

AEBR III Cross-Border School, General Assembly and Annual Conference 2019
Cross-border Culture Cooperation and the Culture of Cross-Border Cooperation

Dresden, 23-26 October 2019

Border and cross-border regions are involved in Interreg projects, promoting people-to-people contact, knowledge and collaboration. We are trying to identify solutions to overcome cross-border obstacles, and we are also fighting Euro-scepticism and promote a better understanding of EU programmes (particularly territorial ones) through the deployment of young volunteers (IVYs). A better awareness of territorial cooperation amongst young Europeans promotes the values of European integration and territorial cohesion, while the identification of major obstacles and possible solutions supports place-based approaches for cross-border territories, even if they are complex. With all of these, we want to contribute to increase the level of trust among Europeans. This wants to be the main message of our Conference in Dresden.

Euroregion Elbe-Labe (DE-CZ) will launch the Czech-German Culture Days with various events, including the celebration of AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference, the III Cross-Border School, a coordination meeting of AEBR Executive Committee and various workshops organized by AEBR members and partners.

Prior to AEBR Annual Conference 2019, the third **AEBR Cross-Border School** will take place on Wednesday 23 October in Dresden, dealing with “The Culture of Cross-Border Cooperation”: we will discuss borders in a globalised context, success stories of cross-border cooperation as a strategy to face Euroscepticism and the provision of services across national borders - workshops and debates to deepen the discussion will follow the presentations in the afternoon. The audience and the academics will have the chance to interact and exchange suggestions about books and other material in order to enhance knowledge in this specific field.

This time four universities — Technical University of Dresden (DE), University of Twente (NL), Radboud University (NL), and Liberec University (CZ)— will provide a day filled with presentations, discussions and workshops about the latest academic research and current situation of CBC in the EU.

This event is a unique opportunity to learn about latest research and trends on cross border cooperation, as well as a meeting point for related actors and experts from all over Europe and beyond. Academicians and practitioners will discuss with the audience the added value of cross border cooperation against the backdrop of the current political situation locally and globally. A meeting of **AEBR German Group** is planned on Wednesday evening.

On Thursday 24 October AEBR statutory bodies (**Executive Committee** and **General Assembly**) will meet in the morning, while in the afternoon and following day, **AEBR Annual Conference** will take place following the draft programme included in the next pages. On Friday 25 October, a series of **workshops** (at least one organized by AEBR Task Force External Borders, and another one in collaboration with ESPON and Interact) is planned on Friday afternoon,

There will be a series of cultural and social events. On Thursday evening the Czech-German Culture Days will be officially opened in Pirna. On Friday afternoon an event is planned at the *Hygienemuseum* in Dresden, including a project presentation and a guided tour. Friday evening a gala reception is planned for AEBR guests at the *Kultur Kraftwerk* in Dresden and, on Saturday 26 October, a study visit to Czech side of Euroregion Elbe-Labe: Ústí nad Labem, Řehlovice, Krupka and Litoměřice.

III AEBRCross-Border School and AEBR Annual Conference 2019 (and related events)

Wednesday, 23 October 2019		
08.30-08.50	Registration	
9.00 – 16.00	Plenarsaal, City Hall, Dresden	<p>III Cross-Border School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to provide relevant thinking material for curious professionals helping them to systematically reflect on their CBC practice; - to provide feedback to researchers about their research outcomes and professional experiences <p>Opening: Euroregion Elbe/Labe and AEBR Presentations by Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria, Canada) Borders in Globalization, Marcel Boogers (University of Twente, NL) Strategy, Structure and Society – why CBC always fails, Melinda Benczi (Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives, HU) Strategic Planning of CBC, Hynek Böhm (University of Liberec, CZ) CBC as a success story to face Euroscepticism, Martin van der Velde (Radboud University Nijmegen, NL) and Doede Sijtsma (Province Gelderland, NL) Cross-Border Data – what is it and for what do we really need it?, Eduardo Medeiros (University of Lisbon, PT) Ex-Ante Territorial Impact Assessment for INTERREG-A, Annika Jaansoo (University of Twente, NL) and Pauliina Kanervo (City of Oulu, FI) Provision of cross-border services</p>
13.00-14.00		Lunch break
14.00-15.00		WGs 1 “Obstacles” & 2 “Minorities”
15.10-16.10		WGs 3 “Creativity” & 4 “CESCI”
16.30-17.00		Conclusions from WGs and Concluding remarks
17.00 – 19.00	II/013 (2 nd floor)	Meeting of AEBR German Grouping
19.00	Ratskeller	Informal get-together with dinner buffet

Thursday, 24 October 2019			
08.30	Foyer of Plenarsaal	Registration	
9.00-10.00	Plenarsaal, City Hall	AEBR Executive Committee meeting (only for Executive Committee members)	EN/ DE
10.00-10.30	Foyer of Plenarsaal	Coffee break	

