

**1<sup>st</sup> CONGRESS ON SMART COOPERATION:  
“Territorial Cooperation fostering European integration:  
Cities and Regions linking across borders”**

**25th June 2012**

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**Morning session**

**8.30-9.30 Registration of participants**

**9.30-11.00 Welcome addresses**

- Mr. Carlos Negreira, Mayor of A Coruña
- Mr. Per Bødker Andersen, CECICN President
- Ms. Ann-Sofi Backgren, AEBR Vice-President
- Mr. José Palma Andrés, Director of European Territorial Cooperation. DG REGIO. European Commission
- Ms. Ana Miranda, MEP, Representative of the Parliamentary Committee on Regional Development
- Mr. Michel Delebarre, President of COTER, Committee of the Regions
- Ms. Marta Fernández Currás, Secretary of State for budget and expenditure
- Mr. José Durão Barroso, President European Commission (by video)
- Mr. Alberto Núñez Feijóo, Regional President of Galicia

Introduction: Mr. Xoan Vázquez Mao, CECICN Secretary General

**11.00-11.30 COFFEE – BREAK**

**11.30-12.45 Panel Debate: Strategic approach to Territorial Cooperation as a tool to overcome crisis**

- Chairman: Mr. José María Piñero Campos, Director General of European Funds. Ministry of Finance and Public Administration. Government of Spain
- Panelists:
- Mr. José Palma Andrés, Director of European Territorial Cooperation. DG REGIO. European Commission
- Ms. Ana Miranda, MEP, Representative of the Parliamentary Committee on Regional Development
- Mr. Michel Delebarre, Chairman of COTER, Committee of the Regions

**12.45-13.30 Cities and regions cooperating across borders: an opportunity to overcome crisis.** Presentation of CECICN and AEBR document on Smart Cooperation

- Chairman: Mr. Michel Delebarre, Chairman of COTER, Committee of the Regions
- Speakers:
- Mr. Jean Peyrony, Executive Director of CECICN
- Mr. Xoan Vázquez Mao, Secretary General of CECICN
- Mr. Jens Gabbe, Chairman of the AEBR Advisory Committee

**13.30-15.00 LUNCH**

**15.00-18.00 Workshops**

## Workshops - Afternoon session, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### Workshop 1 – Macro-regions, coordinated by Xunta de Galicia

- Chairman: Mr. Jesús Gamallo Aller, General Director for external affairs and EU relations. Xunta de Galicia
- Introduction: Mr. Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Secretary General of AEBR
- Mr. José Palma Andrés, Director of European Territorial Cooperation. DG REGIO. European Commission
- Mr. François-Edouard Pailleron, Member of the National Committee for the European Strategy of the Danube Region (Lower Austria)

### Workshop 2 – Smart Cross-border Cooperation, coordinated by RIET

- Chairman: Mr. António Batista, President of RIET
- Introduction: Ms. Elena de Miguel, Head of JTS Crossborder Cooperation Programme Spain-Portugal
- Mr. João Baptista, President of Eurocity Chaves-Verín
- Mr. Xoan Vázquez Mao, Secretary General of Eixo Atlántico
- Mr. Ignacio Fernández Huertas, Member of DG European Funds. Spanish Ministry of Treasury and Public Administrations
- Mr. João Bule. Portuguese Financial Institute for Regional Development – IFDR
- Conclusions:
  - Mr. Carlos Beltrán, Expert on European Territorial Cooperation
  - Mr. Jesús Bedoya, Deputy General Director of Economy, Government of Cantabria

### Workshop 3 – Cooperating in the EU external borders, coordinated by MedCities

- Chairman: Mr. Nikola Horvat, Mayor's Office International affairs of Split (FAIC Presidency)
- Introduction: Mr. Joan Parpal, Barcelona Metropolitan Urban Area / Secretary General of MedCities
- Speakers:
  - Ms. Bodil Persson, Deputy Head of Unit. Sector Cross Border Cooperation Directorate-General Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid
  - Mr. Rémy-Louis Budoc, Member of the Economic, Social and Environmental Committee. Vice-President of Guiana Region (FR)
  - Ms. Mercedes Acitores, ENPI/MED Liaison Officer
  - Mr. Mateu Turró, Professor on Urban Development. Polytechnic Universities of Madrid and Catalunya
  - Mr. Joan Parpal, Barcelona Metropolitan Urban Area / Secretary General of MedCities
- Conclusions: Mr. Albert Sorrosal, Expert on European Neighbourhood Policy ENPI/CBC

