EREF-2010

Competencies and Values for Sustainable, Knowledge-based Competitiveness - A New Agenda for European Regions

7-8 June, 2010 | Hotel Perla, Nova Gorica, Slovenia

Programme
MONDAY 7 JUNE

08.00 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 Welcome Addresses

Boris Cizelj, Chair EREF
Mirko Brulc, Mayor of Nova Gorica
Drago Podobnik, President Management Board HIT

09.15 Keynote Addresses

Cohesion Policy, Human Capital and Sustainable Regional Development,
Dr. Henrik Gjerkeš, Minister for Regional Policy and Local Self-Government

Europe 2020 Strategy – the Perspective of the European Commission,
Cornelius Mario Vis, Bureau of European Policy Advisors, BEPA

Building European Knowledge-based Competitiveness through Entrepreneurs,
Peter Jungen, President Small and Medium Enterpreneur Union of the EPP (SME Union) Brussels, Chairman Center on Capitalism and Society (CCS), Columbia University, New York

Workshop Reports

10.00 – 10.30 EREF Workshop Recommendations presented by Workshop Rapporteurs

Michael Azodanloo, Internationalisierungs Center Styria, ICS
Okan Kara, National Coordinator for FP7, TÜBITAK
Giorgio Perini, Director Friuli Venezia Giulia Representation Office in Brussels
10.30 – 11.10  
**EREF SEE Workshop Rapporteurs**,  
Reports and Recommendations from the Regional Workshops  
Introduction, *Elvira Šušmelj*, Director of Municipal Administration, Nova Gorica  
*Slavka Drašković*, Executive Coach, Belgrade (SRB)  
*Ismar Alagić*, Municipality of Tesanj, Tešanj (BIH)  
*Ana Kralj*, Regional Development Agency Medjimurje, Čakovec (CRO)  
*Nenad Popović*, Regional Agency for Economic Development of Sumadija and Pomoravlje; Kragujevac (SRB)

11.10 – 11.30  
Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00  
**Thematic Tables – Session I**  
(only moderators and presenters listed)

**Table**

**A**  
»*Sustainable Development & Paradigm Change for Knowledge Society*«  
*Matjaž Mulej*, Prof. University of Maribor; *Peter Raspor*, Prof. University of Ljubljana; *Janez Podobnik*, Director ITR.

**B**  
»*EU-2020 and Knowledge Society Developments*«  
*Andreja Jerina*, Slovenian State Secretary for Development and European Affairs

**C**  
»*Building Competencies & Values through University Reforms*«  
*Rado Bohinc*, prof., Rector of University of Primorska;  
*Stane Pejovnik*, Prof., Rector University of Ljubljana;  
*Aleš Vahčič*, Prof. University of Ljubljana; *Jasna Dominko Baloh*, director, DOBA Faculty of Applied Business and Social Studies.
D  »Role of Sustainable FDI in Strengthening Regional Knowledge-based Competitiveness«  
Marjan Svetličič, Prof. University of Ljubljana; Michael Azodanloo, Coordinator for Territorial Cooperation, CIS, Graz; Karl Sauvant, Prof., Executive Director, Vale Columbia Center on Sustainable International Investment (video conference).

E  »Potential and Challenges of Business-Academia Collaboration«  
Jože Gričar, Prof. University of Maribor; Vito Turk, Prof., Director IJS Postgraduate School.

F  »Benchmarking Corporate Social Responsibility and Values for Knowledge-based Competitiveness«  
Jose Jacob Kalayil, Consultant, Bangalore; Bogdan Štefan Šalej, Director General, ICPE; William Adam, Advisor to EREF

G  »Knowledge transfer through Communication with Diasporas«  
Okan Kara, National Coordinator for FP7, TÜBITAK; Breda Mulec, Secretary, Office for Slovenians Abroad; Alessia Pozzi, Unity through Knowledge Fund.

H  »Benefits of full Gender Equality in Corporate Decision-making«  
Dinah Bennett, Durham University, WIN; Marta Turk, President Economic Chamber of Ljubljana; Radmila Milivojević, Advisor to President of Economic Chamber of Serbia.

I  »Accelerated development of candidates through Accession Preparations and regional cooperation«  
Albert Maes, Prof. European Center for Peace and Development; Jelica Minić, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo; Oriano Otočan, Istria Regional Minister for International Collaboration and European Integration.
»Role of regional Institutions in enhancing knowledge economy«
Christian Saublens, Director of the European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA);
Daniela Vukov, CEES, Novi Sad

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Thematic Tables – Session II
(continued session, participants may change their thematic tables)

16.00 – 17.30 3rd Meeting of Regional/Local Lisbon Coordinators
Moderator: Andreja Jerina, Slovenian State Secretary, Development and European Affairs

17.30 – 18.00 Initial Meeting of Regional Development Agencies from SE Europe
Host: Mirko Brulc, mayor of Nova Gorica

19.30 Dinner at Castle Kromberk
TUESDAY 8 JUNE

09.30 European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) between municipalities: Gorizia (Italy), Nova Gorica (Slovenia), Šempeter-Vrtojba (Slovenia).
Guido Germano Pettarin, Svetovalec Mestne občine Gorizia

09.40 Presentations of selected good practice cases (1 general + 5 sectorial)
Selected by EREF Brussels Steering Committee (6 x 10 minutes)
Solna City, Stockholm Region
ACC10, Catalonia
GlobalScot, Scotland
AST, Wallonia
ASHE, Croatia
ABW, Serbia

10.40 Questions and discussion

11.00 – 11.15 Break

11.15 – 12.55 Reports by moderators of Thematic Tables (10 x 10 minutes)

12.55 Adoption of EREF-2010 Resolution and Recommendations

13.00 Adoption of the topic and date for EREF-2011 and closing of the Forum

13.05 Farewell Lunch

ADDITIONAL EVENT 8 JUNE

14.00 – 15.30 RIBN Network Annual Meeting
With presentation of relevant EU programmes