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## Members of the CECICN

### Dear members of the CECICN, dear friends!

When we look back on a year coming to an end we see great successes for our Conference of European Cross-Border and Interregional City Networks – CECICN.

Europe is more than a common currency and a single market. Europe is a political project and a cultural community. Europe takes place in our cities and cross-border regions. There we aim to ensure that our interests and needs are fully considered in all European decisions.

That creates non of us alone, that we create only as a family!

In 2013 we had numerous meetings with European institutions like the Commission, the Parliament and the Committee of the Regions. We have presented our demands personally and additionally delivered them in form of the following position papers:

- Contribution on "The urban dimension of macro-regions", May 2013
- Contribution to the Consultation of the Committee of the Regions on the "Mid-term review of Europe 2020", October 2013
- Contribution for DG MARKT "Single market – topics in link with citizenship", October 2013
- Contribution for DG REGIO "Integrated territorial approaches and small project funds within the 2014-2020 programming period", November 2013

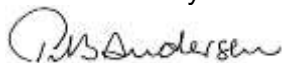
All CECICN networks have organized a joint event during the OPEN DAYS 2013. Our workshop on "Territorial cooperation and single market" was followed by a networking event in link with the complementary workshop "EGTC and Single Market" of the EGTC Platform from the Committee of the Regions. The more than one hundred participants were very positive about our interesting, professional and sympathetic performance.

The best news of the year is that our family has grown. Marta, who does a perfect job in running our secretariat has got a wonderful baby. The CECICN has won the CESC (Central European service for cross-border initiatives) and the CoDCR (Council of Danube Cities and Regions) as new members and the CTA (City Twins Association) as an observer. A warm welcome to all of you.

Dear friends, this is much more than we would have expected from this year.

I thank you all for your great support and wish you and your families a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely



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