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2002 er udråbt til det internationale bjergår, og Europa-Kommissionen har derfor taget initiativ til en konference om **«EU-politikkerne og bjergområderne»**, som afholdes torsdag den 17. og fredag den 18. oktober 2002 i Bruxelles i Kommissionens Charlemagne-bygning.

Der forventes ca. 500 deltagere, som repræsenterer de nationale og regionale myndigheder, EU-institutionerne, sammenslutningerne for bjergområderne og landbrugets organisationer og foreninger. Konferencen åbnes med en plenarsamling under forsæde af Kommissionens formand, Romano Prodi.

Kommissionen vil ved den lejlighed gerne præsentere en række af de EU-tiltag, der er iværksat for bjergområderne. Konferencen giver mulighed for at fremlægge konkrete eksempler på god praksis og indhente kommentarer fra aktørerne i marken med henblik på udformningen af regionalpolitikken efter 2006.

Programmet, jf. vedlagte udkast, vil omfatte tre parallelle workshoper om følgende emner:

- regionalpolitikken og fysisk planlægning
- landbrugets udfordringer i bjergområderne
- kommunikation og livsrammens kvalitet.

Såfremt De mener, at denne konference måtte være af interesse for Folketinget, vil det være mig en glæde at fremsende en personlig indbydelse til de medlemmer, som De måtte udpege.

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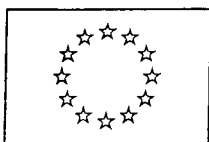
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« Community policies and Mountain areas »
BRUSSELS, CHARLEMAGNE BUILDING, 17-18 OCTOBER 2002

DRAFT PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2002			
9h00	Welcome and registration, coffee		
10h00	Opening Plenary session 1. Mountain areas and European integration ▪ Mr. Romano PRODI, President of the European Commission ▪ Mme Tea PETRIN, Minister of Economic Affairs (Slovenia) ▪ Mr. Luciano CAVERI, President of the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism of the European Parliament & President of the European Association of Elected Representatives from Mountain Areas ▪ Mr. Wendelin WEINGARTNER, Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions & Regional president of Tyrol (Austria) 2. The expectations of socio-economic partners ▪ Mr. Frank GASKELL, President of Euromontana ▪ Mr. Carlos PINTO, Secretary General of the European Association of Elected Representatives from Mountain Areas & President of the 'Mountain' section of the National Association of Portuguese municipalities		
11h00	Coffee Break		
11h15	Response of the European Commission • Ms. Loyola DE PALACIO, Vice-President of the European Commission & Commissioner responsible for Transport and Energy (to be confirmed) • Mr. Franz FISCHLER, Commissioner responsible for Agriculture: « Rural development and mountain areas: a first assessment » • Mr. Michel BARNIER, Commissioner responsible for Regional Policy; « Regional Policy and mountain areas: a first assessment »		
11h40	Discussion (questions and answers) with Messrs Franz FISCHLER and Michel BARNIER presiding		
12h45	Press Conference Buffet Lunch		
14h30	Three parallel workshops (see details over)		
	Workshop 1 « Regional policy and Regional planning »	Workshop 2 «The challenge of Agriculture in Mountain areas »	Workshop 3 «The quality of life »
16h00	Coffee break		
16h15	Workshops continue		
18h00	Workshops end		
19h00	Reception at the European Parliament		

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2002

9h30	Closing Plenary Session Round table on the workshops , chaired by Mr Guy CRAUSER , Director General for Regional Policy, European Commission: a presentation of the conclusions of each workshop
10h15	Discussion
11h00	Coffee break
11h15	Discussion
12h30	Closure of the Conference : an examination of prospects Mr. Michel BARNIER : "Regional policy and mountain areas"
13h00	Conference ends

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THREE PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2002

14h30	Three parallel workshops	
	Workshop 1	<i>Regional Policy and Regional Planning</i>
		Chair: to be confirmed Presentation of projects on the following themes: ▪ Are community instruments aimed at promoting territorial cohesion suited to Mountain areas? ▪ Governance: how can activities at local, national and European level be better integrated?
	Workshop 2	<i>The challenge of agriculture in mountainous areas</i>
		Chair: to be confirmed Presentation of projects on the following themes: ▪ Is the CAP in its current form suited to areas with natural disadvantages? ▪ What specific rural development activities would be appropriate?
	Workshop 3	<i>The quality of life</i>
		Chair: to be confirmed Presentation of projects on the following themes: ▪ How should transport policy and telecommunications policy be integrated? ▪ Sustainable development: what specific actions should be envisaged in mountainous areas?
16h00	Coffee break	
16h15	Workshops continue	
18h00	Workshops end	