



Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on the Future of the Textile and Clothing Sector Plenary Meeting

11 December 2008
Albert Borschette Centre, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels

9.30 - 10.00 Registration

10.00 - 13.00 Session I – Political guidelines for the future of the EuroMed Dialogue in Textiles and Clothing

Conclusions of the Ministerial Conference on Industry in Nice of 5-6 November 2008 (Annick Dain, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry, France)

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee break

EuroMed Textiles Dialogue: stocktaking and way forward
(Luis-Filipe Girão, DG Enterprise and Industry; views/suggestions of EU and Mediterranean partner countries)

- Review of past initiatives
- Current challenges of the sector and focus on new areas (*Qualifications and training needs? Technical textiles? Fast Fashion? Social and environmental issues? Use of ICT? Regional cooperation?...*)
- Working methods and next steps (*Regular working group meetings? Ad-hoc expert meetings? TAIEX workshops?...*)

13.00 - 14.30 Buffet lunch (served outside the meeting room)

14.30 - 17.30 Session II – EU initiatives for textiles and clothing

Participation in the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme and the Enterprise Europe Network (Edward Tersmette, DG ENTR)

7th Framework Programme for research and technological development: participation of Mediterranean countries in People, Cooperation, Capacities (Claudio Bogliotti, DG RTD)

European Technology Platform for the Future of Textiles and Clothing: involvement of Mediterranean partner countries (Lutz Walter, Euratex)



15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break

Invest-in-Med Programme (Pierre Henry, ANIMA)

Agadir textiles study: follow-up actions (Jean-François Limantour, CEDITH)

EuroMed Innovation and Technology Programme: outcome of the textiles project
(John Yates, Medibtikar)

17.30 Conclusions and end of the plenary meeting