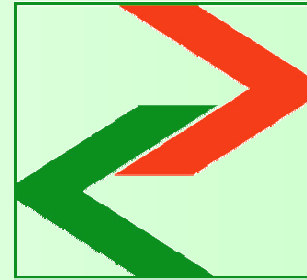


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AEBR GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

“Territorial Cohesion in a Post-Crisis Scenario. Contribution of Cross-Border Cooperation”.

**Only 5 days left to register for the AEBR main event of the year!
 Already 180 registrations, number growing every day!**

Final programme (now also in Spanish) available on http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=35.

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Why you should not miss the AEBR Annual Conference 2010:

- ◆ Listen what Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy, and other high-ranking politicians and representatives, e.g. from the Council of Europe, the Committee of the Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee, and AEBR member regions have to say on territorial cohesion and the contribution of cross-border cooperation.
- ◆ Promote your partnership and meet with border/cross-border region representatives and practitioners from 24 European countries. This year, also a Turkish delegation is going to attend.
- ◆ Be the first one to know the names of the new AEBR Executive Committee after the election in the General Assembly.
- ◆ Get to know first hand who has won the AEBR Cross-Border Award “Sail of Papenburg 2010”.
- ◆ Learn more about 10 selected AEBR member regions and their projects in the exhibition taking place in the scope of the conference.
- ◆ Pick up materials from the stands of DG Regio, CoR, Eurisy, INTERMODES, Euro-Institut Kehl, and get first-hand information.
- ◆ Take actively part in one of the workshops organised on Thursday, 21 October, on CB Health; External Borders; or Languages and Borders.
- ◆ Enjoy the Irish cultural programme, the gala dinners and excursion organised by our host East Border Region.



The Annual Conference of AEBR will take place in Dundalk, East Border Region (Republic of Ireland) from 21st to 23rd October 2010.

A press conference will be held at the conference venue on Friday, 22 October 2010, at 10.00h.

If you have not yet registered, you are kindly invited to do so as soon as possible (information and registration forms are available on http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=35).



AEBR AWARD SAIL OF PAPENBURG 2010

Eight regions are competing for the **Sail of Papenburg 2010** with the motto "Territorial Cooperation in a Post-Crisis Scenario. Contribution of CBC." Due to the high quality of the proposals, the international jury is still negotiating about the ranking. It remains to be seen which region will be awarded during the AEBR Annual Conference in Dundalk (21-23

October 2010). The ceremony will take place during the gala dinner on Thursday evening, while a presentation of the winning project is going to take place at 10.00h on Friday, 22 October 2010.

On http://www.aebr.eu/en/sail_of_papenburg/region_award.php you can find a description and a list of all winners since the year 2002.



OPEN DAYS 2010



8th European Week of Regions and Cities
Brussels 4 - 7 October 2010

During the Open Days 2010 (5-7 October) in Brussels, once again manifold activities (workshops, seminars, presentations) gathered thousands of European local and regional representatives coming from every part of our continent. The future cohesion policy, the way how the Territorial Agenda will look like after the publication of the 5th Cohesion Report, how the new budgetary lines will affect territorial cooperation, ... all of these topics

where flying overt this years Open Days in official and unofficial meetings. In any case, the answer should come very soon, whenever the new Cohesion Report is approved, and the debates on the future EU budget will be closed.

AEBR representatives took actively part in the Open Days, for more details please log onto http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=37.

AEBR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN UDINE, 17.09.2010

A detailed report about results as well as some photos of this Executive Committee meeting held on 17 September 2010 in Udine, Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia (IT), can be found on http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=31.

SEMINAR 'LANGUAGES IN BORDERS', UDINE, 16.09.2010

On http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=32, you will find detailed information about this seminar, which was organised by the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia (IT).

VI Annual International Conference: «Cross-Border Cooperation: the Russian Federation, the European Union and Norway», St. Petersburg, 21-22 September 2010

AEBR Secretary General Martín Guillermo Ramírez had the chance to speak in the first round table on the "Stablishment of a shared strategy for CBC in Northern Europe", together with representatives of the Russian, Finnish and Norwegian national governments, as well as the Nordic Council of Ministers. Read the whole report on http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=36.

