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COHESION POLICY PACKAGE 2014-2020

On 20 November 2013, MEPs voted in favour of the new cohesion policy package, which was then adopted by the Council of the European Union in its meeting on 16 December 2013 and published in the Official Journal of the EU on 20th December (L 347). The Cohesion Policy Package 2014-2020 consists of the following regulations:

- **five fund-specific regulations** for the **European regional development fund**, the **European social fund**, the **cohesion fund**, the **European territorial cooperation (ETC)** and the **European grouping for territorial cooperation (EGTC)**,
- **common provisions regulation setting out common rules governing the five European structural and investment funds**, i.e. the **European regional development**, the **European social fund**, the **cohesion fund**, the **European agricultural fund for rural development** and the **European maritime and fisheries fund**.

The Association of European Border Regions welcomes the adoption of the new regulations and would like to thank the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions for the intensive dialogues during the past years, which have led to practical and very concrete improvements and advancements, and this particularly in the field of cross-border cooperation. AEBR principally also welcomes the partnership agreements, especially if they ensure a good involvement of the regional / local level in the development and implementation of EU programs. As usually at least two states are involved in cross-border cooperation, measures and priorities for this area should better not be decided at national level, they should rather be jointly defined in the operational programs.

For more information, please visit:

http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=305 and
http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=278

Official Journal L 347 contains in all EU languages the new regulations for Cohesion Policy 2014-2020:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ%3AL%3A2013%3A347%3ASOM%3AEN%3AHTML>.

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The AEBR team would like to thank all members and friends for the close cooperation during the year 2013, and would like to send you the best wishes for a successful year 2014.



AEBR GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013

300 participants from almost 30 countries gathered in Liège (Euregio Meuse-Rhine, Belgium) from 6 to 9 November 2013 for the AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference 2013.

High-ranking representatives of the European Parliament, European Commission, Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee discussed with the conference delegates about the need to further develop urban-rural partnerships in cross-border areas in order to develop the full potential of polycentric development in these challenging areas.

Together, urban centres and surrounding rural areas, can propose better solutions for cross-border transport links, use of common emergency services, plan cross-border strategies for sustainable and smart development, etc.

Manifold activities, including a floating World Café with fluvial sessions during the journey Liège-Maastricht-Liège, in order to get a collection of varied arguments and to strengthen networking capacities amongst the AEBR members. Additionally, the AEBR Task Forces and the Advisory Committee also met in the boat. Please see page 7 for reports of the Task Forces.

The **final declaration**, which was adopted by the AEBR members and handed over to Walter Deffaa, Director General, European Commission's DG Regional and Urban Policy, and Danuta Hübner, Chairperson of the REGI Committee at the European Parliament, is available for download from our website in several languages:

EN: http://www.aebr.eu/files/publications/131107_Final_Declaration_EN.pdf

FR: http://www.aebr.eu/files/publications/131107_Declaration_finale_FR.pdf

DE: http://www.aebr.eu/files/publications/131107_Schlusserklaerung_DE.pdf

Mr. Deffaa also delivered a greeting message to the 300 delegates present in Liège, which you can also find online: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=269

The first round table tackled the topic "**Cross-border Integrated Areas in Science and Practice**". **Mr. Gregory Hamez**, Director, Department of Geography, University of Lorraine in Metz, moderated this round table with **Jacques Teller**, Professor for Urban and Spatial Planning, University of Liège, who spoke about Cross-Border Spatial Development in the Euregio Meuse-Rhine. **Andrea Hartz**, Project coordinator of the German action programme for spatial planning MORO/IMeG, presented activities of Cross-Border Metropolitan Regions. **Serge Novaretti** of DG Connect, European Commission, spoke about the Large-Scale-Pilot-Project 'e-SENS': paving the way to EU Digital Services Infrastructures. **Olav Jern**, Chief Executive of the Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, presented "Cross-border actions for integrated smart specialisation". **Joachim Beck**, Head of the EURO-Institute (Kehl), gave an overview on Governance of cross-border integrated areas. **Anja Schmotz**, Institute of Geography, Technical University of Dresden, spoke about quality of life and cross-border integration at the border area Saxony-Lower Silesia. All these presentations are available for download from the AEBR website http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=322.

The **political panel discussion** starting at 16:30 was moderated by **Alexander Homann**, Director of the representation of the German-speaking Community of Belgium in Brussels, and **Welf Selke**, Head of Division in the German Government (ret.) and Member of AEBR Advisory Committee. **Ms. Danuta Hübner**, Chairwoman of the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development, **Mr. Walter Deffaa**, Director General, Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission, **Mr. Joost van Iersel**, President, Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion at the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), **Mr. Stewart Dickson**, Rapporteur on Interregional Cooperation, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and **Ms. Hande Özsan Bozatli**, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) discussed the political point of view of challenges and chances of cross-border urban and rural integrated areas.

Please note: The next General Assembly and Annual Conference of AEBR will take place in Rzeszów (Polish Association of Carpathian Euroregion) from 11 to 13 September 2014.



EVENTS OF AEBR / WITH AEBR INVOLVEMENT

1-4 October 2013: 4th Congress of United Cities and Local Governments in Rabat

AEBR was represented by Secretary General Martín Guillermo Ramírez on the occasion of this event. In its framework a workshop of PLATFORMA was organized, as well as the Bureau and General Assembly of ORU/ FOGAR, a meeting of the ECOTER Committee of ARLEM and the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders. More information: <http://www.rabat2013.uclg.org/>.

7-10 October 2013: OPEN DAYS in Brussels

AEBR was actively involved in the OPEN DAYS 2013. The Secretary General participated actively in several workshops, and he moderated one organized by the CoR EGTC Platform on „EGTC: approaching smart solutions?“ and another on “Water Borders” organized by the Euroregion Alentejo-Algarve-Andalucia, Euregio Meuse-Rhine, Euregio Bayerischer Wald-Böhmerwald. Please visit http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=265 for all information.



Many other events developed in parallel to the Open Days. The AEBR chaired a high level round table dealing mainly with the Alpine-Adriatic macroregion in the new programming period, with the regions of Carinthia (AT), Istria (HR), Friuli-Venezia-Giulia (IT) and Veneto (IT), DG Region and the CoR.

