

A PRELIMINARY AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

22 nd of November	
10:30-11:00	Welcome coffee and registration
OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE	
11:00-11:30	Representative of the Ministry of Regional Development of Poland
	Mrs. Angela Droussioutou, Regional Policy Counselor in the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Cyprus to the European Union (tbc)
OPENING SESSION	
<p>Nowadays we have no doubt that the financial and economic crisis has an impact on general development and growth asymmetrically and with different force. The European Union, its member states and their regions, are today more exposed to global shocks and international competition than any time before. The European scene represents different features of economic, social and territorial development. The European territory has many competitive advantages as well as challenges to meet. This opening session will start a brainstorming discussion on the future of European space and territorial impact of the crisis. Europe is changing – the questions are inter alia: <i>How is the European space changing in the XXI century and how is the financial crisis influencing the European space?</i></p>	
11:30-13:15	KEY NOTE SPEAKERS:
	1. Mr. Xavier Devictor, Country Manager, Poland and the Baltic Countries, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank
	2. Mr. Gert de Roo, Department of Spatial Planning & Environment, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, Netherlands, President of AESOP
	3. Mrs. Krystyna Gawlikowska-Hueckel, Economics of European Integration Department, University of Gdansk, Poland
Discussion	
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch
FIRST SESSION	
VISIONS OF THE SPATIAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL-EASTERN EUROPE	
<p>The debate during this session will concentrate on relations of Eastern Europe countries to the European core development areas. The balance of territorial influences is changing, and the strengths and weaknesses of regions are affected asymmetrically by crisis – the question is – are the Eastern European countries still a periphery of Europe and what are their development visions and challenges they will have to face. A place-based approach is the way to increase the territorial cohesion and development potentials at European, national and regional level. We will try to outline new spatial ideas for European territories included in the key European and national documents. The session will start a discussion upon where the peripheries are today and where will be the core of Europe in the future.</p>	
14.00-16:00	<u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Jacek Zaucha, Professor at University of Gdansk, Poland
	<u>Panelists:</u>
	1. Mrs. Ilona Raugze, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia
	2. Mr. Piotr Żuber, Director of the Department of Structural Policy Coordination, Ministry of Regional Development, Poland
	3. Mr. Wilfried Görmar, Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development, Germany
	4. Mr. René van der Lecq, Department of Spatial Planning, Housing Policy and Real Estate, Flemish Ministry of Planning, Belgium
Discussion	

23rd of November

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome coffee

SECOND SESSION

TERRITORIAL COHESION CHALLENGES

Cooperation beyond and across administrative boundaries is seen as one of the most important factors contributing to innovation which is a key in the achievement of sustainable growth and territorial cohesion. In this panel we would like to bring closer territorial cohesion with functional understanding and planning as it seems to be an important element which can improve development of European space. The questions are – how functional areas could strengthen the European space, are they an important growth factor? During this session we would like to discuss what are the challenges for future cooperation in strengthening territorial competitiveness and cohesion.

09:30 – 11:30

Moderator: Mr. Tadeusz Markowski, Professor at University of Lodz, Poland

Panelists:

1. Mr. Christian Svanfeldt, Policy Analyst, Competence Centre Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, DG REGIO, European Commission
2. Mr. Sverker Lindblad, Division for Regional Growth, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, Sweden
3. Mrs. Noriko Otsuka, Institute for Spatial and Landscape Planning, ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Discussion

11:30– 11:45

Coffee break

THIRD SESSION

FUTURES OF THE EUROPEAN TERRITORY – ET2050 AND INSPIRATION OF OTHER ESPON PROJECTS

Policymakers in the field of territorial development and cohesion are often in need of a future oriented and integrated vision on the development of the European territory. More focus on Europe's global advantages, links and flows seems needed in today's world. The visionary process has a strategic character that allows giving direction to the policy debate on territorial development. The aim of ET2050 project is to formulate a long-term integrated and coherent Territorial Vision for the "smart, sustainable and inclusive" development of the EU territory. The discussion during the session will concentrate on possible scenarios for Europe.

11:45 – 14:00

Moderator: Mr. Jacek Szlachta, Professor at Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

Panelists:

1. Mr. Peter Mehlbye, Director of the ESPON Coordination Unit, Luxembourg
2. Mr. Andreu Ulied, MCRIT, Barcelona, Spain
3. Mr. Philippe Doucet, IGEAT - Free University of Brussels

Discussion

THE CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Representative of the Ministry of Regional Development of Poland

14:00

Lunch