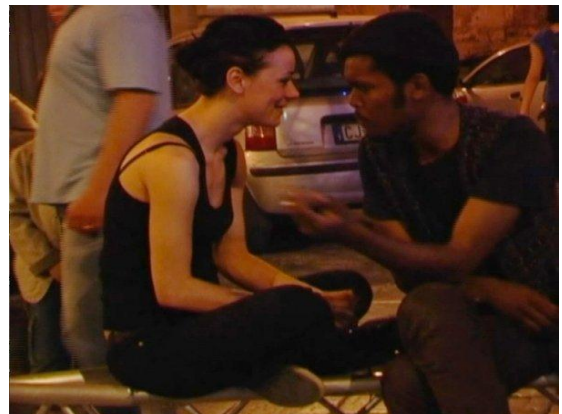
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Meetings between representatives of COPPEM - Standing Committee for the Euro Mediterranean Partnership of Local and Regional Authorities – and IDEASS' international secretariat were held in June 2011 so as to identify possible cooperation areas as far as identification and promotion of innovations for human development within local governments associated with COPPEM are concerned.

The Standing Committee for the Euro Mediterranean Partnership of Local and Regional Authorities (COPPEM) was established in December 2002 upon initiative of the CEMR (Council of European Municipalities and Regions) and ATO (Arab Towns Organization). The COPPEM, a non-profit international association, is composed of 101 full Members and of 101 alternate Members, representing Municipalities, Provinces, Local Authorities, and Regions of the 35 Euro-Mediterranean Countries, for this purposes appointed by their national Associations. Full Members are also the COPPEM Secretary General, a representative of CEMR and a representative of ATO.

Since its inception, COPPEM has carried out several important initiatives, always involving its members, designed to promote cooperation and dialogue so as to make the Euro Mediterranean area a place of peace, stability and shared prosperity. These initiatives, financed by the European Union, also include the development of highly innovative lines of action such as: preservation of cultural heritage; development of methods for environmental protection and urban requalification.

In this framework, technical meetings between representatives of COPPEM Standing Committee and IDEASS have been held to identify ways of cooperation envisaging what follows:



- Identification of innovations for human development within the network of local governments of Mediterranean countries and of their specific public services so as to be channelled at the international level through the IDEASS programme;
- Promotion of innovations of IDEASS' international catalogue among COPPEM's members in order to generate interest in their use and, when appropriate, to ensure technical assistance of the authors of innovations for the transfer of the technological and methodological know-how.
- Joint search for technical and financial sponsors to support activities of the partnership COPPEM-IDEASS and to support those countries which require the transfer of know-how of the various innovations of interest.

In the next few months, continuity will be given to the planning of this important international partnership.

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