21 October 2013: Euro-Institute Anniversary

AEBR President Karl-Heinz Lambertz and the Secretary General participated actively in the anniversary programme:

<http://www.euroinstitut.org/wDeutsch/5-Veroeffentlichungen/Dokumentationen/2013-Festakt-D.php>



21-22 October 2013: All-Russia Forum in St. Petersburg

Johannes Moisiso, Chair of the AEBR Task Force “External Borders”, attended this event on behalf of AEBR: <http://www.forumstrategov.ru/eng/news.html>.

31 October 2013: EURISY-Extremadura Workshop Satellite applications for multi-level irrigation management: capitalising on experience to drive regional innovation in Badajoz.

AEBR Secretary General chaired the keynote session of this event. Programme and presentations are available for download: <http://www.eurisy.org/index.php/news/item/303-satellite-applications-for-multi-level-irrigation-management-capitalising-on-experience-to-drive-regional-innovation.html>.

12-15 November 2013: Kharkiv (UA)

10th Anniversary of Euroregion Slobozhanschina, International Round Table “The development of CBC between Ukraine and the EU” and opening of the AEBR Information Centre in Kharkiv

From 12 to 14 November, AEBR Secretary General took part in several activities in Kharkiv and Merefra within the framework of the events to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Euroregion Slobozhanschina, and the opening of the AEBR Information Centre at “Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics”. This information centre is a new instrument to coordinate CB initiatives in this border area, to disseminate information about CBC and European issues, and a potential platform for further growth.



Links to several articles and to the photo gallery can be found here:

http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=277 .

The second E-Digest edition of the Info Centre, focusing on the opening event in November, is available via <http://issuu.com/vladflip/docs/digestnew2>.

19 November 2013: AEBR Forum “The participation of citizens from border regions in the Operational Programmes – The case of the EGTC”

The AEBR organised this event in cooperation with the EGTC Platform at the Committee of the Regions in the framework of the European Year of Citizens 2013 and with the support of the European Year of Citizens’ Alliance (EYCA). The proceedings of this seminar, which was attended by around 70 participants, representing several Member States and Ukraine, EGTCs, regional and local authorities, and academia, is available for download via the following link:

<https://portal.cor.europa.eu/egtc/en-US/Events/Pages/The-participation-of-citizens-from-border-regions-.aspx>

<https://portal.cor.europa.eu/egtc/en-US/news/Pages/The-CoR-and-the-AEBR-call-for-more-participation-of-border-regions-and-EGTCs-in-the-Operational-Programmes.aspx>



19-20 November 2013, Joensuu (FI)/Sortavala (RU): 4th European Border Dialogues Forum on Cross-border Cooperation

This event brought together more than 100 practitioners, policy makers and researchers from 17 countries. The AEBR Secretary General moderated the round table "Euroregion as facilitator for cross-border cooperation" with the following participants: Valeri Shlyamin, Trade Representation of the Russian Federation in Finland, Dmitry Kislov, Ministry for Economic Development Republic of Karelia, Pauli Harju, Council of Oulu Region, Małgorzata Samusjew, Euroregion Baltic; Volodymyr Merezhko, Euroregion Dniestr/Vinnitsa Regional Council. All information about this event can be found at

<http://www.isd-network.org/projects/annual-forum-cross-border-cooperation/programme>

27 - 29 November 2013

Conference: Les rencontres "Amérique latine, Caraïbe, Europe de la coopération transfrontière"

Organised by the European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy, and the University of the Antilles and Guyane, in cooperation with AEBR, Transfrontier Euro-Institute Network (TEIN), Mission opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT), CEREGMIA and the Euro-Institute Caribéen.

The AEBR Secretary General and AEBR Vice-President Bernhard Bramlage attended this event on behalf of AEBR. Mr. Guillermo moderated the sessions together with Mr Robert Botteghi, a very well known expert in CBC and old friend of our Association. Mr. Bramlage presented best practices of cross-border cooperation on the European Continent; and various experts from Europe, South America and the Caribbean made their presentation and take active part in the debates. You can see the presentations in following link:

<http://cotransalce.weebly.com/europe.html>.

In YouTube you can also find several videos of the presentations and debates (just search "AEBR Martinique" once in YouTube; for instance, here is the introduction: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4b88GewRr0>).

11-13 December 2013: Dialogues EU-Peru on Innovation for Territorial Development

From 11th to 13th December 2013, experts and politicians coming from different territories and administrative levels of Peru, its neighbouring countries (Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile), multilateral organizations (OECD, BID, CAF) and the European Union (DG Regio), as well as experts coming from European Regions and the AEBR have exchanged their views at the "Pontifical Catholic University of Peru" during these "Dialogues EU-Peru on Innovation for Territorial Development". Main topics addressed were: Innovation Policies, Instruments for Innovation, Strategic Alliances, Innovative Cities and Regions, Cross-Border Innovation, and Exchange of Best Practices. This experience has been very highly appreciated both by the Latin American and European participants, showing a high level of commitment in the consolidation of cross-border cooperation, innovation practices and decentralization. The Director General of DG Regio, Mr. Walter Deffaa, opened these Dialogues, and he also kept a strong agenda of contacts at all levels with the Government of Peru, with the support of the EU Delegation in Lima. There are manifold fields of cooperation to be further developed, being the perspectives very positive, as well as the expectations and commitment of all parties involved. A new generation of cooperation is being built across the Atlantic, which is very promising for both sides involved. More: http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=356

17-19 December 2013: Regional conference on cross-border cooperation in Dakar (Senegal)

A video message of AEBR President Karl-Heinz Lambertz is available on the website of the Global Local Forum: http://www.global-local-forum.com/pages.asp?ref_page=9094.

16 January 2014: European Commission President Barroso received the Charles V European Award in Yuste (Extremadura)

With the presence of high authorities of Spain, Portugal and the EU, including H.H. the Prince of Asturias Felipe de Borbón, Spanish Premier Mariano Rajoy, Portuguese Premier Passos Coelho, Commissioner Almunia and the President of Extremadura, this European Award was bestowed to President Barroso at the incomparable scenario of the Cloister of Yuste in Extremadura, where the Emperor Charles decided to spend his last months of life in: http://www.fundacionyuste.es/desarrollo/index.php?option=com_actividades&Itemid=94&task=mostrar&id=733.

