



6th EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF CEEC RDAs

The Dimension of European Regional Development

Experiences and Challenges

Bratislava, 28/29 September 2006

Hotel Holiday Inn
Bajkalska, 25
SK – 825 03 Bratislava

Draft Programme

Wednesday 27 September 2006

18.00 Guided tour in Bratislava (starting from Hotel Holiday Inn; Duration ca. 2 hours)

Thursday. 28 September 2006

8.00 – 9.30 Registration of the participants

9.30 – 10.00 **WELCOMING AND OPENING OF THE EVENT**

- Christian SAUBLENS, Director of EURADA
- Marian JANUŠEK, Minister of Construction and Regional Development (SK)
- Colin WOLFE, DG Regio of the European Commission *
- Štefan REPKO, Head of Council Representatives of Integrated Network of Regional Development Agencies (SK)

10.00 – 10.45 **PARTNERSHIP : STARTING POINT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Moderator Peter Udvardi, Ministry of Construction and Regional Development (SK)

Cooperation of European Regions – History and Present

- Gerardo GALEOTE, Chairman of the Regional Development Committee of the European Parliament *

RDA Experience in the 2000-2006 Programming Period

- Július SLOVÁK, General Director of the Regional Development Support Agency of the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development
- María José BERNAL, Instituto de Fomento de la Región de Murcia (E) *

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45 **REGIONAL POLICY : MORE THAN REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

Moderator Peter Udvardi, Ministry of Construction and Regional Development (SK)

- Colin WOLFE, DG Regio of the European Commission *
- Christian SAUBLENS, Director of EURADA
- Peter HEIL, Vice-President of the National Regional Development Office of Hungary *
- Milan MUŠKA, Vice-President of the Slovak Associations of Towns and Villages

12.45 – 14.45 Lunch & **Project / Networking Opportunity Market**

- 14.45 – 15.45 **REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS : THE role of RDAs**
Moderator Christian SAUBLENS, Director of EURADA
- Maive RUTE, Director at DG Enterprise and Industry of the European Commission *
 - Paul WRIGHT, Oxford Intelligence (UK)
 - Miroslav TVAROZEK, Chairman of the Zilina RDA (SK)
- 15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00 – 17.00 **EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION : TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE**
Moderator Christian SAUBLENS, Director of EURADA
- Manuela PASSOS, Joint Technical Secretariat of Interreg III C East *
 - Ivo RYSLAVY, Centre for Regional Development of the Czech Republic *
 - Márta VÖLGYINÉ NADABÁN, North Great Plain RDA (H)
- 17.00 – 18.00 **ENLARGEMENT OF THE EU : NEW COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES**
Moderator Christian SAUBLENS, Director of EURADA
- Dirk MEGANCK, Director at DG Enlargement *
 - Mr X – Bulgarian Association of Regional Development Agencies and Business Centres *
 - Raluca CIBU BUZAC – ADR Vest (RO) *
 - Zlatan FRÖHLICH – Croatian Chamber of Economy (HR) *
- 18.00 – 18.30 **DISCUSSION**
- 20.00 – 22.00 Dinner with wine tasting in Pezinok (20 km from Bratislava)

Friday 29 September 2006

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT : A COMPLEX TASK (How to help the candidate countries – 2 parallel workshops)

- 9.00 – 10.30 **Workshop 1 : PROGRAMME APPROACH TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
Chairperson
 Planning in regional development
 Setting priorities : Determining the principle of regional development
- 9.00 – 10.30 **Workshop 2 : IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES**
Chairperson Radoslav BEHUL – Director of Regional Programme Implementation
 Department, Ministry of Construction and Regional Development (SK)
 Implementation of regional development programmes and their evaluation
 Filling the project pipeline
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 12.30 **PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKSHOPS**
 (Chairpersons of Workshops)
CONCLUSIONS (Christian Saublens)
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 15.30 **EXCURSION : STUDY TRIP ON SOME SITES OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**