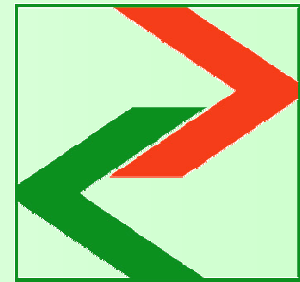


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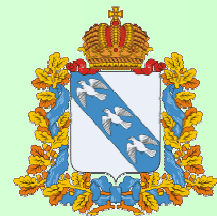
## AEBR NEWSFLASH - JULY / AUGUST 2011

### AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference

#### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AEBR

#### Kursk, Euroregion Yaroslavna

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011



This year, the AEBR commemorates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many things have happened in European border regions since the foundation of AEBR at the Westphalian Anholt Castle in 1971 by ten enthusiastic border regions. It was a long way up to the present moment, where some two hundred euroregions, working communities, eurocities, eurodistricts and EGTCs stake out European boundaries within and outside the EU.

The motto of this year's Annual Conference of AEBR will be "**Pan-European Cross-Border Cooperation: the European Union, the Russian Federation and the Neighbourhood and Pre-Accession countries**". All members and friends of AEBR are cordially invited to attend the AEBR events in Moscow and Kursk, which will also be an anniversary event, celebrating 40 years of AEBR!

The requests and recommendations of the forum in Moscow and of the Annual Conference in Kursk will address the EU, Russian



*Korennaya Hermitage – major spiritual centre in the south of Russia*

and Neighbourhood institutions, as well as the border- and cross-border regions and any interested stakeholder, trying to offer some views on the territorial aspects of the Eastern Partnership and a set of proposals for further cooperation.

### EVENT PROGRAMME

**Wednesday, 21st September 2011,**

#### **Moscow:**

Forum: "Border Policies and Cross-border cooperation in the EU and the Russian Federation"

**Thursday, 22nd September 2011, Kursk:**

AEBR Executive Committee Meeting

AEBR General Assembly

Opening of the AEBR Annual Conference

Workshops

**Friday, 23rd September 2011, Kursk:**

AEBR Annual Conference 2011

- Plenary Session I: Case of the Host
- Plenary Session II: Political Round Table "EU TERRITORIAL POLICY AND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP: CHALLENGES"
- 40 Years AEBR - Anniversary Ceremony
- AEBR Award "Sail of Papenburg 2011"
- Plenary Session III: Political Round Table "OPPORTUNITIES AT THE EXTERNAL BORDERS OF THE EU AND BEYOND"
- Final Session
- Closing Ceremony

**Saturday, 24th September 2011**

Visits

**Working Languages:**

**Russian, English, French, German, Spanish**

**AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference 2011  
 in Kursk/Russia, Euroregion Yaroslavna**

**Detailed programme and practical information:**

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events\\_detail.php?event\\_id=79](http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=79)



## A European Budget for Territorial Cohesion

Cohesion is one of the EU largest policies, with more than one third of the EU budget. Only the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is bigger. At the end of June (29th) the Commission presented its Budget Proposal, the Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF) for the period 2014-2020. In this time when some Member States are facing severe fiscal challenges, it is crucial that European cooperation focus on areas bringing benefits to most of them with a clear EU added value, while keeping a reasonable support to all territories.

The AEBR kept meetings with Director General Dirk Ahner in the middle of June, and with Commissioner Hahn on the 18th of July in order to exchange first impressions on this proposal. We could see that there are no revolutionary changes, but there is an increasing focus on Transnational and Interregional cooperation, while Cross-Border Cooperation can suffer from the relevance paid to macroregional strategies, unless cross-border structures and border regions are better involved in the planning of national and macro-regional strategies. In absolute terms, the budget allocated for Cross-Border Cooperation will remain the same or even increase a bit, due to the overall boost, but the share within Territorial Cooperation Objective will decrease a bit. It seems difficult for many Commission's departments to understand the meaning and impact of CBC. This has very much to do with the difficulties to communicate clearly what is happening in border areas. What is the impact of Territorial Policy is a main concern for DG Regio. More visibility is needed both top-down and bottom-up. On the other hand, it seems very evident the need to differentiate between borders, and the need to stress capacity building in many areas. Border and Cross-Border regions should pay a lot of attention to the developments at national level, and try to influence this processes. The same can be said about macroregional strategies. These will include many cross-border elements, and the regional/local level should be very much aware of them. Both the European and the national levels should be followed very carefully in this crucial moment for the future of European CBC.

