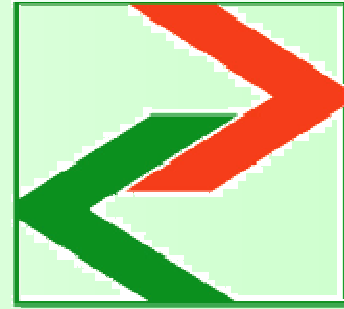


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AEBR GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

As already announced, our General Assembly and Annual Conference will in this year take place in Dundalk (Republic of Ireland) from 21 to 23 October 2010. The main topic will be "Territorial Cooperation in a Post-Crisis Scenario. Contribution of CBC".

Apart from the main plenary sessions "NEW CHALLENGES FOR CBC IN A POST CRISIS SCENARIO", "CB SOLUTIONS FOR TERRITORIAL COHESION", "THE CASE OF THE HOST: CBC IN TOURISM - A KEY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT", 4 workshops will be offered on the subjects CB Health, External Borders, Border Languages, and Communication.

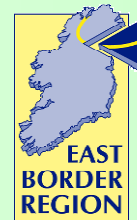
Working languages will be English, French, German, and Spanish.

The updated programme version is now available on www.aebr.eu (http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=256#56). There, you will also find practical information on accommodation and travelling.

We are pleased to announce that Director General Dirk Ahner has already announced his participation. We wait for confirmations from high-ranking European politicians and experts to take part in our Annual event.

Deadline for registrations : **17 September 2010**.

*Photos from
Ireland /
Northern Ireland
(Source: East
Border Region)*



Cloughmore Stone, Rostrevor



Silent Valley

AEBR CROSS-BORDER AWARD "SAIL OF PAPENBURG 2010" - APPLY NOW!

The AEBR Award "Sail of Papenburg", which was endowed by the Ems Dollart Region on the occasion of the *AEBR Annual Conference 2002 in Papenburg* (Ems Dollart Region), will be bestowed also in the year 2010.

The motto for this year's award is:

"Territorial Cooperation in a Post-Crisis Scenario. Contribution of CBC."

Due to the special motto for this year for the first time, not only **projects and activities**, but also **concepts and project ideas can be submitted**. It is explicitly required that its implementation is realistic and comprehensible for the border or cross-border region.

This motto is very much related to the main subject of the AEBR Annual Conference taking place from 21st to 23rd October 2010 in Dundalk, East Border Region (Republic of Ireland/Northern Ireland), where the winner of the AEBR Cross Border Award "Sail of Papenburg 2010" will be presented and awarded the prize.

The **application forms** and the **criteria for bestowing the award** can be found on the [AEBR website](http://bit.ly/9LaG0s) (<http://bit.ly/9LaG0s>).

Application can be submitted until **20 September 2010**.

Since 2002, the international jury always identified a winner:

- 2009: [Euregio Scheldemond](http://www.euregioscheldemond.be) (www.euregioscheldemond.be) (BE/NL)
- 2008: [Upper Rhine Region](http://www.eucor.uni.org/site/home-198.html) (www.eucor.uni.org/site/home-198.html) and [Euroregion Galicia \(ES\) / Norte de Portugal \(PT\)](http://www.galicia-nortept.org) (www.galicia-nortept.org)
- 2007: [Euregio Rhein-Waal](http://www.euregio.org) (www.euregio.org) (NL/DE)
- 2006: [Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia](http://www.regione.fvg.it) (www.regione.fvg.it) (IT)
- 2005: [ICBAN - Irish Central Border Area Network](http://www.icban.com) (www.icban.com) (R.o.I./N.I.)
- 2004: [EUREGIO](http://www.euregio.nl) (www.euregio.nl) (DE/NL)
- 2003: [Euregio Steiermark/Slowenien](http://bit.ly/aoE1qg) (<http://bit.ly/aoE1qg>) (AT/SLO)
- 2002 Euroregion Lower Danube



AEBR Award "Sail of Papenburg"

If you would like to see the name of your euroregion or border/cross-border region in this list, you are cordially invited to send your application to the [AEBR head office](#)

2nd AEBR Summer Seminar for Border Youth, 19 - 23 July 2010, Trieste

For this year's Youth Seminar, organised by the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and the AEBR Task Force of External Borders, 10 applicants were selected by the TFEB jury. They come from different European countries: Belgium, Russia, Slovenia, Moldova, Ukraine, Romania, the youngest participant is 22 years of age, the oldest 27 years.