On 15 September 2010, AEBR Secretary General Martín Guillermo Ramírez took part in a **EPP public hearing on „European Grouping of Territorial Co-operation. The first four years“**. During the first round table, chaired by MEP Laszlo Surjan, with the participation of MEP Jan Olbrycht, Dr. Michael Schneider (EPP, CoR), José Antonio Ruíz de Casas (DG Regio), he offered our views on the state-of-the-art of EGTCs. From the public, Jesús Gamallo (Galicia) and Dirk Peters (DG Regio) took the floor as well. A report with photos is available on http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=33.



ULYSSES Partner Meeting in Dundalk (Republic of Ireland), 20 October 2010

On Wednesday, 20 October 2010, the partners of the project ULYSSES (a project part-financed by ESPON) will meet in Dundalk/Ireland. By launching this innovative experimental project idea that makes use of applied research results from ESPON as a yardstick for cross-border spatial development planning, the involved stakeholders had aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- To raise general awareness amongst involved stakeholders on the basic function and the practical utility of decentralised cross-border spatial development planning; and to promote a more widespread use of ESPON research results for elaborating high-quality cross-border spatial development concepts.
- To elaborate multi-thematic territorial analyses for a certain number of cross-border areas, making use of available ESPON applied research results and other local analyses and data.

- To promote the exchange of experience and best practice in the field of cross-border spatial development also by using cross-border strategies for preparing future INTERREG Programmes.
- To promote further application of targeted research results in the selected CBC areas; and to review the general usefulness of applied research results produced by the ESPON Programme in the context of cross-border spatial development planning.

Several changes in the procedures have caused a great delay in the process to develop this project. However, due to the high involvement of several AEBR members, as well as the re-confirmed interest by ESPON, it was possible to submit a revised project application for approval in autumn 2009. On the occasion of a meeting of the project partners on 3rd July 2009 that was attended also by Mr Mehlbye last details and the

necessary further steps were discussed. The project was approved in the beginning of 2010. It has a project duration of 18 months. The following partners participate in the ULYSSES project: region Alsace (FR) as Lead Partner, REGIO BASILIENSIS (CH), Regionalverband Mittlerer Oberrhein (DE), Regionalverband Südlicher Oberrhein (DE), EUREGIO (DE/NL), Prefecture Drama-Kavala-Xanthi (GR), region North Karelia (FI), region Navarra (ES), region Alentejo (PT), region Extremadura (ES), Öresundskomiteen (DK/SE), Euroregion Duna-Körös-Maros-Tisza (HU/RO/RS), city of Szczecin (PL), EuRegio Salzburg - Berchtesgadener Land – Traunstein (DE/AT), Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia (IT), Working Community of the Pyrenees (ES/FR), Euroregion Nemunas (LT), Ems Dollart Region (DE/NL). The AEBR has the function of Help Desk in this project.

EUREGIO II Project: Partner Meeting in Vienna (Austria)

On 22 and 23 November 2010, the partners of the EUREGIO II project will meet in Vienna to discuss current developments and activities. The partner meeting is

combined with a symposium on cross-border cooperation in health care. AEBR is actively involved in the EUREGIO II project as leader of work

package 2. For more information on EUREGIO II, please log onto <http://inthealth.eu/research/euregio-ii/blog/>. Please feel free to leave comments in the blog.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS



AEBR will participate in the **Round Table “The 5th Cohesion Report: First reactions from regional and local stakeholders”**, organised by the CoR COTER commission on 16 November 2010 in Brussels.

The **11th Thematic Structured Dialogue meeting on the European Budget Reform with Janusz Lewandowski, European Commissioner for financial programming and budget**, will be held on **29 October 2010** from 11h00 to 13h00 at the Committee of the Regions’ headquarters.

Associations are invited to input their comments and priorities concerning the European Budget Reform. It is recommended to register as soon as possible via the online registration tool: <http://selectsurvey-gen.cor.europa.eu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m4MI6o8>

The CoR is drafting an **opinion on the EU2020 flagship initiative “Youth on the Move”**. In this regard, a meeting was held on 8 October to exchange views with the rapporteur on this opinion, Mr. Marc Schaefer, member of the CoR EDUC Commission, and his expert, Mr. Amadis Delmas. For further information on this opinion, please contact dialogue@cor.europa.eu.

