

BOOSTING GROWTH AND COHESION IN EU BORDER REGIONS



25 October 2018
Drama, Greece

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Thursday 25 October 2018

8:30 – 9:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

Moderators: Ms Nathalie Verschelde (PM) & Mr Ricardo Ferreira (AM), DG Regional and Urban Policy

9:00 – 9:30	<p>Welcome Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Stathis Giannakidis, Deputy Minister of Economy and Development, Greece Mr Milen Obretenov, Head of INTERREG Programmes Department, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria Mr Stefanos Georgiadis, President of the Drama Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Greece
9:30 – 10:15	<p>Keynote Speech – Boosting EU Border Regions: the Way Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Nathalie Verschelde, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission <p><i>Q&A session</i></p>
10:15 – 10:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Good Practices – Progress is Possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicinet II: Health Cooperation on the GR/BG Border – Mr Panagiotis Michailidis, General Hospital of Komotini, Greece RISK: Emergency Rescue Cooperation on the BG/RO Border – Ms Corina Marcian, General Inspectorate for Emergency situation, Romania Smart Specialization on the GR/BG Border – Ms Natasha Zarankova, Business Incubator - Gotse Delchev, Entrepreneurship Promotion Centre, Bulgaria Employment Cooperation on the RO/BG Border: the Case of SEM Centres - Mr Gabriel Cătălin Vlăduț, ARIES Oltenia, Romania <p><i>Q&A session</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Lunch</p>
13:00 – 15:00	<p>The Role of Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding and Beyond: the Role of the Commission – Mr Ricardo Ferreira, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission The Role of the National Level: the Hungarian Case – Mr Gyula Ocksay, Central European Service for Cross-Border Cooperation (CESCI) CoE Supporting Capacity Building for Cross-border Cooperation – Ms Alina Tatarenko, Council of Europe Engaging Regions to Promote Cooperation – Mr Martin Guillermo-Ramirez, Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) <p><i>Q&A session</i></p>

Meeting venue: Hydrama Grand Hotel, 11 Ag. Varvara Str., 66131 Drama, Greece

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15:00 – 16:00

Looking Ahead with New Tools

- **ECBM Hand in Hand with EGTC: A New Mechanism to Solve Obstacles** - DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- **Territorial Impact Assessment – Mr Eleftherios Stavropoulos**, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Closing Remarks

- **Ms Angeliki Bouziani** – Head of Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes, Greece