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# **PROGRAMME**







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Maison du Savoir, Esch-Belval, Luxembourg

Wednesday 16 September 2015

08:30	Coffee
09:00	Opening
09:15	Taking a global view - Africa, Latin America  Territorial Cooperation - Current state of affairs and opportunities  Manuel Tonnar, Deputy Director for Development Cooperation, Luxembourgish Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Moderator  Boubacar Bah, Vice-President of the Council of Local Authorities, Economic and Monetary Union West Africa (UEMOA), President of the Association of Local Authorities of Mali  Jaime del Castillo Hermosa, President of Infyde  Patrick Guillaumin, Deputy Director General in charge of European Affairs, Regional Council of La Réunion  Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Secretary General of AEBR  Johannes Krassnitzer, Programme Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Building on 25 years  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, Chair of REGI Committee  > Karl-Heinz Lambertz, Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions  > Kikki Liljeblad, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the municipality of Norrköping, Sweden  > Peter Mehlbye, Director of the ESPON EGTC  > Marco Zatterin, Journalist at La Stampa  This conference and in particular this session will inform the General Affairs Council which will be held on 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2015.
12:30	Conclusions  > Walter Deffaa, Director General, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban policy  > Camille Gira, Secretary of State, Luxembourgish Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:15	> Option for guided tour around Belval







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12:30	Registration, Lunch	
Moderator: <b>Jon Worth</b> , Blogger and Consultant		
13:30	Welcome > François Bausch, Luxembourgish Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure > Corina Creţu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy	
14:00	History of Interreg  Screening of "Le dessous des cartes - Interreg"  "The making of"  > Jean-Christophe Victor, Head of French think tank LEPAC, author of Arte weekly program 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, Head of the European Affairs Division, Luxembourgish Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure  > Susanne Scherrer, Director of the Managing Authority of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region programme  Screening of the video of present and past Commissioners in charge of EU Regional Policy	
14:45	The Role of Interreg  Labour market / demographic change  > Olivier Denert, Secretary General at Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT)  > Peter Hansen, Executive Committee AEBR  > Magnus Schönning, Head of the Joint Secretariat of Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerak programme  > Eva Lundin, Senior Advisor at the Hedmark County Council (Norway) - Brain Flow Project, Interreg IV C programme  > Hubert Herzog, Lower Austrian Federal State Office of Labour Market Services - EXPAK AT-CZ and NETLAB HU-AT projects  Environment  > Maria Duzova, Director General, Bulgarian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works  > Blanka Bartol, Senior Official at the Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning - Project NATREG, South-East Programme  > Raimund Mair, Technical Expert on River Basin Management at the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River  > Pedro Martínez Ruiz, Managing Director of Urban Services, Diputación de Salamanca, Bin-Sal-Riesgos project, ES-PT (POCTEP) Programme  > Tarja Richard, Head of the Joint Secretariat of Interreg MED programme	
16:15	Coffee break	
16:45	<ul> <li>Thinking out of the box         The Behavioural Dimensions of International Cooperation         &gt; Dr. Alejandro Guarín, Researcher at the German Development Institute, Bonn         The Diffusion of Innovation     </li> <li>&gt; Prof. dr. Zdenka Ženko, Associate Professor of Innovation management, Assistant Professor of System Theory at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Maribor</li> </ul>	
17:45	Launch of European Cooperation Day 2015  Awarding the winner of the slogan contest for Interreg	
18:15	Project Slam Contest The five selected projects will tell us about their project in an innovative and entertaining way. The audience will select the winning project.	
19:30-21:00	Networking Dinner	