CONCLUSIONS OF THE 2nd FALP

The 2nd Forum of Peripheral Cities (FALP), held in Getafe between 10 and 12 June, brought together 600 mayors and elected representatives from thirty countries to debate how to construct solidarity-based, sustainable and democratic metropolises. Many round table discussions were held over the three days, dealing with issues as diverse as gender equality, metropolitan planning, recognition of suburban areas as poles of cultural innovation, decentralised cooperation between peripheral cities and the commitment to multiculturalism and participatory democracy.

In an extraordinarily urbanised world, in which cities have become mega-cities or have merged to form long urban corridors, peripheral cities demanded a role in the international scene.

Many suburban cities are advocates not only of the right to the city, but also of the right to inclusive metropolises, and met to express the need for metropolises to be structured with their outlying areas in order to create polycentric cities which ensure the equality of all those inhabiting them.

The next Forum of Peripheral Cities will take place in 4 years’ time. After two conferences in Europe (Nanterre and Getafe), the city scheduled to host the third FALP in Canoas, a city on the outskirts of Porto Alegre (Brazil). The conclusions of the 2nd FALP can be consulted at:

- 2nd FALP 2010 Final declaration
- FALP Network Commitments

More information at: http://falp.getafe.es/

CSIPD MEETING IN GETAFE

The first meeting of the Committee in 2010 took place in Getafe on 12 June in the framework of the 2nd FALP. The meeting was attended by more than 20 cities from all over the world, from Brazil, Spain, France, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay, which worked together to construct the political foundations of the CSIPD for the period 2011 – 2013.
The proposals arising from the meeting will be presented at the 3rd UCLG Congress (17 – 20 November 2010, in Mexico City), and essentially involve the configuration of the new governing structure of the CSIPD and future working plan.

The Getafe FALP hosted two other network meetings. First, there was a meeting of the Steering Group of the FAL Network, the objective of which was to debate the organisation of the next FAL, which will be held in Dakar in February 2011. And second, there was a meeting of the FAL member cities interested in creating a Network for human and gender emancipation, which led to a proposal for a draft International Declaration on the creation of the network.

4th WORLD FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The 4th World Forum on Human Rights took place in Nantes from 28 June to 1 July. Among the driving forces behind the creation of this event in 2004 was UNESCO, and since then it has taken place every two years thanks to the support of the Nantes metropolitan area, the Pays de la Loire Region, Loire Department and the city of Nantes.

With the theme “In a World in crisis, what about Human Rights?” thirty round table discussions took place involving the 2,800 participants in the Forum, a record number. The message that came across from the various debates was that no crisis, whether economic, food, social or environmental, can justify any withdrawals of guarantees of human rights. Quite the opposite: they must contribute to imagining creative solutions and to the design of new strategies for the implementation of these rights.

The representatives of the Nantes local government authorities stressed the importance of the solidarity networks that are created or reinforced at each Forum and highlighted the key role that cities play in guaranteeing human rights. It is therefore a priority to support the networking promoted by the world cities’ association, UCLG, and projects like the World Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City.

The CSIPD was an active participant in the Forum, organising several activities: a debate on the World Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City, a round table discussion on the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City and a preparatory meeting for the next European Charter conference, which will take place in the city of Tuzla (Bosnia – Herzegovina) from 7 to 9 October 2010.

7th CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CITY IN BOSNIA

After the conferences in Barcelona (1998), Saint-Denis (2000), Venice (2002), Nuremburg (2004), Lyon (2006), and Geneva (2008), the Bosnian city of Tuzla will host the 7th Conference of the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City. On this occasion, the event is of twofold importance. First, because it will be celebrating 10 years of history of the Charter (Saint-Denis 2000) and second, because it will be the first time that the meeting will be held in a city in Eastern Europe.
In a context of global crisis, the signatory cities to the European Charter will therefore meet from 7 to 9 October 2010 to deal with questions that are now vital, such as the need to promote peace and tolerance as a condition for overcoming any crisis or possible conflict, the importance of providing high quality public services and the urgent need to act in order to protect the environment. The city of Tuzla (with the essential support of the cities of Barcelona, Bobigny, Donostia/San Sebastián, Geneva, Ljubljana, Nantes and Saint-Denis) calls on the European authorities to support this process, which is taking place within the CSIPD.

The invitation to the Conference, the preliminary programme and registration form can be viewed at:

✓ Invitation
✓ Preliminary programme
✓ Registration form

ON LINE DEBATES ON THE THEMED AREAS OF UCLG CONGRESS

The Local and Regional Leaders World Summit, which will be held in Mexico City from 17 to 20 November, will be preceded by a series of online debates on the website www.uclgcongress.com. These forums are designed to provide local and regional authorities with a shared space where they can engage in debate, share experiences and work together on the generation of new knowledge.

The forums will last one week and will cover some of the subjects that UCLG members have identified as priorities for the future international agenda of local and regional authorities, such as the promotion of innovation, new international governance, the city of 2030 and climate change. These forums will be active until the end of September.

AGENDA

10 – 12 June
2nd Forum of Peripheral Cities
Getafe, Spain

12 June
1st 2010 CSIPD Biannual Meeting
Getafe, Spain

28 June – 1 July
4th World Forum on Human Rights
Nantes, France

15 – 19 July
1st PARLOCAL Live Seminar
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

20 – 22 September
UN General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals
New York, United States

7 – 9 October
7th Conference of the European Charter for the Safeguarding of Human Rights in the City
Tuzla, Bosnia - Herzegovina

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