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Presentation

Regional development is the main challenge for the states from the area of Central and Eastern Europe after their accession to the European Union, and territorial cooperation is an efficient means for the harmonious and balanced integration of the EU's territories, with a view to modernize the regions lacking economic and social development. With the major goal of promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion, the EU's economic development policy supports the efforts by each Member State of mitigating the interregional disparities through transfers of financial resources to the backward regions.

Multi-level governance engages, at the highest level, the participation of the regional and local authorities to the elaboration and implementation of the development programs and plans; hence, the initiative of the Committee of the Regions to open up a large debate forum on the subject of the involvement of the sub-national authorities was well received by the entire spectrum of stakeholders, from the regional and local levels to the business community, civil society and academic field. Our proposals, expressed on the CoR's debate forum, were intended not only for the increase in the quality of community legislation through a more consistent participation of the CoR and the promotion of cross-border and international cooperation, aimed at developing and enhancing territorial cohesion; they were also directed towards the adoption of new procedures aimed at enhancing the participation of the regional and local authorities in the decision-making process.

It is in this context that the International Conference „Regional Development and Territorial Cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe in the context of the CoR White Paper on Multilevel Governance” is held and welcome by the University of Oradea, “Babes-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca and the National School for Political and Administrative Studies Bucharest, under the auspices of the European Commission, Committee of the Regions, EACEA Jean Monnet Action and the Romanian Ministry for Regional Development and Tourism. The conference is co-organized by the Institute for Euroregional Studies Oradea-Debrecen and “Altiero Spinelli” Centre for the Study of European Governance Cluj-Napoca within the activity programs of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (University of Oradea) and Jean Monnet Chair Governance and Community Policies (“Babes-Bolyai” University Cluj-Napoca).

This conference proposes to bring together, by means of the interesting topic put forward, high representatives of the European institutions (EACEA, CoR, IIAS), academic staff, academic researchers, representatives of the central and sub-national authorities, professionals and civil society representatives, in order to explore new ways of contributing to the increase in the participation of sub-national and private stakeholders in the public policies of the EU.

Thursday 20.05.2010

15.00 - 16.30 Registration of the Participants

16.30 – 17.00 « Aula Magna » (University of Oradea)

Opening Ceremonies

Word of greeting:

Gianluca SPINACI, Committee of Regions, Brussels

Petru FILIP, President of the Public Administration Committee in the Romanian Senate

Radu ȚÂRLE, President of the County Bihor Council

Gavrilă GHILEA, Representative of the Bihor County Prefecture

Ilie BOLOJAN, Mayor of Oradea

Andrei MARGA, Rector of « Babes-Bolyai » University of Cluj-Napoca

Laszlo FESUS, Rector of the University of Debrecen

Adrian MIROIU, President of the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest

Cornel ANTAL, Rector of the University of Oradea

17.30 – 19.00 Plenary Session (Aula Magna-University of Oradea)

Fabienne MARON, Vice-president of Group of Research and Action for European Neighbourhood Policy, Brussels

“Regional Development and Territorial Cooperation: the role of Public Administration in Crisis times and in the context of the CoR's White Paper on Multilevel Governance”

Nicolae PĂUN, “Babes-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca

“Regions and multiculturalism: Beyond the nation?”

Iordan Gheorghe BĂRBULESCU, Nicolae TODERAȘ & Oana Andreea ION, National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest

“Definition and delimitation of the EU competences within the Treaty of Lisbon: explaining multi-level governance”

Peter ILOSVAI, Managing Director IT-Services Hungary

Istvan SULI-ZAKAR & M. TOMORI, University of Debrecen

“The Changes of multilevel governance in the countries of the eastern peripheries of EU”

19.30 Reception

Friday 21.05.2010

09.00 - 10.30 Plenary Session (Aula Magna-University of Oradea)

Maria Manuela TAVARES RIBEIRO, University of Coimbra

“Europe et les Congrès de Paix”

Adrian IVAN, “Babes-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca, “Altiero Spinelli” Center for the Study of European Governance

“Treaty of Lisbon governance and institutional development”

Mykolia PALINCHAK & Maria SELMENSKA, National University of Uzhhorod

“Trans-Carpathian Cross-border cooperation in the scope of Ukrainian-Romanian cooperation”

Hugh McMAHON, University of Edinburgh

“Devolution or Multilevel Governance: The Case of Scotland”

Ioan HORGA, University of Oradea

“Multilevel Governance and Subsidiary Principle in White Paper of CoR”

Cristina ARES, University of Santiago de Compostela

“The Europeanization of regional governance in post-Lisbon EU: the role of regional legislative assemblies”

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Plenary Session (Aula Magna-University of Oradea)

Alina BĂRGOANU & Roxana DASCĂLU, National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest

“Regional Development and Territorial Cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe”