CoR Events Flash

As of October 2010, a monthly CoR Events Flash will keep interested colleagues informed about upcoming events organised at the CoR. The “Meeting Place” of Europe’s cities and regions hosts more than 100 conferences every year. Please log onto <http://selectsurvey-gen.cor.europa.eu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m2MJnn7> to register for this monthly flash. Comments can be sent to: conferencescdr@cor.europa.eu.

Regions & Cities of Europe, Newsletter no. 70 of the Committee of the Regions, is available for download in 7 languages: <http://www.cor.europa.eu/en/press/newsletter.html>.



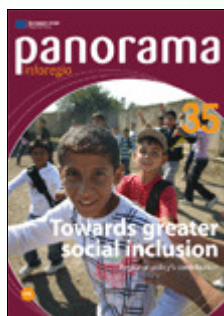
EVENTS IN THE EU

- 16 October 2010, Strasbourg (FR): **Dialogue of citizens from France, Germany and Switzerland on the development of the tri-national metropolitan region in the Upper Rhine area.**
- 18-19 October 2010, Strasbourg (FR): **Colloquium: Crossing borders - Towards a Territorial Cohesion in Europe?** More: http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=68
- 21 October 2010, Brussels, Committee of the Regions: **Consultation** by the rapporteur Mr Malcolm MIFSUD (MT/EPP) with associations and other stakeholders **on the CoR opinion "Opportunities and Challenges for European Cinema in the Digital Era"**. More: <http://www.cor.europa.eu/pages/EventTemplate.aspx?view=detail&id=c955b626-ddc5-477c-a3a0-246c55959f7b>
- 25 October 2010, Brussels, Committee of the Regions: Stakeholder consultation on **"Green paper on adequacy and sustainability of pensions"** (COM(2010)365 final)
- 26-28 October 2010, Strasbourg (FR): **19th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities**, Council of Europe (www.coe.int/congress)
- 28 October 2010, Brussels: **2nd meeting of ARLEM's ECOTER commission**. More on: www.cor.europa.eu/arlem
- 28-29 October 2010, Kosice (SK): **European Border Dialogues conference** (info@isd-network.org)
- 29 October 2010, Brussels, Committee of the Regions: **11th Thematic Structured Dialogue meeting on the European Budget Reform with Janusz Lewandowski, European Commissioner for financial programming and budget**. More: <http://www.cor.europa.eu/pages/EventTemplate.aspx?view=detail&id=ab42ab13-09ce-472e-93b1-df48e5d9e0e5>
- 3 November 2010, Taormina (Sicily, IT): **Archimed EGTC Forum „EGTCs and Macroregions: new participation instruments for European Trans-national and Neighborhood policies“**.
- 4 November 2010, Kreuzlingen (CH): **Symposium „Demographic Change“** in the scope of the 10th anniversary of the *Internationale Bodensee-Hochschule*. More: www.bodenseehochschule.org
- 4-5 November 2010, Sevilla (ES): **ENTO Annual Conference on “Capacity Building in European Macro-Regions - The Role of Training”**. More information: www.ento.org
- 8 November 2010, Marseilles (FR): Meeting of **ARLEM's SUDEV commission**. More information: www.cor.europa.eu/arlem
- 9 November 2020, Brussels: **Micro-finance instruments**. More information: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funds/2007/jiji/
- 15 November 2010, Madeira: Conference on **“European regions with special status: strengths and prospects”**, organised by the Council of Europe. For further information, please contact jean-paul.chauvet@coe.int.
- 16 November 2010, 15.00 Uhr, Committee of the Regions: **Round Table The 5th Cohesion Report: First reactions from regional and local stakeholders**
- 16-17 November 2010, St. Louis (FR): **Conference on Cross-Border Cooperation in Employment and Vocational Training**. More: http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=72
- 16-19 November 2010, Liège (BE): ESPON Week
- 18 November 2010, Brussels: **International Symposium “European Borders: Security, Surveillance and Protection”**.
- 19 November 2010, Brussels: EURISY conference **“Securing the Benefits of Satellite Services for European Society”**. More information and registration: http://si.eurisy.org/public_maj_accueil.php?ref=project&id_project=4260
- 22-23 November 2010, Liège (BE): **Informal ministerial meeting**
- 30 November - 1 December 2010, Jyväskylä: **Baltic Sea Region Programme conference “The power of the Baltic Sea macro-region”**. Deadline: 19 November 2010. More information: www.eu.baltic.net
- 30 November - 1 December 2010, Liege (BE): **URBACT Annual Conference** (www.urbact.eu)
- 29 November – 4 December 2010, Marseille: **4th Mediterranean Economic Week „Building sustainable economic projects together“**. More information: www.mediterraneaneconomicweek.com
- 1-3 December 2010: **International Product Safety Week 2010**, www.ec.europa.eu/consumers/events/international_product_safety_week_en.htm
- 4-6 December 2010, Burgas (BG): First International Congress **„Integration and Sustainable Development in the Black Sea Region“**. Further information: www.Congress.BlackSea-online.org