Full article available for download:

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news\\_detail.php?news\\_id=101](http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=101) .

## Neighbourhood

The EU Commission has proposed an increase of the EU's external action instruments in its communication on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). In total, € 70 billion will be allocated, mainly for the EU Development Policy (DP) and the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP). More details:

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news\\_detail.php?news\\_id=103](http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=103).

## Territorial Cohesion - A new Input from Poland

The Polish Presidency has begun with a strong input despite of the foul environment, dominated by the Schengen problems, intolerable unemployment levels, lost of leadership tackling climate change, and particularly by the crisis of the Eurozone, with rating agencies and markets undermining most sensitive European economies. Full article available on:

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news\\_detail.php?news\\_id=102](http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=102) .

## CROSS-BORDER HEALTH

### Save the dates:

**6-8 September 2011, Lyon: Regional Master Class Programme on 'Improving the Health Sector Performance with Innovative Utilization of Structural Funds'**, <http://www.euregio3.eu/events/show/4th-master-class-on-health-investments-using-struct/>

**13-14 September 2011, Maastricht: Seminar on 'Health and Structural Funds - sharing good practice to prepare for the post 2013 period'** <http://www.healthclusternet.org/events/show/seminar-on-health-and-structural-funds-sharing-goo/>

**21 September 2011, Brussels: Workshop on 'Structural Funds & health improvement: reflections to date and the way forward'**, <http://www.euregio3.eu/events/show/5th-workshop-on-structural-funds-health-improvement/>

**22 September 2011, Brussels: Final Conference of the EUREGIO III project**, <http://www.euregio3.eu/events/show/euregio-iii-final-conference-brussels/>

**15th November 2011, Maastricht, Final Conference of the EUREGIO II Project**

The EUREGIO II Project "Solutions for improving health cooperation in border regions" comes very soon to its end. The main output of this project is a "Practical Handbook on the effective use of Interreg funding in Cross-Border Health Care" (<http://inthehealth.eu/research/euregio-ii/wp4-handbook/>). This handbook is now in its final phase of elaboration and will be presented at the EUREGIO II Final Conference in Maastricht next 15th November. At the beginning of September the conference website will be open for registration.

### Health for Growth

The EU proposes € 396 million to the future European Health Programme (€ 70 million more than the current one 2008-2013). The future "Health for Growth" programme is aimed to protect citizens against cross-border health threats, ensure the sustainability of health care services and improve the health of the population while encouraging innovation in healthcare.

**EUREGIO III Newsflash August 2011:**

<http://wiki.euregio3.eu/download/attachments/6259863/Euregio+III+newsletter+Aug+2011+final.pdf>

### Accession and Pre-Accession

At the end of June substantial negotiations with Iceland were formally launched. It seems that half the remaining chapters will be opened in the second half of 2011, including fisheries and agriculture, the most difficult ones. Most progress is expected on ten chapters (out of 33), fully in line with the EU acquis due to Iceland's membership of the European Economic Area. More info on Croatia, Turkey etc. can be found following this link:

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news\\_detail.php?news\\_id=104](http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=104).



## AEBR AWARD „SAIL OF PAPENBURG 2011“

### *How did your region contribute to encourage cross-border cooperation in Europe?*

Several Border and Cross-Border Regions have already submitted their application for this year's cross-border award.

If your region would like to join the competition, please note the **new deadline for applications 22 August 2011.**

Application documents and information on winners of previous awards can be found following this link:

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/sail\\_of\\_papenburg/region\\_award.php](http://www.aebr.eu/en/sail_of_papenburg/region_award.php).



## SCHENGEN

The reintroduction of internal border controls in the Schengen area has been very high in the agenda of the European Council. Finally, it has been agreed to establish a mechanism to restore internal border checks in exceptional occasions but its implementation remains uncertain. There is no certainty either that the legislative process would modify Schengen rules and even if this could be implemented according to the strict conditions outlined in the Council conclusions. Nevertheless, there is great concern that the possibility of limiting and dismantling free movement has been voiced and accepted. This is a worrying perspective that deserves debate and monitoring. Other events related to intolerance and xenophobia have lately highlighted the need to stress some of the EU founding principles, particularly those related to freedom and living together.

You will find the complete article on [http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news\\_detail.php?news\\_id=105](http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=105).

