

## PLENARY SESSION OF THE CRAM IN BRUSSELS (REGIONAL COUNCIL OF THE EMIGRANTS FROM ABRUZZO IN THE WORLD)

On the 27th September 2013, the Abruzzo region in Brussels will host **the plenary session of the Regional Council of the emigrants from Abruzzo in the world.**

The programme of the day will include visits to the **European Parliament** and the **Bois du Cazier**, where will take place the unveiling of a memorial plaque to the victims of **Marcinelle** disaster in which **60 miners from Abruzzo** lost their lives.

The C.R.A.M. is composed of **36 members** selected from the representatives of the Abruzzo associations around the world, one representative of all Italian associations abroad, a representative of the Migration Observatory and finally, some representatives of the regional Council. The **President** is **Mauro FEBBO**, the regional councillor of emigration.

The C.R.A.M. **makes proposals** that aim at supporting emigrants from Abruzzo around the world or making easier their return home, it **looks also at the migration phenomenon** and **gives information** about it. Moreover, initiatives are proposed in order to inform the Abruzzo communities abroad of the various problems and aspects of the regional life, strengthening ties with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other offices, organisations and communities that operate in the sector. The C.R.A.M. helps to inform the emigrants of the life, the activity and the legislation of their native region.

Besides, the C.R.A.M. deals with **promotional activities** worldwide, together with associations of emigrants, and decides on the updating of the **regional Register** of the associations and federations of emigrants from Abruzzo abroad.

Finally, the C.R.A.M. suggests various cultural, training, economic and assistance **activities** for the emigrants and their family, especially with regards to the use of community resources.

The initiative grew out of several information meetings, which were organized jointly with the **Office for Immigration** and **the Abruzzo region in Brussels**, for the emigrants from in Belgium. It is a good example of interaction between the offices and the regional structures whose aim is to help, in different ways, **maintain ties with their native region.**

***For further information about C.R.A.M. activities :***

<http://cram.regione.abruzzo.it/index.php/abruzzesi-nel-mondo/cram>

***Previous news on the commemoration of the Marcinelle tragedy :***

<http://www.regione.abruzzo.it/xEuropa/index.asp?modello=notizieSing&servizio=LE&stileDiv=sequence&b=notizia400&tom=400>

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