NEWS FROM EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

DG REGIO: New Panorama magazine „Towards greater social inclusion“. This magazine is available in 21 languages at www.ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/panora_en.htm.



The autumn edition of Panorama focuses on the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

The editors of Panorama announce that the winter edition of Panorama will be taking a close look at the Fifth Cohesion Report, due to be adopted at the beginning of November. Following that, they intend to examine in one of the later editions of Panorama how the global economic crisis which began in 2008 has revealed inherent structural weaknesses in many countries and regions in Europe regardless of their

level of economic and social development. It will analyse the different responses made available through European cohesion policy and Panorama very much welcomes contributions and examples of projects on this subject.

In 2011 Panorama will be taking a look at territorial cooperation, so if you would like to share interesting work in the above areas, ask questions, or express your views on this or any other regional policy issue, get in touch by contacting: regio-panorama@ec.europa.eu.

Panorama Special Edition OPEN DAYS 2010 : Europe 2020 : Competitiveness, cooperation and cohesion for all regions



Dig deeper, learn more

Did you come away from the OPEN DAYS with an issue uppermost in your mind? The editors of Panorama would be glad to have your feedback and comments. Please let them know how you think the event went, and also any other ideas that might have occurred to you, by either filling out the evaluation form or e-mailing regio-info@ec.europa.eu. You can also join

the online community platform 'RegioNetwork 2020'. Launched during the OPEN DAYS, this new information service will give you the chance to share news and information, find partners and generally touch base on the aspects of regional policy most relevant to you. Here's where to find it: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/regionetwork2020>.

EESC Info - The newsletter of the *European Economic and Social Committee*, is available in 22 languages at <http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.eesc-info>.

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- ◆ **Newsletter of the ENVI Committee, October Edition:** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/document/activities/cont/201010/20101004ATT84893/20101004ATT84893EN.pdf>
- ◆ **Newsletter of the REGI Committee, September Edition:** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/document/activities/cont/201009/20100921ATT83128/20100921ATT83128EN.pdf>



EVENTS, NEWS AND PRESENTATIONS OF AEBR MEMBER REGIONS

- **21 and 22 October 2010, Trencin (SK): Conference „Exchange of Knowledge and Approved Methods towards Sustainable Development of Cross Border Cooperation in V4 Countries“.** Organiser: Euroregion Bile-Biele Karpaty. Programme and further information: http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=43
- **18 - 19 November 2010, Badajoz (ES) / Evora (PT): SCULTBORD kick off meeting and Workshop.** Programme and further information: http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=67
- **24 - 26 November 2010, Vitoria-Gasteiz (Basque Country): I European Congress on Proximity, Participation and Citizenship.** A Congress that will address the needs of policy makers and experts, social agents and academia, in the fields of public policies, sustainable territorial development, culture, social welfare and public participation. More information: www.coepcongress.com



Johannes Hahn, Commissioner responsible for Regional Policy, visited EUREGIO Bayerischer Wald-Böhmerwald on 16 September 2010: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=34

