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### Abstract

On the 13th and 14th of July 2008, the EU leaders and head of states of South Mediterranean countries will gather in Paris for Euromed summit. According to French President Sarkozy, next EU council president from 1<sup>st</sup> of July, the Paris meeting will have the objective of creating a new and tighter linkage between Europe and Mediterranean countries. About Sarkozy's proposal, launched more than one year ago in a very ambitious way (foreseeing the creation of new common institutions and agencies and the provision to invest a lot of financial resources) the March European Council decided to give the Commission the task of preparing a road map with concrete ideas. Will these proposals have concrete possibility to be implemented or will they remain just declarations of intent?