

PROGRAMME

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**AEBR GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016
A SAFE FUTURE WITHOUT BORDERS!
on the occasion of 25 Years Euroregion
Neisse-Nisa-Nysa**



GÖRLITZ (DE), LIBEREC (CZ)
AND BOLESŁAWIEC (PL),
22-24 SEPTEMBER 2016

Host:
Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa



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Main subject

A Safe Future Without Borders!

Target Group

Professionals and stakeholders dealing with cross-border cooperation, decision-makers from regional, national and European levels

Venue

Thursday, 22 September 2016: Görlitz (DE)

Landskron KULTurBRAUEREI GÖRLITZ

An der Landskronbrauerei 116

02826 Görlitz

Friday, 23 September 2016: Liberec (CZ)

Regional Authority of the Liberec Region

U Jezu 642/2a

461 80 Liberec 2

Working languages

Simultaneous interpretation:

German, Polish, Czech, English, French, Greek

Registration

You can register for the AEBR events online until 9 September 2016 under following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Esl95g_Shm7ZJkvrEKfHgw8zW2quW0bw4EXUByoBb6E/viewform?usp=send_form

Conference Secretariat

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Dear members and friends of AEBR,

We would like to welcome you in our home region, Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa, to this year's AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference "Safe future without borders".

The topic of the conference is very up to date. Due to the turbulent development in Europe and the challenges we are facing, the debate about safety is quite emotional with scenarios of future development that foresee the reappearance of borders rather than their removal.

In our Euroregion, where the history was very difficult, we have been developing great efforts for past 25 years to overcome the borders and their dividing role and influence on our people and institutions. It seems that our achievements are now at risk. We are therefore glad that we can use the opportunity of the AEBR Assembly and Annual Conference to also celebrate the 25th anniversary of Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa – 25 years of cooperation across our borders and thus remind ourselves of the achievements that have been made and that these should not be taken for granted but further protected and developed.

During your stay in our Euroregion you will have a chance to get to know the culture and diversity of all three countries.

First day will be spent on the German side of Euroregion in Görlitz where General Assembly and the first part of the Conference will take place. Second day we will take place on the Czech side of the Euroregion – in Liberec. Here we will continue with the second part of the Conference and also celebrate the 25th anniversary of Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa with festive evening. On the third day you will have a chance to participate in a study visit to Bolesławiec on the Polish side.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa.

With best regards,



Martin Půta

President of Euroregion Nisa

President of the Liberec Region



Dr. Pavel Branda

Member of the AEBR Executive and Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor of Rádlo Municipality



Bernd Lange

President of Euroregion Neisse

President of the Görlitz District



Piotr Roman

President of Euroregion Nysa

Mayor of the City of Bolesławiec

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 21 September 2016

- Arrival of participants in Görlitz

Meeting of the German Border Regions

Thursday, 22 September 2016 Venue: Landskron KULTurBRAUEREI GÖRLITZ

08.30 h Registration of Executive Committee members and registration for the General Assembly (the latter will be open until 10.30)

09.00 h **AEBR Executive Committee Meeting**
(only AEBR Executive Committee members)

10.00 h Coffee break

10.30 h **AEBR General Assembly and AEBR Election 2016**
(only AEBR members in good standing and those successfully registered before 31st August)

12.00 h Lunch

13.30 h **ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

A SAFE FUTURE WITHOUT BORDERS!

Opening and Welcome

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of AEBR, President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community of Belgium

Landrat Bernd Lange, President of Euroregion Neisse

Heinz Lehmann, Member of the Parliament of Saxony, Chair of the German Delegation in the Committee of the Regions (CoR), Chair of the Working Group on Turkey

Siegfried Deinege, Oberbürgermeister der Stadt Görlitz

Keynote speeches

Lena Andersson Pench, Director, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Raffaele Cattaneo, President of the COTER Commission of the Committee of the Regions, President of the Regional Council of Lombardy

14.30 h Coffee break

15.00 h

Round Table 1: The Role and Importance of Cross-Border Cooperation in the future European Cohesion and Regional Policy

Chair: **Geert Versnick**, Vice-President of AEBR, Deputy (Minister) of the Province of East Flanders, Euregio Scheldemond (BE/NL)

Introduction: **Lena Andersson Pench**, Director, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

The Midterm Review / 7th Cohesion Report 2017 – Paving the way for the future

Panellists:

Dr. Jiří Horáček, Director, Ministry of Regional Development (CZ)

Stefanos Georgiadis, President of Euroregion Nestos-Mesta, President of the Chamber of Drama (GR)

Ángel-Luis Sánchez Muñoz, General Secretary for External Action, Regional Government of Andalusia

Anita Ryng, Head of the Territorial Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Development (PL)

Johannes Moisio, Chair of the AEBR Task Force “External Borders”, Regional Council of South Karelia (FI)

