



Europe 2007 – Celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Rome Treaties

International conference organised by
ANCI IDEALI, European Foundation of cities

“The cooperation between cities and territories strengthens the European project”
Rome, March 22nd 2007, ANCI via dei Prefetti 46

ANCI IDEALI, European Foundation of cities, was founded by ANCI on December 21st 2006 to enhance within the local authorities the knowledge of the communitarian policies and their contribution in terms of perspectives and guidance for the territories, in particular for the urban governance. The Foundation pursues and strengthens the work already accomplished by the European office of ANCI, Ideali, operating in Brussels since January 2003. On the occasion of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Rome Treaties, ANCI IDEALI Foundation aims at reinforcing its cooperation with the Associations of Municipalities of other European countries, at establishing new relations with European Cities and Regions for further profitable opportunities for common work, debate and discussion.

The Foundation uses the occasion of the celebrations of the Rome Treaties to give credit to the European Commissioner Danuta Hübner, and to the former European Commissioner Emma Bonino as well, now Minister for Community Policies, for the valuable contribution they give to the realization of a Europe that grows and makes the most for increasingly approaching local communities to the European Union.

5,00pm - 6,30pm

Opening speeches:

Sergio Chiamparino, President of ANCI IDEALI Foundation

Adriana Poli Bortone, Vice President of ANCI, member of EU Parliament

Giancarlo Gabbianelli, Mayor of Viterbo, CoR member and ANCI IDEALI Board member

Speakers:

Helmut M. Jahn, Hohenlohe County District Administrator and CoR member for the German County Association

Francisco Camps Ortiz, President of Valencia Region and CoR member

Juliette Soulabaille, AMF European Affairs Commission member and CoR member

Danuta Hübner, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Emma Bonino, Ministry for the Community Policies

Sandro Gozi, President of the Italian Government's Committee for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Rome Treaties

Virgilio Dastoli, Head of European Commission delegation in Italy

The Associations of towns and communities that will attend the Conference are:

Boris Tonhauser and Anna Mihalikova, Responsible for international and European affairs of the Zdruzenie Miest a Obci Slovenska; Andrzej Porawski from the Zwiasek Miast Polskich; Jasmina Vidmar and Sasa Kek from the Skupnost Obcin Slovenije; Major Pozsgai, from the Toosz Hungary.

At the end of the speeches the Commissioner Danuta Hübner and the Minister Emma Bonino will receive the title of honorary member of the Foundation.

The attending CoR members will adopt a joint document on European integration values and cooperation between cities and territories.

6.30 pm Cocktail

Brussels, March 7th 2007