## Roaming

For a long time, there has been a long discussion about roaming prices in Europe. In fact, according to many sources, Europeans still tend not to use their mobile phones when they cross borders in the EU because of the prices. The Commission has proposed several “structural” solutions to promote competition on the roaming market. According to Neelie Kroes, Digital Agenda Commissioner, Europeans will be able to choose their operator when using their mobile phone in another EU member state from 1 July 2014 on. Prices for mobile data transfer will be regulated from 1 July 2012, as voice calls and text messages are today.

“There will be practically no difference between national and roaming prices from 2015 on”, said the Commissioner. On July 2014, consumers will have the chance to choose a specific roaming contract, with a different operator, without changing their phone number, without affecting their national services and keeping the same SIM card for national services and roaming. More information on the Commission's proposal: [http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news\\_detail.php?news\\_id=106](http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=106).

## A new border demarcation deal Ukraine-Moldova

Ukraine and Moldova have agreed on the demarcation of their border line at Odessa-Reni highway sector in Palanca. This will reinforce the bilateral relations and strengthen regional stability in this EU neighbourhood area. However, some issues still remain open for both countries on their border demarcation.

## Easier border crossing in Kaliningrad

The Commission has proposed on 29 July to change the regulation for local border traffic in order to consider the whole territory of Kaliningrad, as well as a specific area in the Polish side (30 km, extended to 50 km in some cases), as a “border zone”. This will allow Poland to negotiate an agreement to authorize visa-free entry for citizens living in Kaliningrad.

## Birth of a New Nation

The international community has welcomed the independency of South Sudan. After the 2005 Peace Agreement and a long process, a new state has been created on 9th July 2011, being the capital the city of Juba. The constitution of two stable and viable states (the Republic of Sudan and South Sudan) faces some challenges: sharing the debt burden, drawing the new border, citizenship and sharing oil earnings. Most of the oil resources are located in South Sudan, but export and refinery infrastructures are in Sudan.



**EVENTS IN THE EU**

DATE/PLACE	TOPIC	INFOS
8 July 2011 Poreč, Croatia	3rd ARLEM ECOTER Commission	<a href="http://www.cor.europa.eu/arlem">www.cor.europa.eu/arlem</a>
12 July 2011 Warsaw, Poland	UDG & NTCCP meeting	<a href="http://www.mrr.gov.pl">www.mrr.gov.pl</a>
14 July 2011 Brussels, Belgium	CoR Conference on Innovation for stronger regions: Opportunities for regional actors in FP7	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=conferences&amp;eventcode=2C69626C-C60E-11DC-BBFDE7D4E58DE335">http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=conferences&amp;eventcode=2C69626C-C60E-11DC-BBFDE7D4E58DE335</a>
21-23 July 2011 Pescara, Italy	CALRE Workshop "The dynamics of European regionalism"	<a href="mailto:calre@crabruzzo.it">calre@crabruzzo.it</a>
22-23 July 2011 Tanger, Morocco	Conference on "Regionalisation in the Mediterranean"	<a href="mailto:conseiltt@menara.ma">conseiltt@menara.ma</a>
27 July - 1 August Prespes, Greece	"Lights on Prespa", 8th International Youth Meeting	<a href="http://www.ctp.gr">www.ctp.gr</a>
7 September 2011 Brussels	CoR-Consultation on "LESS BUREAUCRACY FOR CITIZENS: Promoting free movement of public documents and recognition of the effects of civil status records"	<a href="mailto:Klaus.boele@cor.europa.eu">Klaus.boele@cor.europa.eu</a>
7 - 9 September 2011 Krynica, Poland	Global Economic Forum	<a href="http://www.forum-ekonomiczne.pl/236">http://www.forum-ekonomiczne.pl/236</a>
21 September 2011 EU Delegation in the Russian Federation, Moscow	AEBR Workshop "Border Policies and Cross-Border Cooperation in the EU and the Russian Federation"	<a href="http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=104">http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=104</a>
22-24 September 2011 Kursk, Russian Federation	40th Anniversary of AEBR, General Assembly and Annual Conference 2011	<a href="http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=79">http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=79</a>
22-23 September 2011 Kaliningrad, Russian Federation	VII Annual International Conference: "Cross-Border Cooperation: the Russian Federation, the European Union and Norway"	<a href="http://investa.spb.ru/eng/">http://investa.spb.ru/eng/</a>
5-7 October 2011 Szczecin, Poland	19th Annual Baltic Sea States Subregional Cooperation conference "The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the Cohesion Policy-expectations and the role of the regions in the BSR"	<a href="http://www.bsssc.com">www.bsssc.com</a>
10-13 October 2011 Brussels	OPEN DAYS 2011 Investing in Europe's future: Regions and cities delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growths	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2011/index.cfm?nmenu=1&amp;sub=100">http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2011/index.cfm?nmenu=1&amp;sub=100</a>
11 October 2011 Brussels	EURISY Workshop "Innovation in e-Government: Satellite Applications as Enablers of Smart Public Services", Open Days Workshop Code: 11A19	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2011/reg_frame.cfm?nmenu=500">http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2011/reg_frame.cfm?nmenu=500</a>
11-12 October 2011 Vienna/Austria	International Partnership Conference	<a href="http://partnership.esflive.eu/">http://partnership.esflive.eu/</a>
20-21 October 2011 Brussels	2011 European Culture Forum	<a href="mailto:Culture-forum-2011@tipik.eu">Culture-forum-2011@tipik.eu</a>
24-25 October 2011 Warsaw	International Conference "Effective Instruments Supporting Territorial Development"	<a href="http://www.mrr.gov.pl/presidency">www.mrr.gov.pl/presidency</a>
12-13 December 2011 Brussels	CoR Forum "EU research and innovation: What role for regions and cities after 2013?"	<a href="http://www.cor.europa.eu/europcom">www.cor.europa.eu/europcom</a> (online by 28 September)



