



Strasbourg, 30 June 2006

For the attention of: Presidents of the AER Member Regions  
Members of Committee B

Re: Invitation to the Seminar "Disabilities as a wealth for the Regions" & Plenary Meeting of the AER Committee "Social Cohesion, Social Policy and Public Health"

Dear President, dear Madam/Sir,

We hereby take great pleasure in inviting you to the AER Seminar on "**Disabilities as a wealth for the Regions**", which will take place on 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September 2006 in Timisoara, at the kind invitation of the Consiliul Judetean Timis (RO). This meeting is organised by the Committee on "Social Cohesion, Social Policy and Public Health" of the Assembly of European Regions (AER).

The aim of the seminar is to present the general situation of disabled people in Europe and analyse ways in which their integration into society can contribute to the wealth of the regions. Concrete examples from the regions will show how the policies can contribute to the changing of mentalities. The conclusions of the seminar will be integrated in the preparation of Committee B's contribution of "2007-Year of equal opportunities for all".

The meeting will also be an occasion to follow up the Committee's activities. A special focus will be given to the nomination of the candidates for the Presidium of Committee B. All persons interested in playing a more active role in the Presidium of Committee "Social Cohesion, Social Policy and Public Health" are kindly requested to contact the Committee Secretariat.

You will find attached a draft programme for this meeting, a registration form and some practical information. Please return your completed registration form to the Committee Secretariat by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at the latest, in order to allow for the optimal organisation of this event.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee Secretariat (Ms O. Georgoutsakou, Policy Coordinator to the Committee: [g.ourania@a-e-r.org](mailto:g.ourania@a-e-r.org); or Ms C. Meschede, Committee Assistant: [c.meschede@a-e-r.org](mailto:c.meschede@a-e-r.org); tel: +33 3 88 22 74 33/35).

We look forward to meeting you in Timisoara.

Sincerely,

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