The aims of this seminar are manifold: To provide the youth information on study possibilities abroad in other border regions, to work on principles of cross-border cooperation on the European, regional, and local level, and to encourage the universities in the external borders to be more international and to provide international studies. As stated by Urpo Moisis, Chairman of the TFEB, "It is more likely, that a young person, who goes to

study in another border region, will return back to benefit his/her own region. This is if we compare to the youth going to study in the capitals".

One of the participants, Ms. Elena Itani, already participated for the second time and therefore also acted as a tutor.

The forum is supported by *Erdisu*, the *Programme for territorial cooperation of Italia and Slovenia*, the *Italy-Austria Interreg IV programme*, the *UNESCO Centre in Trieste*, and *TRIESTE TRASPORTI S.p.A.* for local transfer.



Task Force of External Borders

The programme of this seminar is available on our [website](http://bit.ly/bUfM39) (<http://bit.ly/bUfM39>). There, you will soon find a detailed report about the Youth

CB Health - EUREGIO II blog

In the newsletter of June 2010 attention was given to legal challenges in border regions when cooperating in health care. As part of the development of a legal report a moderated discussion – blog – is being host on these legal issues affecting cross-border health care cooperation. We have had some inter-

esting input from stakeholders, policy makers and academics. Summarizing the input projects and cooperation are generally speaking not hindered by legal challenges. Second there is indeed a debate necessary to solve still existing problems; this debate will be strengthened by the input of many different

stakeholders.

Therefore we invite you to also come and participate in this online international high level debate. Please visit the blog at: <http://inthehealth.eu/research/euregio-ii/blog/>.

CoR Opinion on “Reinforcing Economic Policy Coordination”

AEBR Executive Committee Member, Mr Konstantinos Tatsis, has been appointed by the Committee of the Regions as Rapporteur for the opinion on “**Reinforcing Economic Policy Coordination**”.

The opinion is a response to the European Commission communications COM(2010) 250 and COM(2010) 367 which aim at finding a remedy to the weaknesses in the functioning of the existing framework for the economic policy co-ordination at the European level. The European Commission argues that since its introduction in 1999 the implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact has been seriously hampered by the lack of consequent application and that to tackle the shortcomings in the co-ordination of economic policy, a new approach and

a new framework for better, more efficient and productive co-ordination of economic policies is needed.

The approach is based on stipulations primarily concerning the members of EUROZONE, however, the economic rules are relevant for all the economies of the European Union.

As part of the preparations for the CoR opinion on this topic the rapporteur, **Mr Konstantinos Tatsis**, member of the CoR ECOS Commission, and his expert, **Ms Anastasia Panopoulou** held a meeting with representatives of the associations of local and regional authorities and other stakeholders for a consultation and exchange of views on his opinion. This consultation took place at the Committee of the Regions on

Tuesday 27 July.

The consultation focused on the fact that in order to achieve its objectives, the coordination of economic policy has to proportionally involve the regional and local authorities, particularly with regard to the competencies in the area of budget and consequently all the policy areas for which the budgetary implications are crucial; such as for example education, public procurement and SME support policies.

Furthermore, the role of local and regional authorities in the policies within the EU2020 strategy and within the context of the programming of the European Semester were explored.

(http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=329#329)

Juvenes Translatores 2010: New Translation Contest

After three successful rounds, the European Commission will run the **JUVENES TRANSLADORES** translation contest for the fourth time in 2010.

The contest is being organised for 17 year olds in secondary schools throughout the European Union.

They will be required to translate a text in any language pair of their choice from among the 23 official languages of the EU.

Translators from the European Commission will mark and select the best translation for each Member State.

The winners will be invited on a three-day visit to Brussels!

Register for the contest between 1 September and 20 October 2010 via the website: <http://ec.europa.eu/translatores> or contact DGT-TRANSLADORES@ec.europa.eu for further information.



Contest day: 23 November 2010
Announcement of the winners and award ceremony: 1st half of 2011

BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

From 1st July to 31st December 2010, it is Belgium's turn to take over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU).

Priorities of the Belgian Presidency are among others the financial crisis, climate change, EU enlargement, and the European External Action Service. Full information on the tasks and aims can be found in the [Programme of the](#)

[Belgian Presidency \(www.eutrio.be\)](http://www.eutrio.be).

The [Calendar of events \(www.eutrio.be/calendar\)](http://www.eutrio.be/calendar) regularly informs about events organised in the scope of the Belgian Presidency.