Alexandru ILIEȘ, Vasile GRAMA, Grigore HERMAN, Ovidiu GACEU, Maria GOZNER, University of Oradea

“Crossborder territorial systems and forms of functional regionalization”

Mariana COJOC, “Ovidius” University of Constanta

“Cross-border cooperation in the Eastern EU Case study: The New Foreign Trade Architecture and multi-level governance in the Black Sea Area”

Grigore SILAȘI & Paolo MAGNOTI, Western University of Timișoara

“Cooperation between Regions and Cross-border Cooperation in Europe the Case of Trentino-South Tyrol and Tyrol”

Viktoriya SERZHANOVA, University of Rzeszow

“Multilevel governance in Poland”

12.30 - 13.00 Discussions

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 17.00 Workshop 1:

Regional development: Performances and Perspectives

Chairmen: Fabienne MARON (Brussels) & Adrian IVAN (Cluj-Napoca)

Ramona UNIȚA, University of Oradea

“Joining the EU’s Multi-level System of Governance – Is there an East European Model of Regionalization?”

Mihaela HERBEL, “Babes-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca

“Local governance, cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge; Delimitation of a research field in European Studies”

Gabor KOZMA & F. MEZO, University of Debrecen

“Changes in the system of deconcentrated public administration bodies after 1990”

Claudia IOV, “Babes-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca

“Administrative reform and regional development in the context of Croatia's EU accession”

Janos PENSEZ, University of Debrecen

“The questions of the territorial cohesion - spatial income inequalities in two different regions of Hungary”

Izsak KINCSE, University of Debrecen

“Cross border cluster development in the Baltic Sea and Danube macro-regions”

15.00 – 17.00 Workshop 2:

Cross-border cooperation and CoR White Paper on Multilevel Governance

Chairmen: Istvan SULI-ZAKAR (Debrecen) & Alina BĂRGĂOANU (București)

Adrian FOGHIȘ, University of Oradea
„Multilevel Governance - The EGTC Tool”

Irina Ionela POP, University of Oradea
“Multilevel governance and the European Neighbourhood Policy”

Renaud DE LA BROSSE & Maurice BUANGI, University of Reims
“Comment réduire le déficit de communication dans des régions européennes transfrontalières?”

Luminița ȘOPRONI, University of Oradea
“European Media Conglomerates on the Communication Market”

Adrian POPOVICIU & Constantin ȚOCA, University of Oradea
“Romanian-Hungarian cross-border cooperation through a possible EGTC Oradea-Debrecen”

Florentina CHIRODEA, University of Oradea
“Standard of Product and Advertising”

Gábor HUSZTHY, University of Debrecen
“The supporting system of the enterprenior sector in the Nord Great Plan Region”

17.00 – 17.30 Coffee break

17.30 – 19.00 Workshop 1:

Regional development: Performances and Perspectives

Chairmen: Hugh McMAHON (Edinburgh) & Mariana COJOC (Constanța)

Natalia CUGLEȘAN, “Babes-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca
“The role of the county within the Romanian governance : actor or spectator?”

Zsolt RADICS, University of Debrecen

“Multilevel governance and tourism development in the eastern part of Hungary”

Cristina DOGOT, University of Oradea

“Les organismes régionaux en Roumanie: les capacités et les limites”

Erno MOLNAR, University of Debrecen

“Industrial restructuring in the North Great Plain Region, Hungary”

Sorin ȘIPOȘ & Stelian NISTOR, University of Oradea

“The historical and geographical potential of Upper-Bistra Valley (Bihor County)”

János Levente NEMATI, University of Debrecen

“Urban development projects in the European Union”

17.30 – 19.00 Workshop 2:

Cross-border cooperation and CoR White Paper on Multilevel Governance

**Chairmen: Mycolia PALINCHACK (Uzhgorod) & Grigore SILAȘI
(Timișoara)**

Zoltan BALOGH Committee of Regions, Brussels

“The role of regional networks in multilevel governance. The case of NEEBOR network”

Diana GAL, Institute for Euroregional Studies Oradea-Debrecen

“CoR’s White Paper on Multilevel Governance: advantages & disadvantages”

Raul GUTIN, University of Oradea

“The Open Method of Coordination – a new type of governance”

Szabo GYULA, University of Debrecen

“Decentralization and development at sub-national level”

**Dorina Camelia ILIEȘ, Lucian BLAGA, Ioana JOSAN, Ștefan BAIAS,
Cezar MORAR**, University of Oradea

"Regional forms of cross-border cooperation: natural parks in the borderland area"

Adrian POPOVICIU, University of Oradea

"The Frontier Workers and the Cross-border Cooperation"

Istvan POLGAR, University of Oradea

"Study market mobility in Bihar Hajdú-Bihar Euroregion"

19.00 – 20.00 Conclusions of the conference

20.00 Dinner

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