

“25 years of Interreg”

15-16 September 2015

Maison du Savoir
Esch-Belval
Luxembourg

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12:30 **Registration, Lunch**

13:30 **Welcome**

- **François Bausch**, Luxembourg Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure
- **Corina Crețu**, European Commissioner for Regional & Urban Policy

14:00 **History of Interreg**

Screening of “Le dessous des cartes - Interreg”

“The making of....”

- **Jean-Christophe Victor**, creator and presenter of Le Dessous des Cartes

Personal stories “My story of Interreg”

- **Jens Gabbe**, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)
- **Jean-Claude Sinner**, Ministry of Sustainable development and infrastructure, Head of the European Affairs Division
- **Susanne Scherrer**, Head of the Baltic Sea Region programme

14:45 **The Role of Interreg** (two panel discussions)

Labour market / demographic change

- **Olivier Denert**, Secretary General at Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT)
- **Peter Hansen**, Executive Committee AEBR
- **Magnus Schönning**, Head of the JTS of Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerak programme
- **Eva Lundin**, Senior Advisor at the Hedmark County Council (Norway) - Brain Flow Project
- **Hubert Herzog**, Lower Austrian Federal State Office of Labour Market Services - EXPAK AT-CZ and *NETLAB HU-AT projects*

Environment

- **Blanka Bartol**, Senior Official at the Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning - Project NATREG
- **Raimund Mair**, Technical Expert on River Basin Management at the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- **Pedro Martínez Ruiz**, Director G.S.U.- Área de Fomento, Spain
- **Tarja Richard**, Head of the JTS of Med Programme
- **Denisa Nikolova**, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria

16:15 **Coffee break**

16:45 **Thinking out of the box** (two presentations)

The Behavioural Dimension of International Cooperation

- **Dr. Alejandro Guarín**, Researcher at the German Development Institute, Bonn

Diffusion of Innovation

- **Prof. dr. Zdenka Ženko**, Associate Professor of Innovation management, Assistant Professor of System Theory at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Maribor, Slovenia

17:45 **Launch of European Cooperation Day 2015**

Unveiling of the winner of the slogan contest for Interreg

18:15 **Project Slam**

Competition:

Five projects will be selected and invited. - Tell about your project in an innovative and entertaining way, use props as necessary, no formal language and PowerPoint, 10 min max.

19:30-21:00 **Networking Dinner**

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8:30 **Coffee**

09:00 **Opening**

09:15 **Taking a global view - Africa, Latin America** (Panel Discussion)

Territorial Cooperation - Current state of affairs and opportunities



- **Martine Schommer**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Luxembourg
- **François Albert Amichia**, UEMOA, Ivory Coast
- **Barbara Pesce-Monteiro**, Director of the United Nations Representation Office in Brussels
- **Martín Guillermo Ramírez**, Secretary General of AEBR
- **Patrick Guillaumin**, Deputy Director General in charge of European Affairs, Regional Council of La Réunion (France)

10:30 **Coffee break**

11:00 **Building on 25 years** (Panel Discussion)

Visions for your region/Europe for 2040: What would it take to get there? What would be the role of INTERREG?

- **Iskra Mihaylova**, Member of the European Parliament, Head of Regi Committee (tbc)
- **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, Vice President at the Committee of the Regions
- **Peter Mehlbye**, Head of the Espon programme
- **Kikki Liljeblad**, Municipality of Norrköping, Sweden
- **Marco Zatterin**, Journalist at La Stampa

This conference and in particular this session will inform the General Affairs Council, which will be held 13th October 2015

12:30 **Conclusions**

- **Walter Deffaa**, Director General, DG Regional and Urban policy
- **Camille Gira**, Secretary of State, MDDI Luxembourg

13.00-14:00 **Lunch**

14.15-15.15 Option for guided tour around Belval