20 January 2014: Meeting between CoR President Valcárcel and the Presidents of the Associations on the future of the CoR

AEBR President Karl-Heinz Lambertz took part in this meeting on behalf of AEBR. Further information about results etc will soon be available: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=320.



CROSS-BORDER LABOUR MARKET



Social Agenda No 35 presents the new European Commission programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) 2014-2020. It also addresses social Economic and Monetary Union, the upcoming annual convention of the European platform Against Poverty and Social Exclusion, the state of industrial relations in Europe and the first EU legislative proposal on Roma integration. (Available in DE, EN, FR).

Source and more info:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=737&langId=en&pubId=7677&type=1&furtherPubs=yes>

- **Europe made easy: Help and advice on your life, work and travel in the EU:** Your Europe Advice is an EU advice service for the public, currently provided by the legal experts from the [European Citizen Action Service](#) (ECAS) operating under contract with the European Commission. It consists of a team of lawyers who cover all EU official languages and are familiar both with EU law and national laws in all EU countries: http://europa.eu/youreurope/advice/index_en.htm
- **Posting of workers: EU safeguards against social dumping:** http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-13-1138_en.htm?locale=EN
- **CB Labour Market Conference on 6 December in Euregio Meuse-Rhine:** http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=308.
- **Lithuanian Presidency secured agreement on Freedom of movement for workers directive:** <http://www.eu2013.lt/en/news/pressreleases/lithuanian-presidency-secured-agreement-on-freedom-of-movement-for-workers-directive>

CROSS-BORDER HEALTH

- **First Horizon 2020 calls for eHealth projects launched (Call for Proposals: 11/12/2013 to 21/04/2015):** <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/first-horizon-2020-calls-ehealth-projects-launched>.
- **EurSafety Health-Net Bi-Annual Meeting and Symposium on 10 and 11 December 2013 in Nijmegen - The EurSafety Health-net symposium "ESBL/MRGN harmonization of the new guidelines in Germany and The Netherlands"** had at aim to compare the new ESBL/MRGN policies in Germany and The Netherlands, in order to work out the differences and similarities. The results will serve as a basis for a "harmonization-guideline", describing the concrete implementation of the measures in the Dutch-German border region: http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=336.
- While in almost all of parts of Germany and the Netherlands antibiotic-resistant bacteria are on the rise, the German-Dutch INTERREG project "EurSafety Health-net" achieves measurable successes in the fight against these highly dangerous pathogens. Thanks to a common strategy, the number MRSA infections (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) is significantly decreasing in a large part of the EUREGIO. More: <http://www.euregio.eu/de/pressemitteilungen/schutz-vor-mrsa-im-grenzgebiet-gestiegen>.
- **Third Newsletter of EurSafety Health-Net** published in German: http://www.eursafety.eu/DE/newsletter_de.html
- **HealthEquity-2020 project**– Evidence-based regional action plans on reducing health inequalities - 1st Newsletter published: http://wiki.euregio3.eu/download/attachments/10977343/HE2020%20project_1st%20newsletter_September2013_final.pdf?api=v2
- **Member States take major step in eHealth cooperation to improve care for patients across EU borders:** <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eipaha/news/index/show/id/481>
- **New ECDC Guidance: Investigation/control of tuberculosis incidents aff. children in congregate settings:** <http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/guidance-investigation-control-tb-incidents-children-in-congregate-settings.pdf>
- **Public consultation on patient safety and quality of care (28/02/14):** http://ec.europa.eu/health/patient_safety/consultations/patient_safety_quality_care_cons2013_en.htm



Cross-Border Award “SAIL OF PAPENBURG 2013”

Topic: Urban and Rural Integrated Areas - Cross-Border Challenges and Chances

WINNER: Lower Austria – Burgenland – Bratislava with the project Bratislava-urbanregional cooperation (BAUM).

More details: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=273



PERSONAL AWARD:

The personal award “Sail of Papenburg” 2013 was given to Ms. Danuta Hübner, MEP, Chairwoman of the Committee on Regional Development.

More details: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=272

ANNIVERSARIES OF AEBR MEMBERS

20th anniversary of Euroregion Pro Europa Viadrina

On Friday, 20 September 2013, an anniversary event took place at the „Kleist-Forum“ in Frankfurt (Oder) to commemorate 20 Years of German/Polish cooperation in the Euroregion PRO EUROPA VIADRINA. More details are available at:

http://www.euroregion-viadrina.de/cms/front_content.php?idcat=2&idart=501

20th Anniversary of Euroregion Spree-Neiße-Bober

On 21 September 2013, the festive colloquium „20 Jahre grenzüberschreitende Zusammenarbeit in der Euroregion Spree-Neiße-Bober“ was held at the „Forster Hof“. More:

http://www.euroregion-snb.de/de/index.php?ber=news&pos_top=2&pos_left=1&hk=1&uk=3&klick=3&tiefe=0&daten_anfang=11&tm_nr2=249&no_popup=1&externe_db=

Euregio Bayerischer Wald-Böhmerwald celebrated its **20th anniversary** with 250 guest on 23rd October 2013 in Rohrbach (Upper Austria).

Press Releases:

<http://www.rmooe.at/aktuelles/euregio-feiert-20-jahre-griges-bestehen>

<http://www.euregio-bayern.de/aktuelles/news-detail/article/20-jahre-euregio-1407/>

Anniversary Brochure available for download:

http://www.euregio-bayern.de/fileadmin/user_upload/euregio/Publikationen/EUREGIO_Mag_1310-low.pdf

Öresund Committee also celebrated its 20th Anniversary.

The celebration was held on 24 October 2013 in Copenhagen, in the framework of the Öresundsting 2013. More information (in Danish): <http://www.oresundskomiteen.org/2013/10/et-brag-af-et-oresundsting/> :

We would also like to congratulate the EUREGIO on its 55th anniversary, Euroregion Slobozhanschina for 10 and EUREGIO EGRENSIS for 20 years of existence.





AEBR TASK FORCES - Meetings in the scope of the AEBR Annual Event 2013

TASK FORCE EXTERNAL BORDERS (TFEB)

Chaired by Johannes Moiso, the Task Force External Borders discussed outcomes of past activities and plans for the future, e. g. the AEBR Youth Forum 2014, which will be held either in Hedmark-Dalarna (NO/SE) or Euroregion Donbass (RU/UA). The TFEB also discussed about the planned cooperation network of the Ukrainian-Russian-Polish border regions, the new Info-Centre in Karkhiv and cooperation with the NEEBOR network. The report of Mr. Moiso is available at: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=292.

