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Soil and Coast protection: in Bologna a meeting between the Councillor Paola Gazzolo and the Vice President of the Council of Hérault Department Petard for the promotion of a European policy for the development and protection of the Mediterranean coasts

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"Re-launching the European policy for the sustainable development and the protection of the Mediterranean coasts and promoting the signing of a new Bologna Charter that defines the common strategy of coastal regions" these were the issues object of the meeting between the regional Councillor for Soil and Coast Protection of Emilia-Romagna, **Paola Gazzolo** and **Monique Petard**, Vice President of the Council of Hérault Department (Languedoc-Roussillon) in charge for the Environment and Agenda 21, "The Emilia-Romagna Region has adopted the 'Bologna Charter 2012' with a Council Resolution - said the Councillor Gazzolo - and now aims to promote its content and play an active role in the establishment in Europe of a common strategy for the sustainable development of the Mediterranean coasts, including integrated management, protection and adaptation to climate change."

"In particular - according to a note of the Region itself - the 'Bologna Charter 2012' provides the basis for cooperation between the Mediterranean regions in terms of policies related to the integrated management of coastal and maritime spatial planning, coastal adaptation to climate change and mitigation of risk from coastal flooding, erosion and marine ingressions. The "Bologna Charter 2012" also promotes the initiative of a Macro-project for the next programming period of the European Structural Funds (2014-2020), which deals with the quantification of erosion and the risk of marine ingressions along the coasts of the Mediterranean, the sustainable use of coastal territory and of the submarine sediments stocks for beach nourishment, the promotion of integrated spatial planning instruments and integrated structural interventions, the construction of a cooperation network between existing coastal observatories aimed to the identification of common standards for monitoring activities, data integration and interoperability."