Official Website of the
Belgian Presidency:
www.eutrio.be

Events of European Institutions

- 8 September 2010, Brussels: **ESPON Info Day on New Calls and Partner Café**. For more information and to register, please visit the [ESPON website \(www.espon.eu\)](http://www.espon.eu). Deadline for registration: 26 August 2010 at 15.00h. Seats are limited, offered on a first come, first served basis.
- 13 September 2010, 13.00-15.30, Brussels: Workshop **"TRANSPARENCY FOR REGIONAL POLICY"**. Venue: European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels. Hosted by MEP Michail Tremopoulos, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Regional Development (contact for more infos: michail.tremopoulos@europarl.europa.eu).
- 13 September 2010, Strasbourg: Congress Working Group on Inter-regional Co-operation
- 15 September, Public Hearing on EGTCs at the European Parliament, Brussels
- 30 September, High Level meeting on Local Governance, Belgium Presidency
- 4 - 7 October 2010, Brussels: **OPEN DAYS 2010**. [Register now](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2010/reg_frame.cfm?nmenu=500) on http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2010/reg_frame.cfm?nmenu=500
- 14 - 15 October 2010, Rabat/Morocco: EURISY conference on Development and Cooperation in the Mediterranean Region
- 26-28 October 2010, 19th Plenary Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Strasbourg

Calls for Tenders

- [Study on the implementation of the provisions of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive concerning the promotion of European works in audiovisual media services - SMART2010/0002](http://bit.ly/95LHxf) (<http://bit.ly/95LHxf>). Deadline: 15.09.2010
- [Better policies and instruments in support of eco-innovation](http://bit.ly/aYIWP2) (<http://bit.ly/aYIWP2>). Deadline: 30.09.2010
- [Resource and economic efficiency of water distribution networks in the EU](http://bit.ly/bGAfNW) (<http://bit.ly/bGAfNW>). Deadline: 06.08.2010
- [Recovery of Obsolete Vessels not used in the Fishing Trade](http://bit.ly/bp4DD3) (<http://bit.ly/bp4DD3>). Deadline: 09.08.2010
- [Macroeconomic modelling of sustainable development and the links between the economy and the environment](http://bit.ly/dynBCI). (<http://bit.ly/dynBCI>). Deadline: 16.08.2010
- [Delivering environmental benefits through entry-level agri-environmental schemes in the EU](http://bit.ly/bRyG2d). (<http://bit.ly/bRyG2d>). Deadline: 03.09.2010
- [Water Performance of Buildings](http://bit.ly/cuZKXF). (<http://bit.ly/cuZKXF>). Deadline: 06.09.2010
- EAC/09/2010: [European Expert Network on Culture \(EENC\)](http://bit.ly/d8CEXP) (<http://bit.ly/d8CEXP>). Deadline: 17.09.2010
- EAC/17/2010: [Study of the impact of Comenius centralised actions: Comenius multilateral projects and Comenius multilateral networks](http://bit.ly/dvfvVB) (<http://bit.ly/dvfvVB>). Deadline: 17.09.2010
- EAC/18/2010: [Study of the Impact of eTwinning on the participating pupils, teachers and schools](http://bit.ly/b6DS6d) (<http://bit.ly/b6DS6d>). Deadline for submission of offers: 17.09.2010
- EAC/02/10: [Framework contract services to provide expertise and support for European cooperation in education and training](http://bit.ly/d4LWmg). (<http://bit.ly/d4LWmg>). Prior Information Notice.
- [Monitoring the implementation of selected PHARE projects in Romania](http://bit.ly/bCpNAP) (<http://bit.ly/bCpNAP>). Deadline: 10.09.2010.
- [Monitoring the implementation of selected PHARE projects in Bulgaria](http://bit.ly/bCpNAP) (<http://bit.ly/bCpNAP>). Deadline: 10.09.2010.
- [Costs and benefits arising from the establishment of maritime zones in the Mediterranean Sea](http://bit.ly/duPe33) (<http://bit.ly/duPe33>). Deadline: 01.09.2010.
- n° 2010.CE.16.B.AT.036 – [Ex post evaluation of investment projects co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund \(ERDF\) or the Cohesion Fund \(CF\) in the period 1994-1999](http://bit.ly/aLZx9t). (<http://bit.ly/aLZx9t>). Deadline: 26.08.2010
- n° 2010CE16BAT030 - ["Measuring the impact of changing regulatory requirements to administrative cost and administrative burden of managing EU Structural Funds"](http://ec.europa.eu/region_policy/tender/pdf/201030/qa1.pdf) (http://ec.europa.eu/region_policy/tender/pdf/201030/qa1.pdf). Deadline: 09.08.2010
- n° 2010.CE.16.B.AT.031 – [Evaluation of the achievements of ERDF programmes over the longer term in 15 selected regions \(from 1989-1993 programming period up to the present\)](http://bit.ly/9Kzfdj). (<http://bit.ly/9Kzfdj>). Deadline: 13.08.2010
- [Monitor human resources policies and practices in research, assess the impact of the "Scientific Visa" package and monitor the implementation of Pan-EU Pension Schemes targeted at Researchers](http://bit.ly/97xMs2). (<http://bit.ly/97xMs2>). Deadline: 30.08.2010
- [BEPA visitors programme](http://bit.ly/caBCtE) (<http://bit.ly/caBCtE>)

