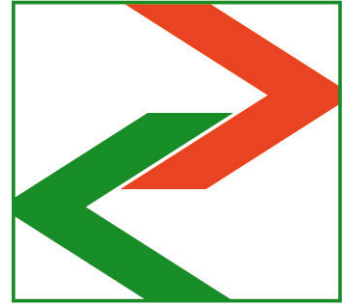




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**FORUM “R & D AND INNOVATION IN CROSS-BORDER AREAS”
Vigo, Spain**

Monday, 2nd February 2009

Venue: Site of the EGTC “Galicia-Norte de Portugal”
C/ Uruguay 10-A
36201 VIGO

08'30 h **Registration of participants and handing over of documents**

09'00 h **Presentation of the EGTC “Galicia-Norte de Portugal”**

- **Mr. Rui Azevedo**, Consultant (PT)
- **Mr. Martín Guillermo Ramírez**, AEBR Secretary General
- **Mr. Jens Gabbe**, AEBR Honorary Member (DE)
- **Prof. Teresa Lehmann**, Vice-President, Norte Region of Portugal (Comissao de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Norte de Portugal) (PT)
- **Mr. Julio C. Fernández Mato**, Secretary General of External Relations, Xunta de Galicia (ES)

10'00 h

First Session:

Key-Sectors: the impact of the Automobile Industry in some European border areas. Related sector: Aeronautics

Moderator: **Mr. Antonio Vega Martínez**, President, Galician Cluster of Automotive Companies (CEAGA) (ES)

Speakers:

- **Mr. Luis Moreno Diéguez**, Director General, Automobile Technological Centre of Galicia (CTAG) (ES)
- **Mr. Levente Székely**, Chief Secretary, Association of Hungarian Automotive Industry, Plant Manager Sanmina-SCI, Global Services Section (HU)
- **Mr. Norberto Penedo Rey**, Project Management Deputy Director, Galician Institute of Economic Planning (IGAPE), Xunta de Galicia (ES)
- **Mr. François Maïtia**, Vice-president of Aquitaine (FR) and Vice-president of the AEBR (Aeronautical Industry)

11'00 h Coffee break

11'30 h **Opening Session**

- **Mr. Julio C. Fernández Mato**, Secretary General of External Relations, *Xunta de Galicia (ES)*
- **Mr. Abel Caballero Álvarez**, Major of *Vigo (ES)*
- **Mr. François Maïtia**, Vice-President of the AEBR
- **Mr. Carlos Lage**, President of the *Comissao de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Norte de Portugal (PT)*
- **Ms. Laura Elena Sánchez Piñón**, Regional Minister of Education and University Planning, *Xunta de Galicia (ES)*
- **Mr. José Manuel Silva Rodríguez**, Director General, DG Research, European Commission
- **Ms. Cristina Garmendia**, Minister of Science and Innovation, Government of Spain (ES)

12'30 h **Second Session: R & D and Innovation. An Opportunity for Sustainable Development in Border Regions**

Moderator: **Mr. Martín Guillermo Ramírez**, AEBR Secretary General

Speakers:

- **Mr. José Manuel Silva Rodríguez**, Director General, DG Research, European Commission
- **Mr. Salustiano Mato de la Iglesia**, Director General for Research, Development and Innovation, *Xunta de Galicia (ES)*
- **Ms. Laila Østergren**, DG Regio, European Commission
- **Mr. Sture Hermansson**, Chairman of the region of *Värmland (SE)*

14'00 h Lunch offered by the Major of Vigo

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15'30 h **Third Session: “Examples of Good Practises”**

Moderator: **Mr. José María Martín Moreno**, Director General, Galician Foundation for the Knowledge Society (ES)

Speakers:

- **Mr. Luis Delgado**, *Universities and Researchers Unit, DG Research, European Commission*
- **Prof. Dr. M^a José Alonso Fernández**, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, University of Santiago de Compostela (ES)
- **Mrs. Agnés Legoll**, *International Relations Director, Bio-Valley (Biotechnology), Upper Rhine (FR-DE-CH)*
- **Prof. Dr. José Rivas Rey.**, *Director, Iberian Centre of Nanotechnology, Braga (ES-PT)*
- **Dr. Kurt Hoffmann AOR**, *RWTH-Aachen University, Fraunhofer-Institute IME, Euregio Meuse-Rhine (DE-NL-BE)*
- **Mr. Giuseppe Napoli / Mrs. Laura Comelli**, *Working Community Alpen Adria, Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia (IT)*

17'00 h Constitution of an **AEBR Network on R & D and Innovation at the European border regions** and launching of a **Permanent Forum to Promote Innovation in European Border Regions**, **Mr. Martín Guillermo Ramírez**, Secretary General of the AEBR

Presentations by:

- **Dr. Eric Jakob**, Secretary General, Regio Basiliensis (CH)
- **Mr. Damien Perissé**, Director for Innovation and Competitiveness, Conference of European Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CPMR)

17'30 h **Conclusions**

18'00 h **Closing** by **Mr. Julio C. Fernández Mato**, Secretary General of External Relations, Xunta de Galicia (ES)