

Across and within borders – regional solutions for spatial challenges in urban-rural areas

Date: 9th October 2013, 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Venue: Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU, Rue Belliard 60-62, Brussels



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PROGRAMME

14:00 – 14:30	Registration of participants Welcoming coffee
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Moderator's introduction <i>Mrs. Hilary Lowson, Secretary General Purple network (Peri-Urban Regions Platform Europe)</i></p> <p>Words of welcome <i>Mr. Johannes Jung, Director, Head of Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU</i> <i>Mrs. Sandra Steinhauer, Deputy Head of Office, Office of the State Government of Lower Austria, Brussels Liaison Office</i></p> <p>Urban-rural cooperation – towards smart, sustainable and inclusive growth of the European regions <i>Mrs. Charlina Vitcheva, Director, European Commission, DG REGIO, Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development and Northern Europe</i></p>
15:00 – 16:00	<p><u>Discussion panel I:</u> Spatial planning as a strategic tool to overcome territorial challenges</p> <p>Territorial dimension of strategic planning – tool for balancing the Rural and the Urban <i>Mr. Maciej Borsa, Director, Institute for Territorial Development, Lower Silesia (PL)</i></p> <p>Solutions in Lower Austria – 3 strategic projects <i>Mrs. Hajnalka Triteos Meidlik, Regional Management Lower Austria (AT)</i></p> <p>Planning across the Border on the Upper Rhine <i>Mr. Martin Kolb, Franco-German-Swiss Conference of the Upper Rhine, Basel-Landschaft (CH)</i></p> <p>Regional system of subsidies for land planning in the Vysočina Region <i>Mr. Jan Strejček, Head of the Spatial Planning Department, Vysočina Region (CZ)</i></p> <p>Interreg – Project EULE: A best practice example for EU cross-border cooperation and data harmonisation <i>Mrs. Eva Haslauer, Research Studios Austria, Studio iSPACE, Researcher and PhD student, Salzburg (AT)</i></p> <p>Transborder gardens become urban spaces <i>Mrs. Bärbel Schäfer, President of the District Government Freiburg in Baden-Württemberg, Baden-Württemberg (DE)</i></p> <p>Q&A session & discussion</p>

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16:00 – 17:00	<p><u>Discussion panel II:</u></p> <p>Common European spatial challenges call for tailor-made regional responses</p> <p>Urban sprawl and the loss of agricultural land: a major challenge <i>Mr. Michel Grégoire, Vice-President in charge of Agriculture & Rural development, Rhône-Alpes (FR)</i></p> <p>Urban renewal works; urban settlement; urban sprawl <i>Mr. Lokman Çağırıcı, Mayor of the Bağcılar Municipality, Bağcılar-İstanbul (TR)</i></p> <p>Trigger factors of spatial potential dealing with suburbanisation – one of the greatest challenges of the Bratislava Self-Governing Region <i>Mr. Martin Bezek, Bratislava Self-governing region, Head of Strategy & Regional Development, Bratislava Region (SK)</i></p> <p>Challenges in the field of the nature protection: quality, biodiversity, innovation, competitiveness <i>Mr. Pietro Lo Monaco, Regional Department-Regional Forest Agency, General Director, Sicily Region (IT)</i></p> <p>Culture and creative industry for regional urban-rural cohesion <i>Mrs. Stanislava Genkova, Expert in Cultural Programmes and Projects from the Municipality of Varna, City of Varna (BG)</i></p> <p>Q&A session & discussion</p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Closing session <i>Mrs. Charlina Vitcheva, Director, European Commission, DG REGIO, Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development and Northern Europe</i> <i>Final conclusions by the moderator</i></p>
17:30 – 19:30	Cocktail reception