TASK FORCE CROSS-BORDER HEALTH

The Taskforce CB Health of the AEBR is revived! During the AEBR Annual Conference on the 8th of November 2013, the taskforce came together under the new chair Mr. Jan Oostenbrink (EUREGIO). Current cross-border projects from different regions were presented, e.g. hospital cooperation between Lower Austria and South Bohemia, Emergency care between North Portugal, Galicia and Castilla y Leon, cross-border health care exchange between Germany and Switzerland in the region of Basle, cross-border interdisciplinary house of physicians in the Eurodistrict Regio Pamina (DE-FR) and cross-border prevention, euPrevent|EMR, in the Euregio Meuse-Rhine (DE-NL-BE). More: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=287.

TASK FORCE CROSS-BORDER CULTURE

TF CB Culture has also met in the scope of the AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference on **7 and 9 November 2013** in Liège, Euregio Meuse-Rhine. A summary of the results and more information about this Task Force can be found here:

http://www.aebr.eu/en/taskforce/task_forces_detail.php?taskforce_id=10.

On **30 January 2014**, another meeting was held in Brussels, results will soon be available here:

http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=347.

More news on Culture:

-> **Four Bulgarian cities short-listed for European Capital of Culture 2019:**

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-1248_en.htm

TASK FORCE WATER MANAGEMENT

The Task Force encourages the aspect of Integrated Water resource Management (IWRM) inside and outside the EU. Supported by appropriated financial instruments (such as INTERREG 5A, INTERREG 5B, INTERREG 5C, Horizon 2020, Life +, ESA funding etc). You will find more information about the meeting in the AEBR website: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=290.

TASK FORCE INTERREG PROGRAMMES

This has been a demand of many AEBR members and was launched during the Executive Committee in Santiago de Compostela (8th March 2013). A first workshop was organized during the AEBR Annual Conference in Liège. The TF Interreg meeting was lead by Ms. Eszter Csókási (Euroregion DKMT), more details: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=291.

GROUP OF GERMAN AEBR MEMBERS

In the scope of the AEBR Annual Conference in Liège, 12 representatives of 7 German border regions met to discuss latest developments and topics of particular relevance to the German border regions.

During this meeting, different subjects were taken up by the German group, e.g. the new Interreg 5A - funding. Support for the small projects fund is a concern of many border regions. It was clarified that the new 2020 strategies do not represent an obstacle, but that they rather call for a proper categorization.

More: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=301.



NEWS OF EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- **Council adopts cohesion policy package for 2014-2020:**
http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/genaff/140106.pdf
- **Serbia to start accession negotiations in January 2014:**
<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/homepage/highlights/serbia-to-start-accession-negotiations-in-january-2014?lang=en>

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- **Public consultation “Draft Guidelines on environmental and energy State aid for 2014-2020” (Consultation Period: 18.12.13.-14.02.14):** http://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2013_state_aid_environment/index_en.html
- **Public consultation on patient safety and quality of care (Consultation Period: 05.12.13 – 28.02.14)**
http://ec.europa.eu/health/patient_safety/consultations/patient_safety_quality_care_cons2013_en.htm
- **Public consultation on a European Area of Skills and Qualifications (Consultation Period: 17.12.13 - 15.04.14):** http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/more_info/consultations/index_en.htm
- **Results of the “Telling the Story” conference held on 10-12 December 2013 in Brussels:**
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/telling-the-story/visual_en.cfm
- **Horizon 2020 - first calls :** http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-13-1122_en.htm?locale=en
- **Horizon 2020 launched with €15 billion over first two years:**
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/news/horizon-2020-launched-%E2%82%AC15-billion-over-first-two-years>
- **ICT-enabled public sector innovation in H2020:**
<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/ict-enabled-public-sector-innovation-h2020>
- **Commission launches pilot to open up publicly funded research data :**
http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-1257_en.htm
- **Common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) amended:**
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:342:0001:0057:EN:PDF>

COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS (COR)

- **CoR Opinion on the “Recommendations of local and regional authorities for better spending the new financial perspective 2014-2020” adopted at its plenary session on 8 October 2013 (Rapporteur: Alberto Nuñez Feijóo, President of Galicia):** <http://coropinions.cor.europa.eu/CORopinions.aspx>, Opinion nr 3609, Year 2013).
- **Regions and Cities of Europe - Newsletter No. 85/December 2013:**
<http://cor.europa.eu/en/news/regions-and-cities-of-europe/Pages/newsletter-85-december-2013.aspx>
- **Regions and Cities of Europe - Newsletter No. 84/October 2013:**
<http://cor.europa.eu/de/news/regions-and-cities-of-europe/Pages/newsletter-84-october-2013.aspx>
- **EGTC award 'Building Europe across Borders':** http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=315
- **10th European Urban and Regional Planning Awards, organised by the European Council of Spatial Planners with the support of the Committee of the Regions, Deadline for Applications: 31 January 2013:** http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=280
- **European Entrepreneurial Region (EER) Award 2015, call for applications open until 31 March 2014:**
<http://cor.europa.eu/en/takepart/eer/Pages/eer.aspx>
- **CoR COTER and EP REGI call for respect of the partnership principle and full implementation of the cohesion policy reform:** <http://cor.europa.eu/en/news/Pages/coter-regi-partnership-cohesion.aspx>

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- **New Cohesion Policy 2014-2020: Time to put it into practice:**
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20131217IPR31133/html/New-Cohesion-Policy-2014-2020-Time-to-put-it-into-practice>

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (EESC)

- **EWSA Info, December 2013:** <http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.eesc-info.30302>.



