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Proposal to the Sail of Papenburg Cross-Border Award 2015 “The future of Cross-Border Cooperation in Europe”

Dear Sirs/ Madams

As a border region dedicated to cross-border cooperation since the late 1980s and increasingly so after the community initiative of Interreg were put in place between Swedish and Norwegian border regions in 1996,

we would like to take the opportunity to propose for the Cross-Border award Sail of Papenburg for 2015, a scholar to whom the Hedmark Region has kept a collaboration over the last ten years,

Dr. Prof Eduardo Medeiros

at the University of Lisbon.

Dr. Medeiros has over these years made a series of special reports analyzing, evaluating and discussing cross-border cooperation in Inner Scandinavia. His works have included a number of visits to the border area where he as an academic specializing on cross-border cooperation has gained first-hand knowledge of cross-border parameters such as infrastructure, labor marked, clusters, academic networks, biological- and natural assets and political partnerships and structures.

Obviously Dr Medeiros got to meet for interviews and discussions, a diverse set of cross-border actors; political leaders, project staff and -beneficiaries, programme managers and fellow researchers.

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Dr Medeiros' bibliography, designed in co-work with politicians and staff at the Inner Scandinavia region, is made as input upon which to create and implement knowledge-based cross-border politics, programmes and projects and include the following volumes;

- The Cross-Border Cooperation in Sweden-Norway Geographic synthesis of INTERREG-A Territorial impacts (Medeiros, 2009)
- Old vs recent cross-border cooperation: Portugal-Spain vs. Norway-Sweden (Royal Geographic Society, 2010)
- The Cross-Border Cooperation between Sweden and Norway INTERREG-A Territorial Impacts 1994-2006 (University of Lisbon, 2010)
- INTERREG-A Inner Scandinavia Cross-border development partnership. Priorities and Achievements 2007-2010 (University of Lisbon, 2011)
- Territorial Perspectives in Inner Scandinavia 2014-2020. Barrier effects, territorial capital valorization, territorial impact assessment, cross-border development plan (IGOT, University of Lisbon, 2013)

It is for his latest work, *Territorial Perspectives*, we will to propose Dr. Medeiros for the European Award Sail of Papenburg, as it in several ways sheds light upon the future of cross border cooperation in Europe;

- Presents a holistic understanding of the concept of Territorial Cohesion, and puts cross-border cooperation at the heart of this EU objective
- Presents a new tool for Territorial Impact Assessment; the TARGET_TIA
- Discusses Cross Border Planning

Dr Medeiros as a scholar and member of the Regional Studies Association, has also proved a ready willingness and ability to distribute ideas, models and insights. A recent example was a joint seminar with senior AEBR-staff, the EU-Commission and the Committee of the Regions at the University of Lisbon in April 2015 on the subject Territorial Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely

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Annexes:

- i) Application form Sail of Papenburg 2015
- ii) Report Territorial Perspectives in Inner Scandinavia
- iii) Article Regional Studies Regional Science Vol. 2, No. 1 2015