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- [EU launches negotiations on Association Agreements with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia](http://bit.ly/9zHK3q) (<http://bit.ly/9zHK3q>)
- [The four Member State expert working groups established in the 2008-2010 Workplan for Culture have published their final reports](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/news2742_en.htm) (http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/news2742_en.htm)
- New Panorama magazine of DG REGIO: „Regional policy - an integrated approach - A 360° view“ (<http://bit.ly/ctNiiR>)
- [Council conclusions on Commission strategic report on roll-out of European cohesion policy](http://bit.ly/aCxfiB) (<http://bit.ly/aCxfiB>)
- New measures put in place to simplify management of regional funds: [Press Release](http://bit.ly/c5DouD) (<http://bit.ly/c5DouD>)/ [Amended Regulation](http://bit.ly/ayzvAu) (<http://bit.ly/ayzvAu>)
- Commission reinforces ties with Moldova and Ukraine on regional policy (updated link missing at the moment)
- In order to attract leading experts from academia, international organisations, governments and top research institutions, BEPA has established a [visitors programme](http://bit.ly/caBCtE) (<http://bit.ly/caBCtE>). The visitors' areas of expertise cover a wide range of topics, including the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth; energy and climate change; strategic partnerships and the European Union's external relations; science, technology and innovation; political and economic governance; culture and creativity.
- [FP7: the future of European Union research policy](http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.cfm) (http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.cfm).

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Press:

[Carlos Coelho: Passport free Schengen proof of a Europe of the people](http://bit.ly/bDC8Qi) (<http://bit.ly/bDC8Qi>)

[Europe must push for a healthy Africa](http://bit.ly/abE2C8) (<http://bit.ly/abE2C8>)

Committee on Development

Report on [poverty reduction and job creation in developing countries: the way forward](http://bit.ly/bGTBGR) (<http://bit.ly/bGTBGR>) (Eleni Theocharous)

[Report on progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals: mid-term review in preparation of the UN high-level meeting in September 2010](http://bit.ly/aSzoT5) (<http://bit.ly/aSzoT5>) (Michael Cashman)

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

[Report on the Commission Green Paper on the management of bio-waste in the European Union](http://bit.ly/bA9QRi) (<http://bit.ly/bA9QRi>) (José Manuel Fernandes)

[Recommendation on the draft Council decision concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean](http://bit.ly/c8HlHD) (<http://bit.ly/c8HlHD>) (Jo Leinen)

Committee on Transport and Tourism

[Recommendation for second reading on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other modes of transport](http://bit.ly/deVphv) (<http://bit.ly/deVphv>) (Anne E. Jensen)

[Report on a sustainable future for transport](http://bit.ly/9Ocq1Y) (<http://bit.ly/9Ocq1Y>) (Mathieu Grosch)

Committee on Regional Development

[Position Paper on the future Cohesion Policy post 2013](http://bit.ly/dvJLmq), (<http://bit.ly/dvJLmq>) Letter signed by Danuta Maria Hübner to José Manuel Barroso

[REGI News](http://bit.ly/9hiifG) (<http://bit.ly/9hiifG>) July 2010

[Report on the contribution of EU regional policy towards fighting the financial and economic crisis, with a special reference to Objective 2](http://bit.ly/bvllR4) (<http://bit.ly/bvllR4>) (Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Committee on Regional Development)

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

[AGRI NEWS](http://bit.ly/cS5jrQ) (<http://bit.ly/cS5jrQ>) (July edition of the Newsletter of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development)