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- EUSDR Newsletter: <http://t.co/7NskYSI9Ey>
- PLATFORMA Newsletter No. 24: http://www.platforma-dev.eu/newsletter.php?newsletter_id=22&lg=en
- PLATFO'RMA Newsletter No. 25: http://www.platforma-dev.eu/newsletter.php?newsletter_id=23&lg=en
- Association for Borderlands Studies Newsletter: <http://absborderlands.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/La-frontera-341-.pdf>
- CRPM Newsletter No. 100: http://www.crpm.org/newsletter/100/100_en.html
- Baltic Development Forum Newsletter:
<http://www.anpdm.com/newsletterweb/42425841704143514279474259/4445594375474659477145405C43>
- SEE Newsletter - November 2013: http://www.southeast-europe.net/en/news_and_events/newsletter/seenewsletter-november2013
- E-newsletter of Euroregion Pyrénées-Méditerranée: <http://www.euroregio.eu/sites/default/files/newsletter7fr.html>
- Baltic Rim Economies, November 2013: <http://www.utu.fi/en/units/tse/units/PEI/BRE/Pages/home.aspx>
- Baltic Rim Economies, December 2013: <http://www.utu.fi/en/units/tse/units/PEI/BRE/Documents/BRE%207-2013%20web.pdf>
- AER Newsletter no. 13: <http://www.aer.eu/en/publications/newsletter/aer-newsletter-n13-112013.html>
- Hot Issue Nr. 274, Newsletter of IRE, focusing on the 9th IRE Annual Conference:
<http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=c6e061c7ff97d59add6cc8724&id=fdd7d8d5e1&e=1bd0624bfb>
- L'actualité transfrontalière, newsletter of MOT, No. 95:
<http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=d42665c4edb8cedc073c741d9&id=b9de3df73d&e=cd2d36964f>
- Baltic Cities Bulletin, November 2013: http://www.ubc.net/link_2540.html
- EMUNI News, November 2013: <http://www.emuni.si/Files//newsletter/2013/2013-november.html>
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- RESEARCH NEWS 2 (Newsletter of the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development within the German Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning):
http://www.bbsr.bund.de/BBSR/EN/Publications/ResearchNews/2011_2015/2013_2.pdf?blob=publicationFile&v=3
- Eurborderregions Newsletter No. 5: http://www.euborderregions.eu/files/Newsletter_5%20final.pdf

The Global local forum has published the 2013 edition of its annual review, entitled *Global local forum 2013- Le dialogue des territoires - "La coopération transfrontalière, levier pour le développement et la paix: les territoires construisent par delà les frontières"* (Global local forum 2013 - Dialogue of Territories: Cross-border cooperation, lever for development and peace: territories across borders)

The introduction contains i. a. contributions of: **Luis Ramon VALCAREL SISO**, President of the Committee of the Region, **Andris PIEBALGS**, European Commissioner for Development, **Johannes HAHN**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy, **Danuta HÜBNER**, Chairwoman of the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development, **Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ**, President of the Association of European Border Regions, President of the Euregio Meuse-Rhine and Minister-President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium.

The following presentations of AEBR can be found as well in this 2013 edition:

- Cross-border cooperation in west Africa, a contribution to the regional integration process, Association of European border regions (AEBR), Addis Ababa
- Cross-border cooperation in Latin America, a contribution to the regional integration process, Association of European border regions (AEBR)

For more information about this publication, please click http://www.global-local-forum.com/pages.asp?ref_arbo=2563&tra_n_id=1.

On the occasion of the **Regional conference on cross-border cooperation in Dakar (Senegal) from 17 to 19 December 2013**, AEBR President Karl-Heinz Lambertz delivered a video message, which is available on the website of the Global Local Forum: http://www.global-local-forum.com/pages.asp?ref_page=9094.





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EURISY Handbook of good practices published: Satellites Going Local 2013 - The water edition

Local and regional administrators and private companies who use or manage water sources can draw ideas and inspiration from these hands-on experiences shared by their peers. The examples show how satellite services are used to improve water management in many key areas, from agriculture to utilities, from environmental protection to energy and risk management. Another novelty with this edition is that each good practice is linked to a reference to European or international legislation or policy objective that the satellite solution helps users comply with. To download the report, please click: <http://www.eurisy.org/index.php/news/item/306-satellites-going-local-2013.html>.

“It’s about us, it’s about Europe! Towards European Democratic Citizenship” – policy recommendations published by EYCA, the European Year of Citizens Alliance



The final version of EYCA policy recommendations “It’s about us, it’s about Europe! Towards European Democratic Citizenship.” Is now available for download in several European languages from <http://ey2013-alliance.eu/itsabouteuropaitsaboutus/> (EN, FR, LT are already offered for download, more language versions will be uploaded to that website as soon as they are available).

A **printed version** of this document will also be issued in all the languages available. The topics mentioned have been discussed in Vilnius during the EYCA internal meeting on 12 December 2013. Furthermore, the recommendations have officially been presented during the Closing event of the EYCA2013 on 13 December 2013 in Vilnius (for information on this event, please see <http://ey2013-alliance.eu/2013-european-year-citizens-closing-conference-make-every-year-year-citizens/>).

The European Year of Citizens Alliance (EYCA) is an open network of European and national civil society organisations willing to promote active citizenship as a core element of the European democracy in the frame of the European Year of Citizens 2013. AEBR has been actively involved in the activities of the European Year of Citizens Alliance by attending and spreading information about several events.

The AEBR Forum held on 19 November 2013 in Brussels, entitled “The participation of the citizens from border regions in the Operational Programmes – The case of the EGTC” was organised in the framework of the European Year of Citizens 2013, with the support of the European Year of Citizens’ Alliance (EYCA), (see report http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=304).

Presidency of the Council of the European Union turning to Greece for first half of 2014

The Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union ended on 31 December 2013. Comprehensive information about the tasks carried out, decisions taken, actions implemented can be found in the official website <http://www.eu2013.lt/en/>. AEBR was actively following the developments, taking part in several meetings on territorial cohesion, e.g. the meeting of the Network of Territorial Cohesion Contact Points (NTCCP) and Urban Development Group (UDG) held on 15 and 16 October, and the joint DG meeting on 20 and 21 November in Vilnius, where the final declaration of the AEBR Annual Conference 2013 was presented as well (Link to the AEBR Final Declaration 2013: http://www.aebr.eu/files/publications/131107_Final_Declaration_EN.pdf). In the first half of the year 2014, Greece takes over for the fifth time since its accession in 1981 the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, before passing the torch on to Italy on 1 July 2014. Ireland, Greece, and currently Lithuania, are part of a so-called “trio”, i.e. a group of three successive presidencies, working together to achieve more sustainability for their actions and political programmes. Main motto of the Greek EU Presidency is “Europe – Our Common Quest”. It is expected that the Greek Presidency also moves forward with implementing the EU enlargement strategy in the Western Balkans region, and to advance negotiations with Montenegro and Serbia. Another important topic to be focused on will be growth and jobs, border protection and migration problems. All events held during the Greek Presidency as well as further information can be found in the official website: <http://gr2014.eu/>.

