

Statement of ENCORE Regions at Copenhagen 2009 Climate Change Conference

European regions should act as one in tackling climate change

The European regions belonging to ENCORE network support that all EU countries should maintain their political leadership, in order to ensure the achievement of an ambitious and binding agreement during the Copenhagen Conference (COP15), containing emission reduction goals for both developed and developing countries, as well as adequate funding methods for mitigation and adaptation policies in the field of climate change.

The representatives of the regions of ENCORE network, being aware that Climate Change is the most serious environmental problem humanity is facing, and being aware of the need to limit the rise in annual average global surface temperature to 2°C above pre-industrial levels

Consider:

- that climate change **constitutes a challenge for** a successful transition towards a sustainable economic model which provides for environmental quality to go hand in hand with economic growth, wealth creation and technological advancement.
- that the Copenhagen **agreement needs to** boost and promote environmentally sustainable technologies, renewable energies and energy efficiency, reducing energy consumption and securing new jobs and social cohesion in both developed and developing countries.
- that **regions need to** play a crucial role in the implementation of climate change **strategies**, including mitigation **action plans** and adaptation **programmes of action**.
- that **regions can** work in a proactive way, raising citizens' awareness to commit themselves to pursuing emission reduction and achieve the goals in the fight against climate change.

For all the above, ENCORE network will work co-ordinately together, in order to **promote and share experiences** on climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, which boost the regions' sustainable economic growth and contribute to the planet's environmental well-being.

As well, ENCORE Network regions will continue participating in international forums, **reinforcing** partnerships and **contributing** all their know-how in the search for a global economy with low carbon emissions and commitment to our climate's future.

Finally, ENCORE Network defends the essential role that sub-national governments play in the contribution of information related to climate change adaptation issues, and expresses that this consideration should be included in the Copenhagen agreements.

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