[Report on the future of the Common Agricultural Policy after 2013](http://bit.ly/ajlz2C) (<http://bit.ly/ajlz2C>) (George Lyon)

PRESENTATIONS AND NEWS OF AEBR MEMBER REGIONS



EUROACE - the Spanish/Portuguese Euroregion covering Alentejo, Centro, and Extremadura, was created in the year 2009. All partner regions are members of AEBR: Alentejo and Centro since 2007, Extremadura already since 1992. The [presentation](http://www.aebr.net/news/news_regions.php?lc=en&nid=332) (http://www.aebr.net/news/news_regions.php?lc=en&nid=332) is available in English, German and French on the AEBR website, giving you full information about the activities, aims and tasks of EUROACE. Furthermore, it contains photos from each partner, but also from the border between Spain and Portugal.

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The EuRegio Salzburg-Berchtesgadener Land - Traunstein was founded in 1995 and became a member of AEBR already 2 years later. You will find more information about the activities, aims and task of this EuRegio at the German/Austrian

border in the [detailed presentation](http://www.aebr.net/news/news_regions.php?lc=en&nid=331) (http://www.aebr.net/news/news_regions.php?lc=en&nid=331) which is available in German on the AEBR website. Photos on cross-border activities are included as well.

Our borderland - between vision and practice, 28 - 29 October 2010, Szczecin (PL)

Szczecin Municipality together with its German partners from the Pomerania Euroregion are preparing the third edition of the Trans-border Conference 'Our borderland - between vision and practice.'

The conference will take place on **28-29 October** in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Szczecin. This year, the focus is set on the issues concerning the setting up of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation.

Effective management of the European

funds allocated to the cross-border cooperation and overcoming the formal and legal obstacles – these subjects gain nowadays more and more in importance.

Therefore, it seems crucial to debate on the EGTC and to try to find the added value of this form of cooperation. The organisers count on your active participation in the conference and hope that you will take it under consideration.

For questions or suggestions do not hesitate to contact the organisers by [e-mail](mailto:bwm@um.szczecin.pl) (bwm@um.szczecin.pl).



Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru (RO/MD) - Relief efforts after heavy floodings

The **Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion** (No. 135 on the AEBR map of border regions) became a member of AEBR in 2003 and is composed of the two Romanian counties Iasi and Vaslui, and the Moldovan districts of Basarabasca, Calarasi, Cimislia, Criuleni, Dubasari, Hincesti, Ialoveni, Leova, Nisporeni, Orhei, Rezina, Soroca, Soldanesti,

Telenesti, Ungheni, Anenii Noi, Floresti and Straseni. As most of our readers certainly know, heavy rainfall and increased flows of three main rivers that cross the Euroregion (the rivers Siret, Prut, and Nistru) and their tributaries caused floodings and disastrous effects in several regions in Romania and Moldova. A help request of Siret-Prut-

Nistru was forwarded to all AEBR members, and we would like to thank especially our members Navarra, Galicia, EuRegio Salzburg-Berchtesgadener Land-Traunstein, and Euroregion Elbe/Labe for their prompt actions and helpful proposals.

MAIN AEBR EVENTS 2010

9 September, Kharkiv Seminar and Task Force External Borders Meeting

16 September 2010, AEBR Forum *Languages and European Integration*. (Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, IT / Croatia)

17-18 September 2010, AEBR Executive Committee in Udine (Friuli-Venezia Giulia, IT)

