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Territorial Cooperation and Single Market: how to create tangible added value for citizens in cross-border territories and interregional networks

Open Days

CECICN workshop, 9:00 to 10:45

Code 09B02

Programme

9 October 2013 in Brussels

Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors, Room JDE 62



Introduction

09:00

Chair

Bernard SOULAGE, Member of the Committee of the Regions and Vice-President of the Region Rhône-Alpes

Moderator

Jean PEYRONY, Executive Director of the European Conference of Cross-border and Interregional City Networks (CECICN), and Director General of the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT), www.espaces-transfrontaliers.eu

The joint action plan for the cross-border labour market within PAMINA - a project for employment at the German-French border

by Patrice HARSTER, Director General of the Eurodistrict REGIO PAMINA (FR/DE), www.eurodistrict-regio-pamina.eu

Part 1 Projects contributing to the Single market and Europe 2020

09:10

How to go from brain drain to brain circulation? Improving talent mobility through cooperation among cities in the Baltic Sea Region

by Marcus ANDERSSON, Head of International Projects, Tendensor, Partner of UBC, Union of Baltic Cities www.ubc.net

Erasing border effects in the single market - the concerns of the Spanish-Portuguese border regions

by Xoán VAZQUEZ MAO, Secretary General of the CECICN, and Secretary General of the Iberian Network of Cross-border Bodies (RIET), www.rietiberica.eu

Part 2 Cross-border and interregional cooperation, laboratory of the Single market at the service of citizens

09:40

Point of view of the Commission

by Olivier GIRARD, Responsible for the Implementation of Internal Market in the Cabinet of Michel BARNIER, European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services
http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/barnier/index_en.htm

Venue

Committee of the Regions
Room JDE 62
Jacques Delors building
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Languages

English
French
Spanish

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Part 3

Round table and exchange with the audience

09:50

with the participation of:

Marcus ANDERSSON, Head of International Projects, Tendensor, Partner of UBC, Union of Baltic Cities

Xoán VAZQUEZ MAO, Secretary General of the CECICN, and Secretary General of the Iberian Network of Cross-border Bodies (RIET), www.rietiberica.eu

Patrice HARSTER, Director General of the Eurodistrict REGIO PAMINA (FR/DE)

Olivier GIRARD, Responsible for the Implementation of Internal Market in the Cabinet of Michel BARNIER, European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services

Q&A with the audience

10:35

Conclusion

by Bernard SOULAGE, Member of the Committee of the Regions and Vice-President of the Region Rhône-Alpes

10:45

End of the workshop

This workshop is complementary to the workshop of the EGTC Platform of the Committee of the Regions “The EGTCs: cross-border players in the Single Market” (at 11:15, same room, code 09B07)

We invite you to participate in the common networking event of the 2 workshops that will take place at 13:00 in the atrium of the 5th floor to continue the discussions

CONTEXT

The European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) aims to bring about the territorial integration of cross-border regions and macro-regions. ETC projects therefore make a major contribution to the Single Market and the Europe 2020 strategy, while showing that Europe produces tangible results at the service of its citizens.

The projects presented in the workshop contribute both to the Single Market and to one flagship domain of the Strategy Europe 2020 :

- How to go from brain drain to brain circulation? Improving talent mobility through cooperation among cities in the Baltic Sea Region,
- Erasing border effect in the single market - the concerns of the Spanish-Portuguese border regions,
- The joint action plan for the cross-border labour market within PAMINA – a project for employment at the German-French border in response to the needs of the citizens and the concerned players.

The European Commission will speak on the topic: “Cross-border and interregional cooperation, laboratory of the Single market at the service of citizens”.

ORGANISER

The **CECICN, Conference of European Cross-border and Interregional City Networks** (www.cecicn.eu) has been set up in April 2010. This European conference gathers 8 cross-border and interregional city networks, representing more than 500 cities in Europe, situated both at internal and external borders of the European Union. The objectifs are to represent the interests of its members, especially in terms of cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation involving cities; to place European Territorial Cooperation at the heart of European politics in the new programming period 2014/2020 and the Europe 2020 Strategy; and to exchange best practices. The members are:

- MOT (Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière), www.espaces-transfrontaliers.eu
- RIET (Iberian Network of Cross-border Bodies), www.rietiberica.eu
- MedCities (Mediterranean network of coastal cities), www.medcities.org
- FAIC (Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities), www.faic.eu
- UBC (Union of Baltic Cities), www.ubc.net
- CAAC (Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities), www.atlanticcities.eu
- CESCO (Central European service for cross-border initiatives), www.cesci-net.eu
- CoDCR (Council of Danube Cities and Regions), www.codcr.com
- CTA (City Twins Association), www.citytwins.org (observer)