In the scope of the Greek EU Presidency, AEBR will organise a forum on “**Cross-Border Cooperation in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea area 2014-2020**”. This forum is planned to take place in Kavala on **27 March 2014**, one day prior to the meeting of the AEBR Executive Committee. You are invited to check the AEBR website regularly for updated information (http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=344).



EVENTS IN THE EU

DATE/PLACE	TOPIC / INFOS
1-3 October 2013 Lublin (PL)	Eastern Europe Initiatives Congress 2013 http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=245
1-4 October 2013 Mariehamn, Åland	XII UBC General Conference "FROM WORDS TO ACTION: Combating youth unemployment and marginalisation" www.mariehamn.ax/ubc
3 October 2013 Copenhagen (DK)	Baltic Sea Conference 2013: Blue Growth, Sustainability and Water Industries http://www.bdforum.org/baltic-sea-region-conference-2013/
7-10 October 2013 Brussels	OPEN DAYS 2013 http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2013/index.cfm
11 October 2013 Brussels	ESPON's Territorial Vision of Europe towards 2050 http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Events/Menu_Workshops/workshop131011.html
12 October 2013 Belgrade (RS)	First ECPD Youth Discussion Forum "Youth for Maintaining Peace through Reconciliation and Acceptance in the Balkans" and 30th Anniversary of the ECPD (European Center for Peace and Development) More information: ecpd@eunet.rs
13-15 October 2013 Pamhagen (AT)	9th IRE's Conference of European Regions and Cities Economy meets Politics: Cross border regional cooperation http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=289
15 October 2013 Vilnius (LT)	Meeting of the National Territorial Cooperation Contact Points (NTCCP)
15 October 2013 Kehl (DE)	Euroinstitut Seminar „Bürgerbeteiligung und zivilgesellschaftliches Engagement in Deutschland und Frankreich: Wie kann die neue Beteiligungskultur unterstützt werden?“ http://www.euroinstitut.org/wDeutsch/fortbildungsprogramm/detail.php?script=wDeutsch/fortbildungsprogramm/wScripts/veranstaltung_anzeigen.php&veranstaltungid=1495564288&viewMode=&startLimit=&kategorie=&Category=
16-18 October 2013 Tallinn (EE)	TEN-T Days http://www.tentdays2013.eu/
16-19 October 2013 Brussels (BE)	Crans Montana Forum 2013 http://cmf.ch/events/upcoming-events
17-18 October 2013 Helsinki (FI)	21st Annual Conference of the Baltic Sea States Sub-Regional Cooperation http://www.cbss.org/ai1ec_event/21st-bsssc-annual-conference-policy-making-after-2013-towards-new-dimension-in-baltic-sea-cooperation/?instance_id=
18-19 October 2013 Gorizia (IT) and Nova Gorica (SL)	Seminar on "Tools, Methods and Practices for Transfrontier Cooperation" Organised by the Council of Europe, Committee on Local and Regional Democracy
21 October 2013 Strasbourg (FR)	20th anniversary of Euro-Institut Kehl http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=279
21 - 22 October 2013 Brussels (BE)	CALRE Plenary Sessions http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=312
29-31 October 2013 Strasbourg	25th Session of the Bureau of the Congress of European Local and Regional Powers
29 - 31 October 2013 Amsterdam (NL)	EYCA: International Conference "Borders to Cross – How green is (y)our grass?" http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=276
28-29 October 2013 Bucharest (RO)	2nd Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region http://danubedevelopmentforum.com/2nd-annual-forum-of-the-eu-strategy-for-the-danube-region-bucharest-october-28-29-2013/
31 October 2013 Badajoz (ES)	Eurisy/Extremadura conference "Satellite applications for multi-level irrigation management: capitalising on experience to drive regional innovation" http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=282
8 November 2013 Brussels (BE)	Regions as Motors of New Growth through Smart Specialisation http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/smart_specialisation/agenda_en.cfm
12 November 2013 Brussels	CoR Conference on the EU Youth Strategy http://www.cor.europa.eu/en/events/Pages/youthstrategy.aspx



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12 November 2013 Brussels (BE)	Conference "Reuniting Ireland: lessons learnt from Europe" Contact for information: brian.carty@europarl.europa.eu
19-20 November 2013 Brussels	Second European Conference on Regions and Biodiversity - Local action for biodiversity: the role of the regions http://www.regionsandbiodiversity.eu/
19-20 November 2013 Joensuu (FI) and Sortavala (RU)	4th European Border Dialogues Forum on Cross-Border Cooperation in a Wider Europe http://www.isd-network.org/projects/annual-forum-cross-border-cooperation/programme
20 November 2013 Brussels	PLATFORMA Steering Committee
20-21 November 2013 Vilnius	Joint DG meeting in the framework of the Lithuanian Presidency of the EU Council
21-22 October 2013 Brussels	CALRE General Assembly http://www.calre.net/irisnet.be/index.php/plenary-assembly-2013
26 November 2013 Brussels	ERRIN Conference http://www.errin.eu/content/news
26 November 2013 Strasbourg (FR)	CEMR/CONGRESS Conference on Decentralisation https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=2133339&Site=COE
26-27 November 2013 Brussels	European Development Days www.eudevdays.eu
27 November 2013 Brussels	Committee of Regions' Conference "Innovation Union" ⁴ http://cor.europa.eu/en/events/Pages/eu2020-innovation-union.aspx
27-28 November 2013 Narva (EE)	Estonian-Russian stakeholder conference „XI Peipsi Forum/ Narva Forum“ http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=334
27-28 November 2013 Vilnius	3rd Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius http://www.eu2013.lt/en/events/political-meetings/european-council-meetings/the-3rd-eastern-partnership-summit-in-vilnius
27-29 November 2013 Ghent (BE)	Eurocities General Assembly http://www.eurocities.eu/eurocities/events/EUROCITIES-2013-Ghent-
3 December 2013 Brussels	Third CoR Seminar on the Future of Europe 2020 http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=326
3 December 2013 Brussels	Conference "The macro-regional strategy for the Carpathian Region" http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=340
4 December 2013 Forbach (FR)	Workshop „Freizeit in den Kommunen von SaarMoselle – jetzt grenzüberschreitende Information! Loisirs au sein des communes de SaarMoselle – une information dorénavant transfrontalière!“ http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=331
9-10 December 2013 Brussels	Communicating European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020 http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/telling-the-story/index_en.cfm
12-13 December 2013 Vilnius	EYCA Closing Conference http://ey2013-alliance.eu/2013-european-year-citizens-closing-conference-make-every-year-year-citizens/
16-18 December 2013 Sopot (PL)	VIII Energy Forum in Sopot http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=329
18 December 2013 Berlin (DE)	6th Subsidiarity Conference—Subsidiarity monitoring after Lisbon: experiences and perspectives http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=327
14 January 2013 Brussels	European Economic and Social Committee Public Hearing on Employment http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.events-and-activities-employment-effects
19-21 January 2014 Tromsø (NO)	Arctic Frontiers Conference 2014 http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=337



