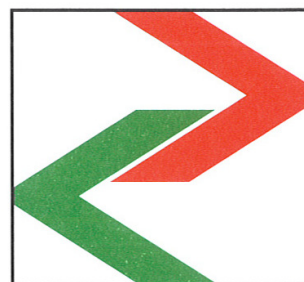


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AEBR Newsflash – 2nd Edition for December 2009

Dear Members and Friends of AEBR,

This is the last edition of the AEBR Newsflash for the year 2009. We will be back again in January 2010 with more news on AEBR and CBC activities.

We wish you a pleasant reading and look forward to a good and fruitful cooperation in the year 2010.

The AEBR Team

AEBR Contribution to the UN Copenhagen Climate Change Summit, 7-18 December 2009

Numerous members supported the AEBR in its efforts to make a contribution to the Climate Change Summit.

The AEBR clip that was presented in Copenhagen on 16 December 2009 is available

in **English** on: http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=242#242

There, you will also find a list of member regions that supported the AEBR by submitting video material. All these videos are available in YouTube, Channel "aeb1971". To organize all the outputs of this campaign, the AEBR has also published a special website with full details of its position on and contribution to the Copenhagen Climate Conference 2009. The site includes a wide range of information, video material and reference documents, and it will be updated with more information:

In English: <http://sites.google.com/site/aebrcontributionclimatechange/>

In Spanish: <http://sites.google.com/site/arfecambioclimatico/home>

In German: <http://sites.google.com/site/beitragderagegklimawandel/home>

In French (very soon): <http://sites.google.com/site/arfechangementclimatique/home>

AEBR Forum on cross-border transport networks, 4th and 5th February 2010, Huesca, Aragón

Information on this event, organised in cooperation with the regional government of Aragón and the Transpirenean Foundation can be found in the AEBR forum pages: <http://forum.aebr.net/en/index.php>

Task Force External Borders meeting and seminar on 18 February 2010 and AEBR Executive Committee meeting on 19 – 20 February 2010, Oulu (Tornedalsrådet/ Bothnian Arc, Finland)

The draft agenda of the Executive Committee meeting as well as practical information are available in the special section of the AEBR forum page, which can be accessed by the AEBR Executive Committee members with the special password. On the day prior to the meeting, a meeting of the AEBR Task Force "External Borders", followed by an open seminar on external border issues, will be held in Oulu. Information for the public will soon be available on the AEBR forum pages: <http://forum.aebr.net/en/index.php>

AEBR contribution to the CoR consultation on its 'White Paper on Multilevel governance'

AEBR has submitted its paper to the CoR, in a common sending with the MOT (*Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière*). If you wish to read them, please consult:

http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=244#244

Detailed information on the CoR consultation is available on the CoR website:

<http://www.cor.europa.eu/pages/EventTemplate.aspx?view=folder&id=53788fb1-937b-44ce-bd39-b20f3313bc83&sm=53788fb1-937b-44ce-bd39-b20f3313bc83>

Entrepreneurial Region (EER) project scheme - applications possible until 15 January 2010

The EER project provides outstanding regions with an EU quality label for their commitment to evolve a sustainable political vision on the development of a forward looking entrepreneurial policy for their territory whilst contributing to the implementation of the "Small Business Act for Europe". This label will recognise forward-thinking regions, irrespective of their wealth, size or competences.

For more info on the EER, please consult:

English: http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=241#241

French: http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=fr&nid=241#241

German: http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=de&nid=241#241

Danuta Hübner, Chair of the Regional Development Committee of the European Parliament: Interview on Lisbon changes – Radical rethink of Regional Policy?

According to Ms. Hübner, more "local and regional responsibility" and drawing more people into regional decision making are two aspects that will change under the Lisbon Treaty.

Read the full text and watch the europartv clip on: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story_page/059-66075-341-12-50-910-20091207STO66060-2009-07-12-2009/default_en.htm

RECENT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST:

Draft EP opinion on the Commission's White paper 'Adapting to climate change'

The EP's Committee on Regional Development has elaborated a draft opinion on the Commission's White Paper entitled 'Adapting to climate change: Towards a European framework for action' (2009/2152(INI)):

EN: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/regi/pa/795/795986/795986en.pdf

FR: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/regi/pa/795/795986/795986fr.pdf

DE: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/regi/pa/795/795986/795986de.pdf

Working document on the implementation of the synergies of research and innovation earmarked Funds in Regulation (EC) n° 1080/2006 concerning the European Fund of Regional Development and the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development in cities and regions as well as in the Member States and the Union:

EN: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/regi/dt/796/796211/796211en.pdf

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EP recommendation to the Council of 2 April 2009 on the new EU-Russia agreement (2008/2104(INI))

EN: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/droi/dv/p6_ta\(2009\)0215_p6_ta\(2009\)0215_en.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/droi/dv/p6_ta(2009)0215_p6_ta(2009)0215_en.pdf)

