

Conference

Overcoming Regional Disparities

How to achieve a better, EU-coherent implementation of regional policies?

September 6th & 7th, 2010 - Ohrid (Macedonia)
Hotel INEX Gorica

Programme

5 th September	
Afternoon	Arrival of participants
19:00	Reception and Dinner

6 th September - 1 st Conference Day	
09:30	<p>Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musa Xhaferri, Macedonian Minister of Local Self-Government • Walter Leuch, Deputy Ambassador of Germany
10:15	<p>Key Speaker 1: Pascal Goergen Diplomatic Representative of the Brussels Capital Region to the EU, Delegate of Belgium for Regional Policy during the Belgian Presidency</p> <p><i>“EU policy and frame conditions for future regional development beyond 2013.”</i></p>
11:00	<p>Key Speaker 2: Ognjen Mirić Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, Bozidar Djelic</p> <p><i>“Challenges and specific requirements for a successful implementation of regional development strategies in SEE and Caucasus countries.”</i></p>



11:45	Coffee break
12:15	<p>Key Speaker 3: Ferenc Varga National Association of County Governments, Chairman of Int'l Relations and EU Policies Working Committee</p> <p><i>“Building structures for regional development - lessons learnt from the Hungarian example.”</i></p>
13:00	Lunch
15:00	<p>Thematic Working Groups:</p>
	<p><i>WG 1: Political and administrative frame conditions for regional development</i> <u>Impulse speaker:</u> David Chichinadze, Ministry for Regional Development and Infrastructure (Georgia) Nenad Starc Institute of Economics Zagreb (Croatia)</p>
	<p><i>WG 2: Mobilizing participation for regional development</i> <u>Impulse speaker:</u> Mr. Stefanov, Institute for Regional Development (Bulgaria) Natasa Corbic, National Council for Decentralisation (Bulgaria)</p>
18:30	<p><i>WG 3: Financing regional development</i> <u>Impulse speaker:</u> Tatjana Arsova, National Expert for Regional Development (Macedonia) NN</p>
	<p>Cultural programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City tour to the old town of Ohrid (World Cultural Heritage) ○ Joint dinner in a traditional restaurant

7th September – 2nd Conference Day

<p>09:00</p>	<p>Main findings of the working groups</p> <p>David Melua (Rapporteur WG 1) Iliana Filipova (Rapporteur WG 2) NN (Rapporteur WG 3)</p>
<p>09:45</p>	<p>Podium Discussion:</p> <p>“Perspectives for future regional development policies”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to overcome regional disparities?</i> • <i>On what has the EU to focus on in future (IPA, ENPI)?</i> • <i>What are the tasks within the countries?</i> • <i>‘Bottom-up’ versus ‘top-down’</i> • <i>Sectoral versus placed based approach</i> <p>Experts:</p> <p>William Tompson, OECD (France) Andrej Horvat, Government of Slovenia (Slovenia) Klaus Klipp, Assembly of European Regions (Belgium) NN</p>
<p>11:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>11:15</p>	<p>Presentation of the final conclusions of the conference:</p> <p>“Ohrid Agenda for Regional Policy in SEE and Caucasus” (working title)</p>
<p>11:45</p>	<p>Official Closing</p>
<p>12:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:00</p>	<p>Excursion (optional):</p> <p><i>Examples for Regional Development in the South West Planning Region of Macedonia</i></p>
<p>19:00</p>	<p>Joint Dinner in a Macedonian village</p>



8th September

Departure of international participants