#### Workshop 4 – Cooperation contributing to smart growth, coordinated by UBC

- Chairman: Mr. Per Bødker Andersen, President of CECICN
- Introduction: Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt, Chairman UBC Business Commission
- Mr. Diego Martinez-Lopez. JRC-IPTS, Smart Specialization Platform. European Commission
- Ms. Marie-Louise Rönmark, Mayor of Umeå
- Mr. Andres Jaadla, Mayor of Rakvere
- Mr. Tarja Hautamäki, Cultural Manager Regional Council of Ostrobothnia
- Ms. Elena Ferrario, Project officer. JTS, Interreg IV C Programme
- Mr. Josep Miquel Pique, President of the European Division, IASP (International Association of Science Parks)

#### Workshop 5 – Cooperation contributing to sustainable growth: An Atlantic Strategy to reduce carbon footprint emissions

- Chairman: Mr. Charles Nicol, Secretary General. Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities
- Introduction: Mr. José Maria Costa, President of EIXO ATLANTICO
- Ms. Maria Teresa Salgado Lameiras, Managing Authority. Atlantic Area Transnational Cooperation Programme
- Mr. Emilio Fernández, General Coordinator of CLIMATLANTIC think tank
- Mr. Dominique Breuil, Expert on mobility. CLIMATLANTIC
- Mr. Terry O'Brien, EU Projects Officer. South-East Regional Authority
- Ms. Sofia Ginary, Expert on social behaviour. CLIMATLANTIC
- Mr. Ricardo Bento, Expert on spatial planning. CLIMATLANTIC
- Mr. Jean-Luc Lods, Director of European Affairs. Conseil Pas-de-Calais (FR)
- Conclusions: Mr. Charles Nicol, Secretary General. Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities

#### Workshop 6 – Tools for cooperation, coordinated by MOT

- Chairman: Mr. Michel Delebarre, President of MOT
- Introduction: Mr. Olivier Denert, Secretary General of MOT
- Mr. Jean-Baptiste Schiber, Manager of cross-border networks. Strasbourg Urban Community (FR)
- Mr. Zoltan Bara, EGTC Pons Danubii (HU/SK)
- Mr. Michel Marchyllie, Director of the Scarpe-Escaut Regional Natural Park (FR)
- Mr. José Antonio Ruiz de Casas, DG REGIO, EC Expert
- Mr. Eddy Adams, Thematic Pole Manager at URBACT

**26th June 2012**

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**9.00-11.00 Parallel Sessions**

**Multilevel Governance of cross border cooperation**

Chairman: Mr. Rudolf Bauer, Vice President of CESCO

Moderator: Mr. Gyula Ocskay, Director of CESCO (HU)

- Ms. Katalin Fekete, Head of Department, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice (HU)
- Mr. Tom Leeuwestein, Dep. Head of Unit. Europe and Local & Regional Government. Ministry of Home Affairs and Kingdom relations (NL)
- Mr. Zsolt Szokolai, member of DG REGIO – Urban Development and Territorial Cohesion Unit
- Ms. Amparo Montán, Coordinator. INTERACT Point Valencia
- Ms. Anne Thévenet, Deputy Director, Euro-Institute

**Macro-regional Strategies: the future of the Atlantic Area**

Chairman: Mr. Charles Nicol, Secretary General. Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities

- Mr. Jesús Gamallo, General Director for external affairs and EU relations. Xunta de Galicia
- Mr. Marcus Andersson, Head of Research at Tendensor
- Mr. Luis Dominguez, CLIMATLANTIC expert
- Mr. José Antonio Ruiz de Casas, DG REGIO, EC expert

**11.00-11.30 COFFEE – BREAK**

**11.30-12.15 What can cities and regions do in favor of the Single Market and Europe 2020?**

Workshops conclusions

Chairman: Mr. José Soeiro, President of IFDR

Summary: Mr. Jean Peyrony, Executive Director CECICN

**12.15-13.00 Removing borders key to Single Market and Europe 2020**

Chairman: Mr. Per Bødker Andersen, President of CECICN

Speaker: Mr. Henrik Morch, Head of Unit, DG MARKT, European Commission

**13.00-14.00 Final addresses**

- Mr. Samuel Juárez, Government Delegate in Galicia
- Mr. Carlos Negreira, Mayor of A Coruña
- Mr. Alfonso Rueda, Regional Minister for Presidency. Xunta de Galicia
- Mr. Henrik Morch, Head of Unit, DG MARKT, European Commission
- Ms. Ann-Sofi Backgren, AEER Vice-President
- Mr. Per Bødker Andersen, President of CECICN

Introduction: Mr. Jean Peyrony, Executive Director of CECICN