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20 January 2014 Brussels	Meeting of CoR President with Presidents of Regional and Local Authorities
24 January 2014 Alicante (ES)	20th Anniversary of the Xarxa Vives of Universities http://www.urv.cat/en_agenda/155/first-commemorative-act-to-celebrate-20-years-of-the-xarxa-vives-network-between-21-universities-from-the-catalan-speaking-areas
27 January 2014 Brussels	Commission Consultation on Partnership and Multi-Level Governance in the implementation of Cohesion Policy
29-30 January 2014 Brussels	CoR Conference: "Culture and Creativity - Europe's regions and cities making a difference" http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=338
30 January 2014 Brussels (BE)	"Quality Framework for Traineeships" - invitation to a Stakeholder consultation by CoR Rapporteur Mr Andrius Kupinskas (LT/EPP – ECOS) http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=349
5 February 2014 Brussels	Workshop related to the Public Consultation on INTERREG EUROPE https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10ZbzQjRh4IQ5cxurQky-dfQ5IZi07jL0--Y3z1YdUJo/viewform
6 February 2014 Brussels	INTERMODES 2014 "Sustainable Mobility and Intermodality" http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=341
6-7 February 2014 Athens (GR)	Stakeholder Conference on the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/adriatic_ionian/index_en.cfm
17 February 2014 Brussels	"Agricultural Genetic Resources – from conservation to sustainable use" - Stakeholder consultation by CoR Rapporteur Mr Giuseppe VARACALLI (IT/ALDE – NAT) http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=350
18 February 2014 Brussels	Annual meeting of the EGTC Platform https://portal.cor.europa.eu/egtc/en-US/news/Pages/Save-the-date-18-February-annual-meeting-of-the-EGTC-Platform.aspx
20 February 2014 Den Haag (BE)	Presentation of the BENELUX 2014 Annual Plan and Signature of the BENELUX Convention on cross-border and interterritorial cooperation http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=352
25 February 2014 Brussels	"Affordable Energy for All" - Stakeholder consultation by CoR Rapporteur Mr Christian ILLEDITS (AT/PES – ENVE) http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=351
7-8 March 2014 Athens	6th Summit of European Cities and Regions http://cor.europa.eu/en/events/summits/Pages/athens-2014.aspx
20-21 March 2014 Florence (IT)	International Conference on New Perspectives in Science Education http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=335
25-27 March 2014 Strasbourg	26th Plenary Session of the Congress of European Local and Regional Authorities http://www.coe.int/t/congress/Sessions/26/default_en.asp
31 March 2014 Brussels (BE)	RegioStars Awards 2014 http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/regions_for_economic_change/regiostars_en.cfm
6-7 May 2014 Berlin (DE)	Transnationale Zusammenarbeit in Europa - So geht es weiter! Organiser: Bundesministerium für Bau, Verkehr und Stadtentwicklung (BMVBS) http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=339
6-9 October 2014 Brussels	OPEN DAYS 2014 http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2014/index.cfm
14-16 October 2014 Strasbourg	27th Plenary Session of the Congress of European Local and Regional Authorities http://www.coe.int/t/congress/default_en.asp



NEWS OF AEBR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Trilingual Fact Sheet of RegioTriRhena available for download



RegioTriRhena, member of AEBR since 1998, is situated in the triangle between Germany, Switzerland and France, at the Southern Upper Rhine. RegioTriRhena acts as a trinational information and exchange platform for a variety of economic purposes. Most of its annual activities focus on cross-border networking and exchange projects. The trilingual fact sheet (DE/FR/EN) is available via the following link: http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=65



The **Regional Strategic Framework (RSF) for the Central Border Region of Ireland / Northern Ireland** is the first such formal initiative of this type developed for this area. The RSF was launched on Friday 22nd November 2013 in the Slieve Russell Hotel, Cavan by representatives of the governments of Ireland and Northern Ireland. More information:

http://www.aebr.eu/en/members/member_detail.php?region_id=50

German-Danish trESS-Seminar in Padborg held on 19 September 2013

A full report about this event (trESS = training and reporting on European Social Security, a network supported by the European Commission, which brings together practitioners of different professions to deal with the coordination of social right systems in the member states of the EU), held in Padborg (Region Sønderjylland/Schleswig), is available in German at: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=281.

“Balance Head of the Spanish Delegation in the Committee of the Regions. Extremadura 2010-2013”

The Spanish Delegation in the Committee of the Regions has been headed up by Extremadura region, member of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), from 2010 to 2013, in a crucial period for the future of the EU. In this period, important proposals such as the EU budget, the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund and the Trans-European Transport Networks have been shaped.

More: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=266.