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Draft opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety for the Committee on Transport and Tourism on a sustainable future for transport (2009/2096(INI))

EN: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/envi/pa/794/794129/794129en.pdf

FR: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/envi/pa/794/794129/794129fr.pdf

DE: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/envi/pa/794/794129/794129de.pdf

Study on Governance aspects of the European Research Area

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/itre/dv/era_governance_aspects_era_governance_aspects_en.pdf

RECENT DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Communications on:

Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2009-2010

EN: [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/com/com_com\(2009\)0533_com_com\(2009\)0533_en.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/com/com_com(2009)0533_com_com(2009)0533_en.pdf)

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Developing the international dimension of the Integrated Maritime Policy of the European Union

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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EU'S INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY

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News from European Border and Cross-Border Regions:

(This section is based on information that AEBR members announce via the AEBR website).

EUREGIO EGRENSIS, member of AEBR since the year 1995, region no. 43 on the AEBR map of *European Cross-Border Cooperation Areas 2007*, has supported the cross-border cooperation in the German-Czech border area for 16 years already. The position of this Euregio has been considerably strengthened in the INTERREG IIIA-Programme (2000-2006) and the current Objective 3 / INTERREG IV-Programme (2007-2013), as particular tasks have been transferred to the Euroregion. EUREGIO EGRENSIS hosted the AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference 2008 (Plauen/Germany, 16-18 October)

On the occasion of the Open Days that took place last October in Brussels, a delegation from the EUREGIO EGRENSIS handed over a **declaration on the future of cross-border cooperation** to the Director General of the DG REGIO, Mr Dirk Ahner, during a personal meeting. For full information as well as the text of the declaration is English and Czech language, please open:

News in **English**: http://www.aebr.net/news/news_regions.php?lc=en&nid=238

News in **German**: http://www.aebr.net/news/news_regions.php?lc=de&nid=238

Please take note of main AEBR events expected in 2010:

4-5 February 2010, AEBR Forum on CB Transport Networks, Huesca (Aragón, ES)

18 February 2010, AEBR Task Force External Borders and External Borders Seminar, Oulu, Tornedalsrådet/Bothnian Arc (FI/SE)

19-20 February 2010, AEBR Executive Committee in Oulu, Tornedalsrådet/Bothnian Arc (FI/SE)

3 May 2010, Cross-Border Cooperation meeting in the framework of the Spanish Presidency, Cáceres (Extremadura)

4-5 June 2010, Executive Committee in Évora (Alentejo, PT)

Summer 2010: AEBR Youth Forum in Friuli Venezia Giulia, IT

16 September 2010, AEBR Forum (Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, IT)

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

26-29 September 2010, Helsinki-Vyborg-St Petersburg-Narva-Tallin-Helsinki CBC Round Conference

21-23 October 2010, AEBR Executive Committee, General Assembly and Annual Conference, Dundalk-Newry (Ireland-Northern Ireland), proposed topic "CBC Tourism", possible "Case of the Host": CBC in Health Care. A follow up of the European Territorial Cooperation will be presented, as well as a draft review of the European Charter for Border and Cross-Border Regions.

December, AEBR Forum in Prague (CZ)

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

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: Cordula Pandary, c.pandary@aebr.eu, or call +49 (0)2562 70219.

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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 field of inter-regional and transnational co-operation. With one hundred members (border and cross-border European 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.

L’**Association des régions frontalières européennes (ARFE)**, fondée en 1971, est la plus ancienne association indépendante de régions en Europe. Elle est aussi la seule à traiter la coopération transfrontalière. L’ARFE a presque quarante ans d’expérience théorique et pratique extensive dans tous les domaines de la coopération transfrontalière, mais également en coopération interrégionale et transnationale. Avec ses cent membres (zones frontalières et transfrontalières européennes) l’ARFE est un forum de la coopération transfrontalière et représente la voix des régions frontalières et transfrontalières à l’échelle européenne.

Die “**Arbeitsgemeinschaft Europäischer Grenzregionen**” (**AGEG**) ist die älteste unabhängige Regionalorganisation in Europa. Sie wurde im Jahr 1971 gegründet und ist die einzige Regionalorganisation, die sich mit grenzüberschreitender Zusammenarbeit beschäftigt. Die AGEG verfügt über eine fast 40jährige Erfahrung in allen Bereichen der grenzüberschreitenden Zusammenarbeit, aber auch auf dem Gebiet der interregionalen sowie der transnationalen Kooperation. Mit ihren einhundert Mitgliedern (Grenz- und grenzübergreifende Regionen Europas) bildet die AGEG ein Forum für grenzüberschreitende Kooperation und vertritt die Interessen der Grenz- und grenzübergreifenden Regionen auf europäischer Ebene.

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