10.30-12.00	Plenarsaal, City Hall	AEBR General Assembly (only for AEBR members)	EN/ DE
12.00-13.30	Foyer of Plenarsaal	Lunch break	
13.30-14.00	Plenarsaal, City Hall	AEBR Annual Conference A Culture of CBC Welcome and opening: Dirk Hilbert , Mayor of Dresden, Co-President of Euroregion Elbe-Labe and Member of AEBR Executive Committee Benedikt Praxenthaler, CBC Division, Federal Ministry of Interior, Germany (tbc) Ann-Sofi Backgren , AEBR First Vice-President	EN/ DE
14.00-15.00		First panel: <i>Trust Building</i> <i>Keynote speech</i> (15') (tbc) <i>Speakers:</i> - European Commission, DG Regio, Dirk Peters Trust building through EU instruments, the case of the ECBM (10') - b-Solutions cases (10'): overcoming legal and administrative obstacles - <i>Trust and the quality of post-2020 cross-border policies</i> , Gavin Daly, ESPON EGTC (10') Interaction with the public (15')	
15.00-15.30	Foyer of Plenarsaal	Coffee break	

15.30-16.45		<p>Second panel: <i>Joint Thinking and Doing, but also Showing: CBC Branding and Visibility</i></p> <p><i>Moderation: (tbc)</i></p> <p><i>Introductory speech: European Commission, DG Regio, Nathalie Vershelde Solving Border Obstacles and Communicating Territorial Cohesion (20')</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A b-Solutions case of joint doing (3') - A major challenge: Greece/EU – Turkey cooperation, Legatos Pantelis, President of the Chamber of Chios (10') - An IVY testimony on visibility/communication (3') - A global challenge: adaptation to climate change. The case of coal regions. Katya Müller, Coal Regions Platform (10') - A CEA (Citizen Engagement Activity) organized by an IVY (3') - A major opportunity: <i>CB Branding, the case of joint tourism promotion</i>, Dawid Lasek, Polish Association Carpathian Euroregion (10') <p>Interaction with public</p>	
16.45-16.50		Presentation of AEBR Annual Events 2020 in the German-speaking Community of Belgium / EMR / Greater Region	
16.50-17.00		Closing statements on the future of ETC: Nathalie Vershelde, Dirk Peters, AEBR (MGR) (tbc)	
17.15	Rathaus, Goldene Pforte	Departure to Evening Event in Pirna (Buses) (no return to hotels possible)	
18.30	Pirna, Stadtkirche St. Marien	Opening concert of the Czech-German Culture Days with Elbland Philharmonie Sachsen and Janáček Filharmonie Ostrava	
20.00	AEBR: Rathaus	Receptions of City of Pirna, Moravia-Silesian region and Euroregion Elbe/Labe around market square (see invitation)	
22.00	Parking near Elbe	bus departures back to Dresden (see invitation)	

Friday, 25 October 2019			
9.00	Plenarsaal, City Hall	AEBR Annual Conference , the <i>Case of the Host</i> : Cross-Border Culture Saxony through the eyes of others: Camper reports, 3 teams of international journalists travelling through rural areas Talks with protagonists	EN/ DE
10.30	Foyer of Plenarsaal	Coffee break	
11.00	Plenarsaal, City Hall	Keynote speech: Ms Irena Dourou (Greece), Rapporteur for <i>Culture with no Borders</i> at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe. (20')	
11.20		Presentation of Best Practices of Cross-Border Culture Cooperation in Rural Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nova Gorica/Gorizia (SI/IT) (10') - X-Dörfer (Miriam Scholl, DE) (10') - Leeuwarden (NL) (10') - kultura.digital (DE/CZ) (10') 	EN/ DE
12.30	Foyer of Plenarsaal	Lunch break	
14.00	Hygiene- museum	Presentation of "Neue Heimat" – Show room for Dresden's application for European Capital of Culture 2025	
15.00		Individual visit to the Museum's exhibitions	
15:30-17.30	Plenarsaal	Workshop 1: Trust and the quality of post-2020 cross-border policies. Moderated by Gavin Daly, ESPON EGTC	EN
	I/200 (1 st floor)	Workshop 2: Task Force EU External Borders	
	II/013 (2nd floor)	Workshop 3: Strategic Task Force (CB Branding Office)	
19.00–22.00	<i>Kraftwerk Mitte (Wettiner Platz)</i>	Gala reception of the Minister-President of Saxony Speeches and cultural interventions: Michael Kretschmer , Prime Minister of Saxony Dirk Hilbert , President of Euroregion Elbe/Labe, Mayor of Dresden Ann-Sofie Backgren , AEBR Bestowal of <i>AEBR Award Sail of Papenburg 2019</i> <i>Gala buffet</i>	

Saturday, 26 October 2019

10.00	Neues Rathaus, Goldene Pforte	Study visit to Czech part of Euroregion Elbe/Labe Viewpoint to Czech Republic (weather dependent) Kulturní centrum Řehlovice – culture in rural areas Art exhibition Lunch City of Litoměřice – one of the pearls of Euroregion Elbe/Labe Guided tours through the city Coffee break
18.00		Return to Dresden