



REGIONE AUTONOMA
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA



Gorizia (Italy), Šempeter (Slovenia), Nova Gorica (Slovenia) – 18-19 October 2013



PROGRAMME

European Seminar

TOOLS, METHODS AND PRACTICES FOR TRANSFRONTIER COOPERATION

9.00 – 09.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.00 OPENING OF THE SEMINAR - WELCOMING REMARKS

Chair, Mr Roberto Collini ISIG President

Mayor of Gorizia, Mr Ettore Romoli

Mayor of Nova Gorica, Mr Matej Arčon

Mayor of Šempeter-Vrtojba, Mr Milan Turk

President of the Province of Gorizia, Mr Enrico Gherghetta

President of the Regional Council of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Mr Franco Iacop

Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Alfonso Zardi

10.00 – 11.00 SESSION I- THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONTRIBUTION TO A EUROPE WITHOUT DIVIDING LINES

Chair, CoE - Mr Paul Henri Philips, Vice-chair of the European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy, Council of Europe

THE ROLE OF THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

Mrs Breda Pečan, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities' rapporteur on transfrontier cooperation

THE OUTCOMES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

Mr Auke van der Goot, former chair of the Committee of Experts on Transfrontier Cooperation (CoE), the Netherlands

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 13.00 SESSION II - THE ROLE OF NATIONAL AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS FACILITATING CBC

Chair, Ms Vesna Tomsič, Councillor of the Province of Gorizia

THE NATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ms Anna-Karina Kolb, Department for regional affairs, economy and health, Republic and Canton of Geneva (Switzerland)

Mr Edwin Lefebre, Deputy Director Ministry of the Flemish Community Agency for Home Affairs

THE MULTILATERAL EXPERIENCE

Mr Alain de Muysier, Deputy Secretary General of the BENELUX Union Contact by Benelux Secretariat

Mr Gyula Ocskay, Secretary General CESCO - Central European experience

THE INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE: FOUR VIEWS

Mr Joël Meyer, Consul-general of France in Milan, France ;

Ms Sara Vito, Councilor for Environment and Energy, Regione Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy;

Ms Nóra Ivády, Head of the Department of Cross-Border Cooperation for Territorial Public Administration, Hungary;

Mr Stefan Kupers, International advisor to the King's Commissioner of the Province of Limburg, the Netherlands.

DEBATE

13.00 – 14.30 Buffet lunch – SOLUM PROJECT (Province of Gorizia)

14.30 – 17.00 SESSION III - CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IN EUROPE: AN OUTLOOK

Chair, Prof Franco Crevatin, University of Trieste, President of the Intercultural Cooperation and Development MA Course

TOOLS FOR CROSSBORDER COOPERATION: THE MANUAL TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES

Dr Daniele Del Bianco, ISIG Director

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TRAINING FOR CBC PROJECT MAKING AND MANAGEMENT

Ms Milena Grion – Head of Development Project Department, ForSer

DEBATE

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee Break

MINORITY GROUPS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER: BRIDGING THE BORDER

Mr Dejan Valentinčič, School of Advanced Social Studies, Nova Gorica

TOOLS FOR CROSSBORDER COOPERATION : THE SWOT ANALYSIS EXPERIENCE

Prof Alberto Gasparini, University of Trieste, ISIG Research coordinator

DEBATE

17.00 – 17.15 SUMMING UP OF THE DEBATES

CDLR rapporteur on transfrontier cooperation, Mr Edwin Lefebre, Deputy Director Ministry of the Flemish Community Agency for Home Affairs

Saturday, 19.10.2013 Palazzo Coronini, Trg Ivana Roba 3a, Šempeter (Slovenia)

9.30 – 11.00 SESSION IV - THE EXPERIENCE OF ITALY AND SLOVENIA IN CROSSBORDER COOPERATION

Chair, Ms Laura Comelli, Managing Authority Operative Programme Italia-Slovenia

CROSS BORDER TOURISM PERSPECTIVES: TURISMO FVG AND SLOVENIAN SPIRIT

Ms Alice Venaruzzo, Project Coordinator Turismo FVG

Mr Gorzad Skrt, Director Spirit Slovenia in Italy

THE GORIZIA EUROPEAN GROUPING OF TERRITORIAL COOPERATION : MOTIVES, MODALITIES AND LESSONS LEARNED SO FAR

Ms Sandra Sodini, Director EGTC GO

CROSS-BORDER HEALTH PERSPECTIVES IN THE EGTC GO

Mr Bernardo Spazzapan, Health Committee Coordinator

CROSS-BORDER CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES IN THE EGTC GO

Mr Boris Nemec, Culture Committee Coordinator

THE INTER-MUNICIPAL DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION ON THE ITALIAN-SLOVENIAN BORDER

Province of Gorizia – Ms Vesna Tomsič, Mr Enrico Gherghetta

Municipality of Nova Gorica – Representative

Municipality of Šempeter-Vrtojba – Ms Anita Manfreda

DEBATE

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 12.30 SESSION V - HOW TO DEVELOP GENUINE MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE AT CROSSBORDER LEVEL?

Chair, Mr Paul Henri Philips, Vice-chair of the European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy, Council of Europe

ROUND TABLE: with the participation of the representatives of the European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy, the Congress, the European Commission, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Istria Region

12.30 – 12.45 **SUMMING UP OF DEBATES AND CLOSING OF THE SEMINAR**

Roberto Collini ISIG President

Representatives of the Council of Europe

13.00 *Buffet*

14:30 -17:00 SPECIAL EVENT, Gorizia (Italy), Šempeter (Slovenia), Nova Gorica (Slovenia)

The seminar aims at taking stock of practices and solutions that already exist in respect of facilitating this cooperation. It will allow for the exchange of best practices and the sharing of experience on the basis of the information provided by Council of Europe member states, associations and regional/local authorities and collated with a view to compiling a Manual of practices to be widely shared among them. The experience of cooperation between Italian and Slovenian local authorities as well as that of Regione Friuli-Venezia Giulia and its neighbours will be considered more in depth.

The seminar will also provide an opportunity to promote the last production of a series of SWOT reports (started in 2004) measuring and assessing the state of cross-border cooperation between European states in such regions as South-Eastern, Central and Northern Europe. The Overview of this cooperation, published in 2012 will also be presented and discussed.

The findings of the seminar will be used by the European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy of the Council of Europe in order to finalise a Manual on removing obstacles to cross-border cooperation, and as the basis for proposals to be submitted to the Committee of Ministers with a view to promoting effective cross-border and interterritorial cooperation between member States.

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