## NEWS FROM EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION:

- **Towards easier cross-border travel in the Kaliningrad area:** <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/939&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>
- **EU Budget 2014-2020 and Cohesion Policy:** [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/newsroom/detail.cfm?id=99](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/newsroom/detail.cfm?id=99)
- **EU27 population 502.5 million at 1 January 2011:** [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY\\_PUBLIC/3-28072011-AP/EN/3-28072011-AP-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/3-28072011-AP/EN/3-28072011-AP-EN.PDF)
- **Health & Consumer Voice - July 2011 Edition:** [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health\\_consumer/dyna/consumervoice/create\\_cvindex.cfm?act=getcv&cv\\_ed=80](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/dyna/consumervoice/create_cvindex.cfm?act=getcv&cv_ed=80)
- **The interim evaluation of the Culture Programme 2007-2013 is available:** [http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/news3327\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/news3327_en.htm)
- **OPEN DAYS 2011: Preliminary Programme online:** [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/conferences/od2011/index.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2011/index.cfm)

### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:

- **Frontex: more visible and more effective border management:** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/de/pressroom/content/20110711IPR23773/html/Frontex-more-visible-and-more-effective-border-management>
- **REGI-News, July 2011:** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/document/activities/cont/201107/20110706ATT23485/20110706ATT23485EN.pdf>
- **"Europe is the answer": Donald Tusk presents Poland's EU priorities:** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/en/pressroom/content/20110701IPR23197/html/Europe-is-the-answer-Donald-Tusk-presents-Poland's-EU-priorities>

### POLISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

- **Prime Minister in the European Parliament: Europe needs more solidarity:** <http://pl2011.eu/en/content/prime-minister-european-parliament-europe-needs-more-solidarity>
- **Polish Presidency's contribution to preparing the Energy Roadmap 2050:** <http://pl2011.eu/en/content/polish-presidency-s-contribution-preparing-energy-roadmap-2050>

### COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS:

- **Innovation: research policy needs a regional dimension:** <http://www.cor.europa.eu/pages/PressTemplate.aspx?view=detail&id=d6f7022e-6d41-4fb4-b965-aa4a90c916b5>
- **European Entrepreneurial Region 2013 call launched:** <http://www.cor.europa.eu/pages/PressTemplate.aspx?view=detail&id=7de7ce79-11b2-406c-a529-0c6397e124d5>
- **Mercedes Bresso at the Dubrovnik summit: "Croatia is opening up to Europe through its cities and regions.":** <http://www.cor.europa.eu/pages/PressTemplate.aspx?view=detail&id=1891dfd1-ec3-4187-93ff-a0a61ddad253>
- **Invitation to submit proposals of regional case studies, to be presented during the workshops of the Forum "EU research and innovation: What role for regions and cities after 2013?", taking place in Brussels on 12 and 13 December 2011. Deadline for submission: 9 September 2011. Contact for further information:** [wolfgang.petzold@cor.europa.eu](mailto:wolfgang.petzold@cor.europa.eu)
- **Survey of EU local and regional authorities on "Europe 2020: what's happening on the ground?". Outcome will feed into the 2nd CoR Monitoring Report on Europe 2020. Questionnaire available at** <http://www.cor.europa.eu/europe2020>, submission deadline: 19 September 2011

### EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

- **Your guide to the European Citizens' Initiative:** <http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.publications.18960>
- **EESC INFO, Newsletter July 2011:** <http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.eesc-info>

### OTHERS:

- **PLATFORMA Newsletter No. 5:** [http://www.aebr.eu/files/filemanager\\_files/Projekte/PLATFORMA/newsletter\\_5\\_EN.pdf](http://www.aebr.eu/files/filemanager_files/Projekte/PLATFORMA/newsletter_5_EN.pdf)

Take part in shaping European policy by responding to one of the consultations at the Website of the European Commission:

[http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index_en.htm)



## NEWS AND PRESENTATIONS OF AEBR MEMBER REGIONS

- Report about the 1st Open Days of Euroregion Galicia-North of Portugal, held on 6-8 July 2011, Vigo, Porto, Braga (Spain/Portugal): <http://www.gnpaect.eu/index.php?componente=noticias&arch=index&id=104>
- Interim Report of the project "EUREGIOSCHOOL" now available for download: [http://www.aebr.eu/files/filemanager\\_files/Projekte/Euregioschool/Interrim\\_public.pdf](http://www.aebr.eu/files/filemanager_files/Projekte/Euregioschool/Interrim_public.pdf)
- EUREGIO starts cross-border Dutch/German poem contest (application possible until 30 September 2011): [http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member\\_detail.php?region\\_id=58](http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=58)
- EuRegio Aktuell 03/2011: Current information about the activities and projects of EuRegio Salzburg-Berchtesgadener Land-Traunstein: [http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member\\_detail.php?region\\_id=58](http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=58)
- EUBORDERREGIONS Newsletter, elaborated within the FP7 Research Project: [www.eurborderregions.eu](http://www.eurborderregions.eu)

Several presentations of AEBR member regions have been updated in the Database of European Border and Cross-Border Regions in the AEBR Website:



**Euregio Maas-Rhein**

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member\\_detail.php?region\\_id=61](http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=61)



**Länsstyrelsen Värmland**

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member\\_detail.php?region\\_id=3](http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=3)



**Hedmark Fylkeskommune**

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member\\_detail.php?region\\_id=184](http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=184)



**German-Speaking Community of Belgium**

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member\\_detail.php?region\\_id=211](http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=211)



**EUROACE– Euroregion Alentejo-Centro-Extremadura**

[http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member\\_detail.php?region\\_id=132](http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=132)



## EVENTS OF AEBR MEMBER REGIONS

- 11 September 2011, Kleve (Germany): Open Day of Euregio Rhein-Waal in the scope of its 40th anniversary ([http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member\\_detail.php?region\\_id=59](http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=59))
- 27-28 October 2011, Cavan (Ireland): Conference on Cross-Border Training and Impact Assessment in Ireland and Europe (<http://www.crossborder.ie/events/inicco-conference/>)
- 1 - 2 December 2011, Zittau/Germany: 20th Anniversary of Euroregion Neisse-Nysa-Nisa

## MAIN AEBR EVENTS 2011

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| 1 September 2011:                           | <b>SCULTBORD Project Workshop Kavala (Greece)</b><br><a href="http://www.aebr.eu/files/filemanager_files/Projekte/SCULTBORD/Draft_program_Scultbord_-Greece1.pdf">http://www.aebr.eu/files/filemanager_files/Projekte/SCULTBORD/Draft_program_Scultbord_-Greece1.pdf</a> |
| 8 September 2011:                           | <b>AEBR Discussion Panel on "Innovation in European Cross-Border Regions", Economic Forum in Krynica, Poland</b>   |
| 21 September 2011:<br>22-24 September 2011: | <b>AEBR Workshop in Moscow, Russia<br/>AEBR Executive Committee meeting, General Assembly and Annual Conference 2011 in Kursk, Russia, Euroregion Yaroslavna</b>   |
| 2-3 December 2011:                          | <b>AEBR Executive Committee meeting in Vaasa, Finland</b>  |

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**Deadline for the next edition: 09.09.2011.**

**Thank you!**

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 its 100 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 interested in receiving information about the conditions of an AEBR membership are invited to contact the AEBR Head Office.

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