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***** **AEBR Newsflash – November 2009** *****

Letter to Mr. Barroso, President of the European Commission, concerning the draft mid-term EU budget review

AEBR Secretary General Martín Guillermo Ramírez addresses Commission President Barroso, stating AEBR concerns about the draft Communication “Reforming the budget, changing Europe”.

The full letter is available for download on

http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=236#236

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE HEALTH SECTOR III - Added value for people, economy and region

All interested organisations and individuals are cordially invited to the conference „European Co-operation in the Health Sector III”, taking place in **Lörrach** (Germany) on **10 December 2009**.

The topics to be discussed include both the progress of the regional Basel-Stadt/Basel-Landschaft/Lörrach pilot project as well as the details of a cross-border e-health project (virtual patient files and e-medication) starting in 2010. Graduates of the University of St. Gall (Switzerland) will present innovative ideas on the permanent establishment of European health care regions. Representatives of the EU and of other border regions will consider the effects and opportunities of the planned EU Directive on Patient Mobility.

The programme as well as more information is available on:

http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=235#235

EUREGIO II SURVEY: CROSS-BORDER CO-OPERATION ON HEALTH, EFFECTIVE USE OF INTERREG FUNDS

The AEBR takes part in the **EUREGIO-II-Project**, with the aim to produce good knowledge and tools for European border and cross-border regions to develop CB health projects.

All members are invited to take part in the survey to get accurate data from the ground, by filling in the **questionnaire** on effective use of INTERREG funds in the field of cross-border health.

Here you will find the EUREGIO II information flyer, the questionnaire, and the AEBR Position Paper on CB Health:

http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=233#233

AEBR Annual Conference 2009 - Speech of Commissioner Paweł Samecki

The speech of **Paweł Samecki**, Commissioner for Regional Policy, held on the occasion of the AEBR Annual Conference 2009 in Ghent is now available for download:

http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=234#234

Report from the AEBR Annual Conference 2009

Around 220 participants followed the opening addresses held by high-ranking European officials in the opening session of the AEBR Annual Conference 2009 on Thursday, 5 November 2009.

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CoR President Luc Van den Brande addresses the AEBR Annual Conference 2009

Committee of the Regions President Luc Van den Brande provided a welcoming address on the first day of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) Annual Conference 2009, which took place in Ghent/Euregio Scheldemond, Belgium, from 5 to 7 November:

http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=230#230

AEBR Award "Sail of Papenburg" 2009

And the winner 2009 is...

http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=229#229

AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference 2009

The AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference 2009, which held in **Ghent** (Belgium) from 5 – 7 November 2009 dealt with “**Cross-Border Cooperation after 2013: Regional answers to current European challenges**”. Euregio Scheldemond was the host of this year’s successful conference.

The profiles of most of the speakers are available on:

http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=223#223

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS JOIN FORCES AGAINST “RENATIONALISATION” OF COHESION POLICY

Seven organisations representing Europe’s local and regional authorities addressed a letter to all Members of the European Parliament stating their concerns about the draft Communication “Reforming the budget, changing Europe”, prepared recently by the EU Commission.

More info: http://www.aebr.net/news/news_aebr.php?lc=en&nid=232#232

Please take note of main 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, Botnian Arc (FI/SE)
- 19-20 February 2010, AEBR Executive Committee in Oulu, Botnian Arc (FI)
- May (tbc), AEBR meeting in the framework of the Spanish Presidency. Topics: Territorial Cohesion in the EU Agenda, Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation
- 4-5 June (tbc), Executive Committee in Évora (Alentejo, PT)
- 16 September, AEBR Forum (Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, IT)
- 17-18 September, AEBR Executive Committee in Udine (Friuli-Venezia Giulia, IT)
- 26-29 September, Helsinki-Vyborg-St Petersburg-Narva-Tallin-Helsinki CBC Round Conference
- 21-23 October, 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
- December, AEBR Forum in Prague (CZ)
- December, Executive Committee meeting, Tabor, Silva Nortica (CZ)

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