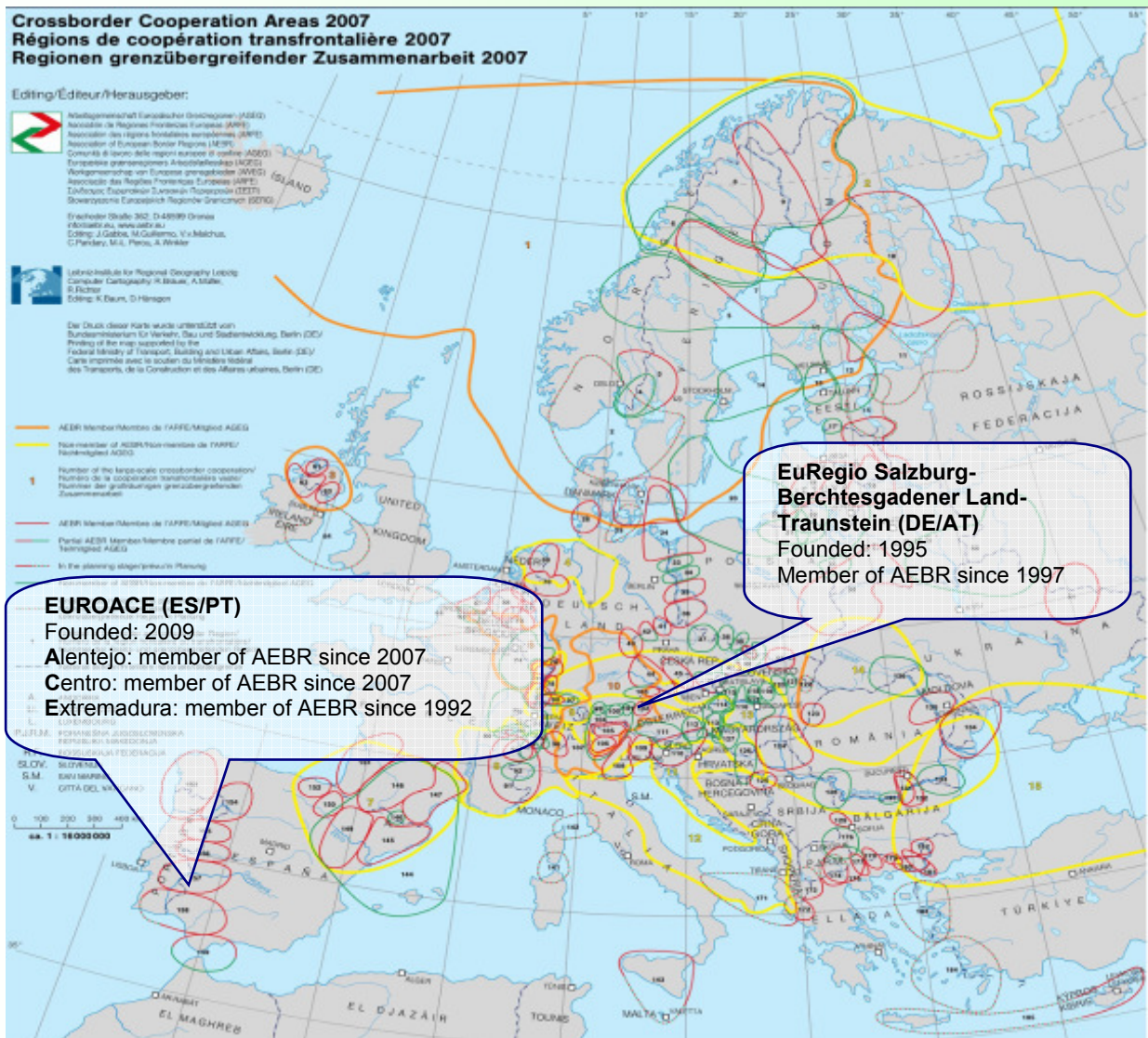
20-25 September 2010, CBC Circle Conference Finland-Russia-Estonia

4-7 October, activities during the Open Days 2010

21-23 October 2010, AEBR Executive Committee, [General Assembly and Annual Conference](http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=256#56) (http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=256#56), Dundalk-Newry (Ireland-Northern Ireland).

December, AEBR Forum in Prague (CZ)

December 2010, Executive Committee meeting, Tabor, Silva Nortica (CZ)



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In the September edition:

- *Launching of the new AEBR Website*
- *Latest News about the AEBR Annual Conference in Dundalk*
- *Up-to-date news from our member regions*

The “**Association of European Border Regions**” (AEBR) is the oldest independent association of regions in Europe, founded in 1971, and the only one dealing with Cross-Border Cooperation (CBC). AEBR has almost forty years of extensive theoretical and practical experience in all aspects related to CBC, but also in the fields of inter-regional and transnational co-operation.

With one hundred members (European border and cross-border regions), the AEBR is a forum for cross-border cooperation and makes the voice of the border and cross-border regions heard at European level.

Euroregions, border and cross-border regions or organisations, which would like to receive information about the conditions of an AEBR membership, are invited to contact the **AEBR Head Office** (c.pandary@aebr.eu).

The AEBR Newsflash is sent to everyone on the AEBR “members and friends” e-mail list. If you have friends or colleagues who would like to be added to the mailing list, please send their details to the **AEBR Head Office** (n.laouad@aebr.eu).

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