

**Declaration of Malaga
for the promotion of a Mediterranean solidary digital space in the
summit of towns and local authorities**

Gathered in Malaga, in the first Summit of local authorities of the Mediterranean

Determined to commit the local authorities, in collaboration with the private sector, to the development of a most solidary and distended Mediterranean area.

Anxious to contribute to the development of the goals of the Barcelona Process: the union for the Mediterranean and to be recognized as essential actors of the Mediterranean cooperation.

Convinced that the communication and the exchange through the new technologies (ICT's) contribute strongly to the peace and to the cultural dialogue as well as to the economic, social and political development and to a better quality of life in the Mediterranean area.

Conscious that the ICT's and the electronic exchanges are powerful instruments that allow the increasing of the efficacy of exchanges, the production of goods and services, and facilitate the Mediterranean commerce as well as the investments.

Conscious that a solidary Mediterranean digital area will contribute to the economic and social development of the whole Mediterranean region, to a better share-out of knowledge, to an increasing equality between men and women, as well as the achievement of the Millennium Development Targets.

Determined to invest in the development of the required infrastructures to assure a universal access to the ICT's and to the Internet for the entirety of the Mediterranean citizens, particularly on the subject of education, health, e-administration, culture, commerce, safety and confidentiality.

Concerned about working on the development of a platform of services and a Mediterranean Digital Area (MDA) for the entirety of the citizens and local authorities of the Mediterranean and on the interoperability of the systems.

Mindful of the importance for the Mediterranean local authorities of the human mobility in question of work opportunities, integration, security, transferences of funds to the home countries, and the whole international dimension of the Mediterranean digital space.

We commit ourselves to contribute to the development of strategies and plans of action in the whole Mediterranean region with the target to extend the MDA, and so:

- ⇒ to promote the public and private patronage of the measures contained in this Declaration,
- ⇒ to support the actions that are already developing, particularly the operational hubs to improve the access to the infrastructures, applications and knowledge in the field of the services, the development of platforms, portals and systems of digital identification adapted to the needs and to the interests of every Mediterranean citizen in the context of the Web 2.0 and 3.0,
- ⇒ to develop innovative financing mechanisms that allow them to facilitate their contribution to the development, above all following the Conference of Lyon in relation to the digital solidarity (24th November 2008) and the United Nations Conference of Doha (Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus 29th November – 2nd December 2008),
- ⇒ to promote joining the world Digital Solidarity Fund (DSF) and to work in the proposed innovative financing mechanism to bridge the digital divide in the Mediterranean area (the 1% digital solidarity)
- ⇒ to develop and increase the decentralized cooperation in the Mediterranean area, particularly through the build up of the

twinning of towns and financing projects in different areas, above all in the education and health based, specially, in the DSF proposals,

- ⇒ to give, through the Town Hall and companies, to the Mediterranean citizens representing the Organisation for the Security of the Electronic Transactions (oiste.org) a Mediterranean digital identity card offering a privileged access to financial, economic, tourist, social, politic, cultural and health resources,
- ⇒ to acquire treatment and disposal means for digital waste in the whole Mediterranean region (in collaboration with the DSF and the specialised agencies of the United Nations)
- ⇒ to adopt any kind of measure to reduce the energy consumption of the ICT's,
- ⇒ to favour the development of a low carbon economy for the support of local economic balances, of short circuits also favoured by the ICT's use,
- ⇒ to create “tele-activity centres of sustainable development”

We also appeal the local authorities of the Mediterranean country members of the European Union and/or the EDCO:

- ⇒ to provide the needed services to other less favoured towns and local authorities in the event they have the required facilities (Mediterranean hub)

Finally, we commit the Mediterranean governments, international organizations, civil society and private Mediterranean sector as well as the “Joined Towns and Local Authorities” (JTLA) and the rest of regional organisations of local authorities, to collaborate in close cooperation to the diffusion and the success of this Declaration.

We point the City of Málaga that, together with the support of the Malaga Valley Club and the DSF, establish the Permanent Secretary in order to follow and execute the Declaration of Málaga.



The undersigned hereby commit themselves to hold together next year in Málaga, 15th and 16th October 2009, a new Summit jointly with the Mediterranean and local authorities and the meeting of the Malaga Valley Club Presidents, creating an stable and permanent forum of international relevancy to delve into the way the public and private areas would collaborate to provide through new technologies a fairer and more solidary world.

The assistants to the Summit ask the Mayor of Málaga to transmit this present Declaration to the Spanish Government with the aim that be acknowledged to:

- The President of the European Union so that its conclusions and recommendations are taken into account in the development of the activities of the European Union and the Union for the Mediterranean, and also be assumed by the Lyon Conference of 24th November 2008 in relation to the digital solidarity,
- The Secretary General of the United Nations in order to inform the attendants to the Conference of the United Nations of Doha, concerning the control of the financing for development (29th November - 2nd December),
- The highest authorities of the Republic of Guinea so that the Malaga Declaration be known to the attendants of the fifth session of the “Pilot Group of Solidarity Contributions in Favour of the Development” (Conakry, 6-9 November 2008)
- The Government of all the country members of the Union for the Mediterranean with the aim that the DMA (Digital Mediterranean Area) be added in the primary objectives of the Union for the Mediterranean.

In Málaga, October 2008