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Second generation cross-border cooperation

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Borschette Centre (Albert Borschette Conference Centre (CCAB))
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FIRST WORKSHOP - Wednesday, 8 October, 9.30-11.15

08C25 Second generation cross-border cooperation: “Planning together in cross border territories”

The cross-border territory is a space for projects which, even when it is legally constituted, does not aim for administrative functions but rather the coordination of the policies of local, national and European authorities to develop programmes of actions which meet the aspirations and the needs of the inhabitants of cross-border regions. The development of cross-border territory projects is thus a concrete response to the needs of their inhabitants as regards the environment, the transport or the economy. Such territories gradually become spaces of multicultural dialogue between socio-economic actors and local authorities, forging a European citizenship and acting as powerful vectors for the integration of internal borders and the pacification of external borders of Europe.

Program

Eurocity Strategic Plan

Luis Domínguez, Eixo Atlántico Studies' Service Director. Jean Monnet Chair at Vigo University and Director of the Eurocity Chaves-Verín Strategic Plan.

Health: Pyrenees Hospital

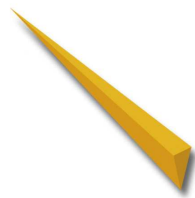
Enric Mayolas . Cross-border Hospital Cerdagne Capcir

Education beyond the borders: INTERFORM project

Jacques Houbart, *Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière* Director General, project leader.

Good practices in a daily cooperation: Spain-Portugal border (2000-2006)

Jose Soeiro. President of the Financial Institute of Regional Development



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Chairman: Carlos Beltran, Vogal Asesor da Unidade de Cooperação Territorial Europeia - Ministério da Economia y Hacienda - (Unity of European Territorial Cooperation - Ministry of Economics and Treasury)

SECOND WORKSHOP - Wednesday, 8 October 11.30-13.15

08C26 Second generation cross-border cooperation: Barriers' disappearance in daily life

Cross-border cooperation and its impact on citizens' lives gives a different and closer image of Europe, so that it becomes a day-to-day reality. After the establishment of the Single Market in 1993, what citizens living near the borders now expect is the falling down of any administrative burdens which still make it difficult for them to work, travel or live at the other side of the frontier. Ambulances unable to cross the border to give assistance or buses ending their itinerary at the frontier are some examples of the still existing barriers in cross-border territories. Eliminating them would strongly contribute to the social development of these areas, as well as to the achievement of a better quality of life.

Program

The National Funds' coordination: a new strategy for cooperation

Rui Nuno Baleiras, Secretary of State for Regional Development in Portugal

Coordinating territorial planning

Ana Teresa Lehmann, Vice-President of *Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Norte de Portugal* (Coordinating Commission of Regional Development of the North of Portugal)

The cross-border transport as a key factor for regional development

Abel Caballero, Mayor of Vigo (Galicia), former minister of Transport.

Second Generation Cooperation

Xoan Vázquez Mao, Secretary General of Eixo Atlântico

Euroregion Competitiveness Centre

José Luis Pego Alonso. General Director of Caixanova.

Chairman: José Palma Andrés, Territorial Cooperation Director. DG REGIO. European Commission.

THIRD WORKSHOP - Wednesday, 8 October, 16.45-18.30

08C27 Second generation cross-border cooperation: New administrative structures for cross border cooperation

New legal structures have recently emerged in response to the need of common planning and the elimination of administrative barriers. The most important is the European Grouping



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of Territorial Co-operation, which aims at facilitating and promoting cross-border cooperation between authorities in Member States, regional and local entities. This workshop will gather different experiences in establishing new administrative structures for this kind of cooperation.

Program

New administrative structures for cross-border cooperation

Manuel José Morán García, Vice-Director for External Relations. Xunta de Galicia (Galician Government)

EGTC North Portugal

Nuno Almeida, Director for the promotion of regional development and cooperation at *Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Norte de Portugal*

Eurocity Chaves – Verin

Joao Baptista (mayor of Chaves)

Coordinating everyday life

Klaus Baldauf, Responsible for International Affairs, City of Frankfurt, representative of City Twins, cross-border cities' association in Northwest Europe.

Chairman: Juan Jimenez, mayor of Verín (Spain)