



12TH AER SUMMER SCHOOL

Sustainable Development and Europe's Regions

Exeter, Devon, United Kingdom

26th – 31st August 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is a pleasure for us to inform you that the Assembly of European Regions (AER) is organising the 12th AER Summer School in Exeter, Devon (UK) from 26th – 31st August 2007. This year's Summer School will focus upon the theme of sustainable development. It is aimed at officers and politicians working in sustainable development or international affairs in regional administrations.

The AER Summer School has been organised on an annual basis since 1995, each year in a different European region, and has proved to be a successful forum for exchange of experience and information between regions from across the European continent. Regional politicians and officers from all over Europe have the opportunity to engage with one another on topics of common interest, to benefit from best practice examples and to learn about new approaches to regional issues.

As in previous years, the Summer School will be organised alongside the Youth Summer School, which will bring together approximately 60 participants between the ages of 18 and 24 to also work on the theme of sustainable development. A number of joint sessions and social events will be organised together with the Youth Summer School participants throughout the week.

Please find with this letter a copy of the programme for the Summer School, as well a registration form and the relevant practical information. Should you be interested in participating in the event, I kindly ask you to return the registration form to the AER Secretariat as soon as possible, as space is limited. Please do not hesitate to contact Martin Mühleck, Policy Coordinator (tel: 0033 3 88227447; fax: 0033 3 88756719; email: m.muehleck@a-e-r.org), should you require any further information about the Summer School.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the AER member regions responsible for organising the 2007 Summer Schools: Brussels Capital, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Istria, Maramures, Olomouc, Vestfold, Vienna, Wallonie, Zurich, Jämtland, Västra Götaland, St. Gallen, Alba, Nordland and, in particular, the host region of Devon (UK).

Best wishes,

Klaus Klipp

Secretary General