



19th Conference of COPEAM

RADIO COMMISSION

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RESOLUTION SCHEME

The members of the Commission wished, first of all, to affirm unanimously, loud and clear, the importance of radio, asking for an important place and attention in the life of COPEAM, proportional to the strength of the proposals they put forward.

Then, an assessment on the activities realized within the Radio Commission was made. Following a short reference to the programme "The waves for the Mediterranean", closed in 2011, the Commission approached the future of Kantara, notably through the setting up of the turning executive production in September 2012, which will be assumed by the Algerian Radio, followed from October by the Moroccan radio and from November by the Tunisian Radio. A multilingual brochure for the presentation of Kantara programme will be realized. All the members agreed in reaffirming the need for the producers of Kantara to meet at least once a year, during the General Assembly of COPEAM. Furthermore, it was decided to organise a meeting of all the persons in charge of the technical aspects from the participating countries. The project for an Arabic version of Kantara was submitted to the Commission, which expressed its interest and the pertinence of this evolution, provided that it has to be part of the North-South exchange framework. Kantara partners will go into detail of this reflection and notably of its innovative aspect, i.e. a Europe-Maghreb axis in Arabic.

As an answer to the need for harmonisation and standardisation of working techniques, Sara Lacomba from URTI and Nick Dunkerley from Hindenburg Systems showed the ECT technical platform which could respond to the stakes of sharing production criteria. On the occasion of the recording of Kantara in Marrakesh, the magazine, once ready for broadcasting, was remastered with the support of this tool. The members saw in action a tool that gives the opportunity to easily exchange sound contents and to develop common standards. The modalities for using this new tool remain to be defined.

A second moment of the meeting was devoted to proposals and new projects. The project of music web-radio submitted in the framework of the call ENPI CBCMED for standard projects was presented. It was agreed that a more detailed presentation will be sent to all Radio Commission members by the summer, in order to obtain their opinion. The project Mediterradio, a bilingual magazine in Corsican-Sardinian, is trying to extend over the Eastern shore of the Mediterranean basin; Sicily may become the next partner of this programme. It should be noticed that Mediterradio could assume a particular significance considering that next General Assembly of COPEAM will be held in Cagliari.

Moreover, the Commission members renewed unanimously their interest towards the proposal for a coproduction on the theme of the Ulysses' travel, presented by the Tunisian Radio, originator of the project, which, through Issam Marzouki, committed to send a written presentation of the project to all the members a month from now.

It was decided that a new structure for the Radio Commission should be implemented in order to keep it alive all the year long: a synthetic monthly communication will be sent to each member. The first note will represent the occasion to share the contact details of all the participants. A specific email address will be communicated so to collect their observations and proposals.

For the incoming year, a study will be realized among the radios members of COPEAM to define a working framework for a project addressed to the young people. COPEAM Conference in 2013 should be the occasion to gather the people in charge of young radios.

The inventory and the communication concerning the totality of the existing funds in favour of radio projects were identified as a priority to submit to all the members in the form of a timing schedule.

In the framework of Marseille 2013, Radio France suggested to accompany radio projects presented by the member countries. An information note will be sent on this issue.

Finally, the Radio Commission pays particular attention to the importance of meeting twice a year, asking the high-level representatives of the organisations concerned to actively take part in the realisation of this priority.

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