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3rd Annual Meeting of the EGTC Platform of the Committee of the Regions The EGTC beyond regional policy – Transport and Enterprise

Date: 25 February 2013, 14:30-17:30

Venue: Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99-101 Brussels
Room JDE 51 listening room JDE 70

Languages available: EN – FR – DE – ES – IT – HU active and passive interpretation
PL – GR passive interpretation

Chair: Mr Herwig Van Staa (AT/EPP) President of the Parliament of Tirol
Coordinator of the EGTC Platform

Agenda (final version)

14:00-14:30 Registration of the participants

14:30-14:40 Welcome and opening by Mr Herwig Van Staa

14:40-15:25 Keynote speakers

- Mr Normunds Popens, Deputy Director General of DG Regional and Urban Policy
- Mr Frank Maughan, Irish Presidency of the EU Council
- Mr Joachim Zeller, MEP rapporteur on the proposal of revision of the EGTC Regulation
- Ms Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid, MEP member of the Cross-border Networking Group of the European Parliament
- Ms Annamária Oláh, Hungarian Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, *Conclusions of the 2nd Meeting of national authorities in charge of authorizing new EGTCs*
- Open floor to CoR Members: Mr Geblewicz (EPP/PL), Mr Osvald (PES/CZ), Mr Adomnitei (ALDE/RO), Mr Meaney (EA/IE)

15:25-16:15 The EGTC beyond regional policy: Transport
From trans-european networks to connecting neighbours

- Mr Stéphane Ouaki, European Commission, DG Mobility and Transport, Head of Unit Connecting Europe Facility
- Ms Gudrun Schulze, European Commission, DG Mobility and Transport, Policy Officer TEN-T
- Mr Olgierd Geblewicz (EPP/PL), Marshall of Zachodniopomorskie Voivodship
- Mr Gilles Pargneaux, MEP member of the Cross-border Networking Group of the European Parliament
- Mr Stef Vande Meulebroucke, Director of the EGTC Eurometropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai
- Mr Isabelle Prianon, Director of the EGTC Eurodistrict SaarMoselle
- Representatives of EGTCs
- Open floor

16:15-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:20 The EGTC beyond regional policy: Enterprise
Providing cross-border opportunities to the SMEs

- Ms Joanna Drake, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry, Director SMEs and Entrepreneurship
- Mr Juan José Lirón Lago, Director of the EGTC Euroregion Galicia Norte de Portugal
- Mr Nikos Krimniantis, Director of the EGTC Efxini Poli – Network of European Cities for Sustainable Development – Solidarity Network
- Mr Mathieu Hinceval, Delegate of the EGTC Euroregion Pyrenées-Méditerranée in Brussels
- Representatives of EGTCs
- Open floor

17:20 Scientific summary by Dr Jens Gabbe, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Association of European Border Regions

17:25 Conclusions by Mr Herwig Van Staa

17:30 Announcements of next activities and closing of the meeting

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