Water Newsletter, January 2014, containing infos on EU calls and funding:

http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=319

Environmental's Newsletter, January 2014, containing infos on EU calls and funding:

http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=318

E-Digest No. 2 (Information bulleting of the AEBR Information Centre at Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics: <http://issuu.com/vladflip/docs/digestnew2>

La lettre de François Maïtia, Vice-Président de l'ARFE, Newsletter No. 203:

http://www.francois-maitia.fr/site/site_015.htm

Info Europe Numéro 142 / Decembre 2013 (Newsletter of Bureau Aquitaine Europe)

http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=313

RMOÖ News, January 2014:

<http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=827daaf2c879b47c85c0e5e63&id=c9072f2061&e=a2a937f92a>

ICBAN News, e-zine winter 2013: <http://www.icban.com/f//ICBAN%20News%20Winter%202013.pdf>

SaarMoselle Actuell/Aktuell, Newsletter 3, November 2013: <http://news.saarmoselle.org/3/>

INFOPRESS 3/2013, Berichterstatter der Euroregion Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří

http://euroreg.cz/upload/File/infopress/infopress_03_13.pdf

BORDER-ZINE, Issue 6, December 2013

<http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=e19d5cefddda518ed524eed6f&id=73644528ec&e=443d99d98b>

Euroregion Dniester, Newsletter No. 3: <http://dniester.eu/en/755>

Grenzenlos/Grenzeloos, Info magazine of Ems Dollart Region:

http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=295

EUREGIO EGRENSIS Kurier 2/2013:

<http://www.euregioegrensis.de/component/phocadownload/category/7-newsletter?download=146:newsletter-2-2013>

Norden - The top of Europe - Newsletter of the Nordic Council and the Nordic Council of Ministers:

<http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=2ae7555a63b425efb432b715d&id=eb2a5155a1&e=a8124fba53>



EVENTS OF AEBR AND ITS MEMBER REGIONS

31 October 2013 Badajoz (ES)	EURISY-Extremadura Workshop http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=282
12 November 2013 Kharkiv (UA)	Opening of AEBR Info Center at the “Simon Kusnetz” Kharkiv National University of Economics http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=277 .
14-15 November 2013 San Sebastián (ES)	Forum of “Eurociudad Vasca” http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=324
19 November 2013 Brussels (BE)	AEBR-CoR EGTC Forum https://portal.cor.europa.eu/egtc/en-US/Events/Pages/The-participation-of-citizens-from-border-regions-.aspx
23-30 November 2013 (ES-PT)	Brazilian entrepreneurs study visit to Euroregion AAA (Alentejo-Algarve-Andalucía)
29 November 2013 Maastricht (NL)	EMRIC+ Project Final Symposium http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=318
6 December 2013 Eupen (BE)	Regionalkonferenz “Förderung des Arbeitsmarktes in der Euregio Maas-Rhein” http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=328
11 December 2013 Nijmegen (NL)	EurSafety HealthNet Meeting http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=336
13 December 2013 Maastricht (NL)	Seminar “TERRITORIALES MONITORING UND FOLGENABSCHÄTZUNG“, Euregio Maas-Rhein, Bericht: http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=309
16 December 2013 Kleve (DE)	End-of-Year Reception of Euregio Rhein-Waal
16 January 2014 Yuste (ES)	2014 Carlos V Award Ceremony, Bestowal of the European Prize of the Yuste European Academy to President Barroso: http://www.fundacionyuste.es/desarrollo/index.php?option=com_actividades&Itemid=94&task=mostrar&id=733
24 January 2014 Gronau (DE)	EUREGIO General Assembly and New Year’s reception 2014 http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=295
24 January 2014 Mérida (ES)	Jornada “Hacia una Extremadura 20/20” - Conference “Towards Extremadura 2020” http://www.aebr.eu/en/news/news_detail.php?news_id=316
28 January 2014 Düsseldorf (DE)	Brain Flow Project Final Conference http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=348
30 January 2014 Brussels	AEBR Task Force Cross-Border Culture http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=347
24 February 2014 St. Petersburg (RU)	AEBR Task Force External Borders http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=353
24 March - 5 April 2014 Balkans	AEBR Study Visit to Cross Border Initiatives in the Balkans http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=354
27 March 2014 Kavala (GR):	AEBR Forum in Kavala : “Cross-Border Cooperation in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea area 2014-2020” http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=344
28 March 2014 Drama (GR)	AEBR Executive Committee meeting , hosted by Euregio Nestos-Mesta http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=345
5 June 2014 Oradea (RO)	CB Health Conference http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=357
7 June 2014 Joensuu (FI)	AEBR Executive Committee meeting , hosted by Region of North Karelia / Euregio Karelia http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=346
8 June 2014 Joensuu (FI)	Round table in collaboration with the Association of Borderland Studies (ABS) related to Global CBC: http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=250
9-14 June 2014	ABS I World Conference in Joensuu and St. Petersburg http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=250
11-13 September 2014 Rzeszów (PL)	AEBR Executive Committee meeting, General Assembly and Annual Conference , hosted by the Polish Association of Carpathian Euroregion http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=325



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19-20 September Petrozavodsk	IX Annual International Conference “Cross-Border Cooperation: the Russian Federation, the European Union and Norway” http://investa.spb.ru/eng/act/86/379/general_information.html
1st October 2013 Rabat	General Assembly of ORU/FOGAR http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=286
3 October 2013 Rabat	World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders http://www.rabat2013.uclg.org/
4 October 2013 Rabat	ARLEM’s ECOTER Committee http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=304
4 October 2013 Rize (TR)	4th Black Sea Summit http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=285
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29 Oct —1st Nov Foç do Iguaçú (Brazil)	II World Forum on Economic Development http://www.foromundialdel.org/?lang=en
31 Oct - 1 Nov 2013 Odessa (UA)	International Business Forum “Danube Strategy” http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=315
27-29 November 2013 Fort-de-France	Les rencontres « Amérique latine, Caraïbe, Europe de al coopération transfrontière » http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=310
2-3 December 2013 San Salvador	AEBR Workshop on CBC within the Central American Integration System http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=355
11-13 December 2013 Lima (Peru)	Perú-EU Dialogue on Innovation for Territorial Development http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=356
17-19 December Dakar (Senegal)	Forum on Decentralized Cross-Border Cooperation http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=332
24 February 2014 Tangiers (Morocco)	5th ARLEM plenary session / 5ème Session Plénière de l'ARLEM http://cor.europa.eu/en/activities/arlem/activities/meetings/Pages/5-arlem-plenary-session.aspx
12-14 March 2014 Santa Marta (Colombia)	VIII Cumbre Hemisférica de Autoridades Locales , Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciudades y Gobiernos Locales “ExperienciAmérica” http://www.aebr.eu/en/events/events_detail.php?event_id=333

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