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“Identity”

Regions as building blocks for Europe

WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER

15:00 – 18:00	Registration of Participants (<i>at the Meeting Venue</i>)
15:00 – 16:00	Presidium Meeting (<i>Presidium members only</i>)
16:00 – 16:30	Press Conference Riccardo Illy and Klaus Klipp present the AER General Assembly 2007
16:30– 18:30	Bureau Meeting (<i>Bureau members only</i>)

THURSDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER - GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AER MEMBERS ONLY

08:30 – 09:30	Registration of Participants (<i>at the Meeting Venue</i>)
09:30 – 09:45	I Opening Riccardo Illy, President of the Region Friuli Venezia Giulia (I) and AER President
09:45 – 10:50	II Adoption of the Draft Agenda
	III Adoption of the minutes of the last General Assembly (Palma de Mallorca, 9 & 10 November 2006)
	IV State of Membership and approval of new members
	V Financial matters
	1 Adoption of the annual accounts 2006 B. Greenslade, Vice-President Treasurer
	2 Report of the Auditor, P. Maire, KPMG
	3 Adoption of the draft budget 2008 B. Greenslade, Vice-President Treasurer
	4 Upcoming General Assembly, R. Koivisto President of Tampere
	VI Activity reports of the AER President and Secretary General

SESSION OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

10:50 – 12:10	<p>VII Activity Reports of the AER Committees and Programmes and adoption of documents</p> <p>1 Committee 1 on Economy and Regional Development President Onno Hoes</p> <p>2 Committee 2 on Social Policy and Public Health President Constantin Ostaficiuc</p> <p>3 Committee 3 on Culture, Education and Interregional Co-operation, President Johanna Mikl-Leitner</p> <p>4 Standing Committee on Institutional Affairs Vice-President of the Standing Committee Roy Perry</p> <p>5 Standing Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation President Brian Greenslade</p> <p>6 Working Group on Equal Opportunities President Michèle Sabban</p> <p>7 Programmes (Summer School, Youth Summer School and Eurodyssee), Secretary General Klaus Klipp</p> <p>8 Youth Team, President Claire Bridges</p>
12:10 – 12:25	VIII Communication Award Ceremony
12:25 – 12:45	<p>IX Speech by Predrag Matvejevic</p> <p>Writer, Professor of Slavic studies at the Sapienza University in Rome <u>"Reflections on European identities in the European Union in the wider Europe"</u> Discussion</p>
12:45 – 13:10	<p>X Speech by Alain Gagnon</p> <p>Professor in Montreal, Director of the interdisciplinary Center for research on diversity in Québec (CRIDAQ) <u>"The future of national State and regional State: challenges linked to social cohesion, accountability and socialization"</u> Discussion</p>
13:10 – 13:30	<p>XI Speech by Susan Justesen</p> <p>Founder of the Innoversity Network (Copenhagen Business School) and visiting Scholar in Stanford <u>"Diversity as a building block for innovation in Europe"</u> Discussion</p>

13:30 Family photo and lunch

14:45 – 17:30	<p>XII OPEN SPACE ON REGIONAL AND EUROPEAN IDENTITIES</p> <p>Debates will be fostered among the participants and encouraged by various media (audio, video, visual). This session will be moderated by selected speakers and the AER staff in different languages.</p>
Debate	<p>Debate with your counterparts on European identity, following the House of Common's way of working! <u>Keynote speakers include: Paolo Costa</u> (member of the European Parliament and President of the Commission for transports and tourism)</p>
Lounge	<p>Enjoy a break and meet the GA speakers or get an overview of the variety of regional newspapers and give an interview to the AER European-Regional channel!</p>
Workshops	<p>Listen to prominent experts and bring your own experience of regional identity! <u>Experts include: Christos Sirros</u> (Politician from the Province of Québec)</p>

Market Place	Stroll through the European market to gather more information on the AER and its partners, watch your counterpart's interviews and leave your marks on the walls!
Speakers' corner	Listen to controversial speakers and benefit from simultaneous translation in various languages ¹ . Speakers include: Jean Paul Nerrière about the Globish language, Prof. Charles Ricq and Stefan Schäfer (IFOK).
European Map	Localize your region on the AER <i>Tabula Regionum Europae</i> and give all participants an insight into typical aspects of your region!
Gallery	Illustrate your European and Regional feeling by choosing a representative picture and enriching it with your personal experience. Hang it out for your counterparts to see throughout the meeting room.
16:30 – 17:00	Press Conference "Identity and diversity" Riccardo Illy and Paolo Costa

20:30 Official dinner in Trieste

FRIDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER

09:30 - 10:30	XIII Fishbowl discussion Roundtable on the previous day's results, recommendations, learning, open questions
10:30 – 12:00	XIV Moderated talk on the regional aspect of identity with Karl-Heinz Lambertz Prime Minister of the German-speaking Community of Belgium Moni Ovadia Actor, musician and writer
12:00 – 12:15	XV Most Youth Friendly Region Award Ceremony
12:15 – 12:45	XVI Adoption of the Final Declaration
12:45 – 13:00	XVII Innovation Award Ceremony
13:00 – 13:30	XVIII Speech by José Manuel Barroso President of the European Commission
13:30 – 13:45	XIX Concluding remarks
13:45 – 14:15	XX Press Conference Riccardo Illy- José Manuel Barroso

13:45 Lunch

¹ English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Romanian, Swedish