

THEMATIC FORUM 1
**Promoting an integrated, well co-ordinated and environmentally friendly development
of cross-border areas**

Thursday 17th March, 2005

Sirkkala hall, Hotel Kimmel
Joensuu, Finland

08.30 - 09.00	Registration
9.00	Opening: Focus on Thematic Forum 1 Risto Poutiainen, Planning Director, the Lead Region of Thematic Forum 1, Regional Council of North Karelia, Finland
9.15	Pentti Malinen, Development Director, Kajaani University Consortium, Finland
9.45	Dr Jarmo Kortelainen, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Joensuu, Finland
10.15 - 10.45	Coffee
10.45	Presentation of the REGBOUR project Petri Virtanen, Researcher, Karelian Institute, University of Joensuu, Finland
11.15	Euregio Karelia as a tool of cooperation between Republic of Karelia (Russia) and North Karelia (Finland) Sisko Kaarto, Regional Development Manager, Regional Council of North Karelia
11.45	Presentation of the Finnish Frontier Guard and Discussion Representative of the Finnish Frontier Guard

12.15-13.45	Lunch
13.45-16.15	<p>Governance of cross-border regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General introduction: Jens Gabbe, General Secretary, AEBR• Presentations of Lubelskie (Poland), Friuli-Venezia Giulia (Italy), Värmland (Sweden), Euregio Rhein-Waal (DE/NL) and region Nestos-Mesta (Greece)• Panel discussion and discussion of participants Participants from the previously mentioned cross-border areas <p>Moderator: Dr Eira Varis, Regional Development Manager, Regional Council of North Karelia</p>
16.15-16.30	<p>Closing and Introduction of the Excursion on Saturday Risto Poutiainen, Planning Director, Regional Council of North Karelia</p>
16.30-	Steering Committee meeting
19.30-22.00	Buffet Dinner Vainoniemi Villa (Transportation is arranged)