Mag. Alexander Maier, Government of Tyrol, European Affairs Department, ARGE ALP (Euregio Tirol/Trentino-South Tirol)

17.00 h

Closing session, followed by meetings of AEBR Task Forces

20.00 h - 22.20 h

Reception on invitation of the Free State of Saxony – Minister of State **Dr. Fritz Jaeckel**, Head of the State Chancellery, Free State of Saxony, as representative of the Minister President

19:00 h

Entry

20:00 h

Welcome address given by the Head of the State Chancellery and State Minister for Federal and European Affairs, **Dr. Fritz Jaeckel**

20:20 h

Greeting message of AEBR President **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**

20:30 h

Opening of the buffet

Background music: Band SWINGTIME, Görlitz

Informal conversation between the participants

22:00 h

Closure of the event



Friday, 23 September 2016

09.00 h Bus trip to Liberec (departure from parking lot in front of the border bridge:
Am Stadtpark 1B, 02826 Görlitz)

10.30 h *Round Table 2: Border Obstacles*

Venue: Regional Authority of the Liberec Region, Liberec

Chair: **Dr. Pavel Branda**, Euroregion Nisa, Member of the AEBR Executive and Advisory Committee

Welcome speech: **Martin Půta**, President of Euroregion Nisa, President of the Liberec Region

Introduction: **Nathalie Verschelde**, Deputy Head of Unit D2 – Cross-Border Cooperation, DG Regional- und Urban Policy: *Results of the EU study on border obstacles*

Panellists:

Raffaele Cattaneo, President of the CoR COTER Commission, President of the Regional Council of Lombardy

Konstantinos Exakoustos, Regional Councillor of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, Vice-Governor for Development (GR)

Jean Peyrony, Director General, Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière - M.O.T. (FR)

Michael Fahmüller, Landrat of Rottal-Inn County, Euroregion Bayerischer Wald/Böhmerwald (DE/AT/CZ)

Peter Hansen, Speaker of the German Group of AEBR members, Director Region Sønderjylland/Schleswig (DK/DE)

Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Secretary General of AEBR

12.30 h Information Session on Tools

13.00 h Press Conference with **Mr. Cattaneo**, **Mr. Půta** and **Mr. Lambertz**

13.00 h Lunch

Break for individual programme: Visit to the gallery, the museum, or guided tour through the historical centre of Liberec

16.00 h *Festive Session: 25 Years of Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa*

Venue: Oblastní galerie v Liberci (Regional Art Gallery in Liberec), Masarykova
723/14, 460 01 Liberec 1

- Welcome speech by **Dr. Pavel Branda** (Euroregion Nisa)
- First part of the concert of cross-border orchestra: W. A. Mozart - Divertimento in D, K.136
- Speeches by 3 presidents of Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa: **Mr. Martin Půta**, **Mr. Bernd Lange** and **Mr. Piotr Roman**

- Second part of the concert of cross-border orchestra: B. Britten - Simple Symphony
- Speech by AEBR President **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**
- AEBR Award "Sail of Papenburg" 2016: Speech by **Dr. Reinhold Kolck**, Chairman of the Jury
- Third part of the concert: J. Pavlica - Missa brevis pastoralis
- Closing of the festive evening

18.00 h Reception on invitation of **Mr. Martin Půta**, the President of Euroregion Nisa and President of the Liberec Region

20.00 h Return trip by bus to Görlitz

Saturday, 24 September 2016

09.00 – 17.00 h Study tour to Bolesławiec (Bunzlau) ERN (EU projects), organised by the Polish partner: European Cultural Heritage – Traditional Ceramics in Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa

- Welcome by the Mayor of Bolesławiec **Mr. Piotr Roman**, President of Euroregion Nysa
- Visit to Ceramic Manufacturers
- Visit to the Museum of Ceramics
- Visit to the International Centre of Ceramics – Bolesławiec Cultural Centre, the Open People's Fair and the Center of the Town

Bolesławiec is a town in the voivodship Lower Silesia. This town is situated approx. 52 km east of Gorlitz and 123 km west of Wrocław (Breslau) at the Oder River. Bolesławiec has some 40.000 inhabitants and is seat of the surrounding rural community, to which the town itself does not belong. It is also seat of the district which bears the same name, and to which Bolesławiec town also belongs.

Bolesławiec is well-known for the "Bunzlauer". Ceramics from Bunzlau had and still have a high economic importance, not only before the end of World War II, but also today. The typical decor of these ceramics contributed to a certain style. Another particular advantage of this pottery is the fire resistance.

Several manufacturers in Bolesławiec are specialised in producing "Bunzlauer" ceramics. There is a revival of ceramics from Bunzlau due to the high quality, which is dishwasher and microwave safe and fire resistant.



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