

Draft Programme

SEE ANNUAL EVENT 2010

***Transnational Co-operation as a strategic instrument for development in
South East Europe***

Thessaloniki, Greece, 21-22 September 2010

Macedonia Palace Hotel

Objectives

- Promote the SEE Programme and reinforce its role in the area.
- Show the added value of the Programme and the achievements up to date.
- Stimulate innovative proposals for future strategic co-operation activities.
- Create an (efficient) dialogue on the topic of development in the Balkans area.
- Offer networking opportunities and a framework for the exchange of experience for the Programme stakeholders.
- Stimulate inter-programme(s) dialogue and synergies.
- Stirring project development towards the third call

Target groups

- EU Institutions (European Commission - DG REGIO; DG ENLARG other DGs concerned; Committee of the Regions, European Parliament)
- Ministries – innovation, environment, transport, urban development, regional development
- Local authorities (city halls, regional agencies)
- International organizations active in the area, in the fields covered by the programme.
- Other Territorial Cooperation Programmes
- Current and potential beneficiaries

Conference language: English

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Day one – 21 September

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)	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
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 13.00 Session two	South East Europe: needs and potential of development Moderator: Imre Csalagovits, Director, 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 of development - Improving the impact of territorial cooperation on local policies in the area	All speakers
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break	

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14.30- 17.30 Session three	Strategic project development in the SEE Area Moderator: Ivan Curzolo, Head of Project Development and management Unit, 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 Csagovits 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 Verschelde, 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	
20.00-22.00	Networking dinner	

Day 2 – 22 September (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

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