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To the members and friends of the AEBR

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Conference of European Border Regions 2017

Dear Colleagues,

We cordially invite you to the **Conference of European Border Regions 2017**, which will take place **on 26 and 27 October 2017** in Badajoz/Extremadura (ES). **Host region 2017 is EuroACE (Alentejo-Centro-Extremadura)**.

Please find attached also the invitation letter of our hosts to attend the Conference of European Border Regions 2017, and a first programme showing the planned sequence of events during the whole conference week, as well as practical information. You will soon receive further information on the pre-conference events (23-25 October).

The programme on **Thursday** will take place in **Badajoz** and will start with the AEBR Executive Committee meeting and the **AEBR General Assembly with election of the President** in the morning, followed by the Conference of European Border Regions 2017, which will deal with the main topic: **"Periphery – In the Centre of Cohesion"**. The 1st and the 2nd session will take place that day regarding the themes: **"CBC in the light of the 7th Cohesion Report"** and **"CBC – driving force for the future European Cohesion"**. In the evening, a **reception dinner** is offered by the City Hall of Badajoz/Diputación Provincial de Badajoz.

The 3rd and 4th Session of the Conference will take place on **Friday** at the same location in **Badajoz** and will tackle the following themes: **"The case of the Host: Circular Economy in Border Regions"** and **"The Generation of CB Societies"**. The CCDR Alentejo invites to a reception in the evening. In the frame of this event, the AEBR Award "Sail of Papenburg" 2016 will be handed over to the winner.

On **Saturday**, our host will organize a **sightseeing-tour through the area of the Spanish-Portuguese border region**.

A more elaborated programme will follow soon.

You are kindly requested to register as soon as possible:

- For the **Conference of European Border Regions 2017** via the following link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec-P0zWEtmy9ThqbpTNU35stW9jVIoQSyALhBQcjbI38TGCQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

With best regards


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