



**II FORUM  
“R & D AND INNOVATION IN CROSS-BORDER AREAS”  
Vigo, Spain**

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

Venue: *Hotel NH Palacio de Vigo*  
C/ Avda. García Barbón 17-19, E-36201 VIGO

**5<sup>th</sup> April**

09.00 h **Registration of participants and handing over of documents**

09.30 h **Opening Session**

- **Martín Guillermo Ramírez**, Secretary General, AEBR
- **Ana Teresa Lehman**, Vice-president, Regional Coordination and Development Commission, Norte Region (PT)
- **Alfonso Rueda Valenzuela**, Regional Minister of the Presidency, Public Administration and Justice, Xunta de Galicia (ES)

10.00 h **First Session: Opportunities for CB Regions on R & D and Innovation**

Moderator: **Jesús Gamallo Aller**, Director General for External Relations and the EU, Xunta de Galicia (ES)

Keynote Speech 1: **José Antonio Ruiz de Casas**, DG REGIO, European Commission

Keynote Speech 2: *EGTCs and Research: exploring possibilities*, **Elisa Boelman**, EDUC Commission, Committee of the Regions

Keynote Speech 3: *The Case of Galicia-Norte*, **Ricardo Capilla**, Director General R&D and Innovation, Xunta de Galicia (ES)

11.00 **Colloquium**

11.30 h **Coffee break**



12.00 h

### **Second Session: On-going initiatives**

**(Initiatives aimed to serve as pilot projects or networks to be extended to other European areas)**

Moderator: **Nuno Almeida**, Strategic Cooperation Unit, Regional Coordination and Development Commission, Norte Region (PT)

#### Speakers Round Table 1:

- *Innovation platforms for health sector*, **Manuel Antonio Varela Rey**, Director General for Innovation and Health Policy Management, Regional Ministry of Health, Xunta de Galicia (ES)
- *Project Prometheus (NW Europe): Promoting a more balanced territorial development of the knowledge economy through further enhancing and better linking cross-border R&D/innovation potentials in a transnational perspective*, **Thomas Stumm**, AEBR Advisory Committee
- *Project E-Click (North Sea): European Collaborative Innovation Centres for broadband media services*, **Paul Nemes**, Värmland (SE)
- *Project RITECA: Extremadura-Centro-Alentejo Cross-Border Research Network*, **Manuel Martín Bellido**, Director, Extremadura Institute of Agro-alimentary Technology (INTAEX), Junta de Extremadura (ES)

#### Speakers Round Table 2:

- *A European Network of Euro-Instituts for Cross-Border Cooperation*, **Anne Thevenet**, Vice-Director, Euro-Institut Kehl (DE)
- *Project INESPO: University-Enterprise Knowledge Transfer Network between Castilla y León and the Centro Region*, **Maria José Silva**, Beira Interior University (PT)
- *The Educational Campus as a conceptual tool for Border Regions*, **Pablo Campos**, CEU San Pablo (ES)

14.00 h

**Lunch break**

15.30 h

### **Third Session: Examples of Good Practices**

Moderator: **Martín Guillermo Ramírez**, Secretary General of the AEBR

#### Speakers:

- *"Place-based approach" programme to promote competitiveness of the Pomurje Region 2010-2015*, **Juij Kobal** (Slovenia)
- *X-border-SDI/GDI & AEBR - The INSPIRE Directive 2007/2/EC: Challenges and Opportunities for European Border Regions*, **Dr. Frank Hoffmann**, IGN-SN ICB Innovation Network for Euroregional Training, Development and Knowledge-Transfer (online videoconference).
- *Presentation connectivity tool, University of Riga (LV)*
- *The successful case of the university-government cooperation for the Brazilian-Uruguayan border*, **Antonio Cesar Gonçalves Borges**, Rector, Federal University of Pelotas (Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil)
- *The EGTC 2.0: a digital platform for European Territorial Cooperation*. Online connection with **Alfonso Alcolea Martínez**, the Committee of the Regions' EGTC Portal

16.30 h

**Colloquium**

16.45 h

**Coffee break**

- 17.15 h      **Fourth Session: Permanent Structures of cooperation**
- Moderator: **José Norberto Uzal Tresandí**, Director General of Local Administration, Xunta de Galicia (ES)
- Speakers:
- *Presentation of the EGTC Galicia-Norte*, **Elvira Pacheco Vieira**, Director, EGTC Galicia-Norte (PT)
  - *RESOE: a Regional Macroregion in SW Europe*, **María de Diego Durántez**, Director General for External Relations, Junta de Castilla y León (ES)
  - *RIET: Iberian Network of Cross-Border Institutions*, **Xoan Vázquez Mao**, Secretary General of RIET (ES)
- 18.15 h      **Colloquium**
- 18.30 h      **Conclusions and Closing**
- Martín Guillermo Ramírez**, Secretary General of the AEBR  
**Jesús Gamallo Aller**, Director General for External Relations and the EU, Xunta de Galicia (ES)
- 19.00 h      End of the Forum
- 21.00 h      Dinner

**6<sup>th</sup> April**

- 9.00 h      Departure from Vigo to Santiago de Compostela
- 10.30 h      Visit to the City of Culture in Santiago de Compostela
- 13.00 h      Lunch
- 15.00 h      Departure from Santiago to Vigo
- 16.15 h      Arrival to Vigo and end of the Forum