



**TRANSNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AS A STRATEGIC
INSTRUMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE**
21-22 SEPTEMBER 2010
HOTEL MAKEDONIA PALACE • THESSALONIKI • GREECE

Agenda

DAY 0 – 20 September 2010

Pre-registration

Pre-registration on 20 September is for those participants who have already registered online and would like to receive their badge and conference pack in advance, in order to avoid registration queues in the morning of the event.

DAY 1 – 21 September 2010

8.00-9.00	Registration	Participants will be able to register for the SEE Event as well as for the SEE-MED joint event
9.00 – 10.30 Session one	South East Europe: strategic and political perspectives Moderator: Vasso Berdebe, Ministry Of Economy, Competitiveness And Shipping (M.A. of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes), Greece (tbc)	
9.00-10.30	Opening (welcome, introduction to the conference objectives, presentation of the Agenda, introductory speeches)	Vasso Berdebe, Ministry Of Economy, Competitiveness And Shipping (M.A. of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes), Greece Karlo Gjurašić, State Secretary Ministry for Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management, Croatia (tbc) Viktoria Tölgyesi, Managing Authority of the SEE Programme
	Impact of the accession process on the region – Enlargement perspectives and lessons learnt	André Lys, European Commission – DG Enlargement
	Territorial cooperation for the region – a strategic perspective	Nathalie Verschelde, European Commission, DG Regional Policy
	Enhancing the transnational cooperation potential of the region – methods, instruments, future steps.	George Petrakos, General Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, Greece
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 13.00 Session two	South East Europe: needs and potential for development Moderator: Imre Csalagovits, SEE JTS	
11.00-12.30	Future perspectives for the Balkans: 2020 Foresight Project	Blaž Golob, Centre for eGovernance Development for South East Europe, Slovenia
	Spatial connectivity and local economic development in SEE	Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis, Hellenic Observatory, European Institute, London School of Economics
	How is the SEE area transforming? A sociological perspective	Gian Matteo Apuzzo, Institute “Jacques Maritain”, Italy

12.30-13.00	Panel discussion: needs and potential for development – Improving the impact of territorial cooperation on local policies in the area	All speakers (session 1 and 2)
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break	
14.30- 17.30 Session three	Strategic project development in the SEE Area Moderator: Ivan Curzolo, SEE JTS	
14.30 -16.00	Developing strategic projects: How can transnational programmes best contribute to the development of the transnational/macro-regional areas (perspectives and experiences of transnational programs)	SEE Programme JTS – Imre Csalagovits Representatives of other transnational programmes: - MED Programme - Central Europe Programme JTS: Monika Schönerklee-Grasser, - Alpine Space Programme JTS : Anuška Štoka - North Sea Region Programme JTS: Carsten Westerholt
16.00 -16.30	Coffee break	
16.30-17.00	Panel discussion: How can the SEE programme and other transnational programmes best contribute to the development of the area	All speakers; Nathalie Vershelde, European Commission, DG Regional Policy
17.00 -17.30	Towards the third call for proposals of the SEE Programme: how can the strategic projects shape the area? Proposals, expectations. Connection with the second day workshops.	Ivan Curzolo, SEE Programme JTS
17.30 -18.30	Projects fair	Networking and presentation opportunities
20.00-22.00	Networking dinner	

DAY 2 – 22 September 2010 (morning session)

8.30-9.00	Welcome coffee
9.00 -12.00	Thematic Workshops (common coffee break: 10.30-11.00)
Workshop 1	Clusters and specialist network development – Externalities
Workshop 2	Climate Change Adaptation: assessing vulnerabilities and risks and translating them to implementation actions at the regional and local levels
Workshop 3	Greener intermodal solution for accessibility
Workshop 4	Human capital as key for tackling migration-driven demographic changes in SEE

SEE & MED Programmes Joint Event

Draft agenda

12.00 – 13.30	Lunch buffet (joint)	
13.30 – 14.00	Welcome – Introduction	Greek presidency (Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping)
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Joint Session One: Future perspectives of European Territorial Cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The added value of territorial cooperation for the region - Territorial cooperation as a driver of regional growth • Future of Territorial Co-operation • Improving the impact of territorial cooperation on local policies • Perspectives on current/ potential macroregional strategies (Danube, Baltic) – common issues, differences • Financing - Agenda 2020 <p>Closing of the session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic vision of ETC: The Programmes' perspective; How can the SEE and MED Programmes best contribute? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (European Commission – DG REGIO) – TBC • (European Commission – DG REGIO) – TBC • Mr. Jens Kurnel (Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban and Regional Development-Germany) • European Commission – DG REGIO) - TBC • Mr. Mauro Novello (Head of INTERACT Point Vienna) • SEE & MED Programmes Managing Authorities
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break	
16.00 – 17.30	<p>Joint Session 2: Co-operation with Western Balkan countries</p> <p>Presentations (EC and programme objectives and experiences)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation in Western Balkan countries (current situation, future perspectives) • Management of IPA funds and its effects at Programme and Project level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Giannantonio Balette (European Commission – DG Enlargement) • MED and SEE Programmes JTS/MA • Ms. Manuela Fischanger (Project Manager – project FATE) • Ms. André Akutsa (Project Manager – project SOSTONETO)

	<p>Panel discussion (country and project perspectives)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained experience (results so far, identification of bottlenecks in co-operation, added value) and future perspectives from the country point of view) 	<p>Ms. Jorida Tabaku (Deputy Minister of Integration – Albania) Ms. Zara Halilovic (Assistant Director for European Integration – Bosnia-Herzegovina) Mr. Karlo Gjurasic (State Secretary, Ministry of Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management – Croatia) Ms. Ratka Sekulovic (Deputy Minister for European Integration – Montenegro) Ms. Gordana Lazarevic (Assistant Minister of Finance – Serbia) Ms. Saska Mamucevska (Head of Department for European Union, Ministry of Local Self Government – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)</p>
17.30	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEE & MED Managing Authorities • Greek Presidency