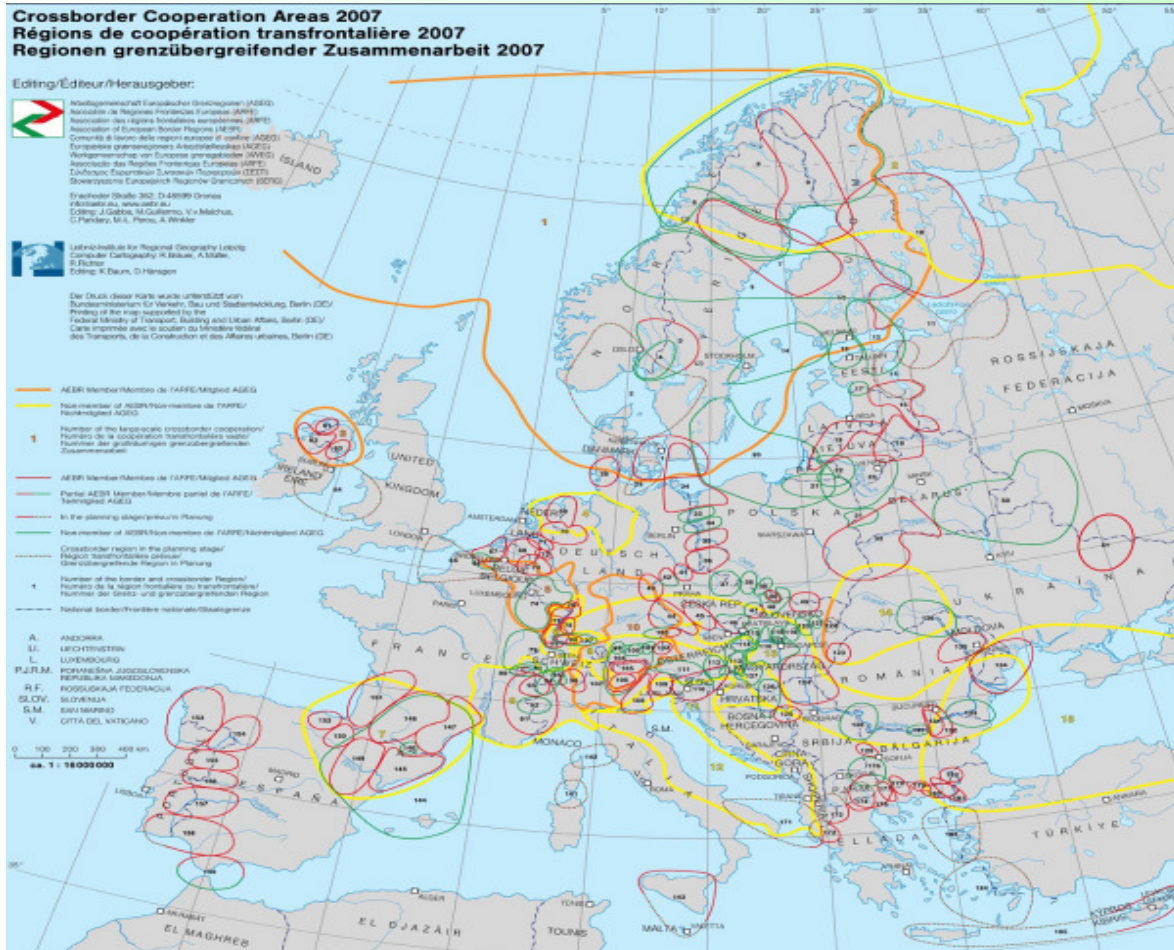


On 9 October 2010, the EUREGIO-EGRENSIS-Award 2010 was handed over in the presence of Mr. Stefan Füle, EU Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy. The celebration took part at Chyse Castle (Czech Republic). For more information please log onto <http://www.euregio-egrensis.de/presse/pm20101011.php>.

If you wish to announce events or publish news from your region in this section, please get in touch with the AEBR Head Office by contacting c.pandary@aebr.eu. Deadline for the next edition is 29 October 2010. Thank you!

MAIN AEBR EVENTS 2010/2011

20 October 2010:	ULYSSES Partner Meeting
21-23 October 2010:	AEBR Executive Committee, General Assembly and Annual Conference, Dundalk-Newry (Ireland-Northern Ireland).
3 February 2011:	Seminar on CBC in Central Europe, Prague
4 - 5 February 2011:	AEBR Executive Committee meeting, Czech Republic
September 2011:	AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference 2011 in Kursk, Russia Euroregion Yaroslavna



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- *Election of the AEBR Executive Committee 2011/2012*
 - *AEBR Executive Committee meeting Dundalk - Main results*
 - *Report about the AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference 2010*
 - *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](http://www.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](http://www.aebr.eu).

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