

RFO “Change on Borders”
3rd Annual Conference, Syros (GR),
Cultural Centre, Melinas Merkouri Street
Friday, 24 March 2006, approx. 9:00 h –18:00 h
Agenda – Draft

9:00 - 9:30 h Registration

1. Opening / Welcoming remarks

(by the South Aegean region and the RFO Lead Partner)

- 1.1. Progress of the RFO: activities and achievements
Presentation about RFO 'facts & figures' Thematic Forum-/ SWG- activities and involvement of the Partner regions
- 1.2. Question & answers session and discussion of current achievements

2. Coffee break (possibility to visit SWG stands) *approx. 11:00 - 11:30 h*

3. SWG activities: two examples of running sub-projects

- 3.1. LABS – Language Bridges
(Ms Kally Simitopoulou, Ms Efi Styliara; Border Region Delta-Rhodopi)
- 3.2. REGBOUR – Euregios and New Neighbourhood
(Mr Risto Poutiainen, Regional Council of North Karelia / East Finland)
- 3.3. Cross-SIS – Cross-border Spatial Information Systems with High Added Value
(Mr Liam Loughran, Asesoría Industrial Zabala)
- 3.4. Question & answers session and discussion about experiences with SWG implementation

4. Press Conference

5. Lunch break (possibility to visit the SWG stands) *approx. 13:15 - 15:00 h*

6. Future challenges of cross-border programmes

- 6.1. Introduction to the new regulatory framework of Structural policy and territorial cooperation
(Mr Anastassios Bougas, representative of the European Commission, DG Regio, to be confirmed)
- 6.2. Key aspects of cross-border programme and project development
(Mr Jens Gabbe, RFO Helpdesk)

- 6.3. Example of a cross-border programme structure
(Mr Jean-Baptiste Schiber, German-French Cross-border association "Zweckverband REGIO PAMINA")
- 6.4. Panel discussion: How do the RFO Partner regions deal with cross-border programme preparation?
(Representatives of the RFO Partner regions:
Ms Maria Lozano Uriz, Delegation of the Government of Navarre
Mr Risto Poutiainen, Regional Council of North Karelia / East Finland
Representative of the Autonomous Province of Bozen / Bolzano
Moderation: Dr. Eric Jakob Northwest Switzerland / Regio Basiliensis)

7. Coffee break

approx. 17:00 - 17:15 h

8. Future interregional cooperation of border regions

- 8.1. Future prospects of interregional cooperation
- 8.2. Future exchange of experience between border regions: Key questions and topics of cooperation

9. Conclusions and closing remarks

approx. until 18:00