

**THEMATIC FORUM 1:
PROMOTING AN INTEGRATED, WELL COORDINATED AND
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY DEVELOPMENT OF CROSS-BORDER
AREAS**

**THE STRATEGIC-POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF FORUM 1 WITH
PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CROSS-BORDER POLICY INITIATIVES IN
THE FIELD OF GIS AND WATER MANAGEMENT**

HOST: REGION OF NAVARRE (SPAIN)

DATES: Thursday 30th September- Sunday 3rd October 2004

VENUE: Palace of Congress and Auditorium Baluarte

Plaza del Baluarte s/n

Pamplona (Navarra)

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday 30th Sept.: arrival and transfer to the hotels

Friday 1st October: meetings

- **9.00 Welcome and opening speech (representative of the Regional Government of Navarre), *Ilmo. Sr. Don Francisco Iribarren Fentanes, Vicepresidente del Gobierno y Consejero de Economía y Hacienda***

- **9.10 The basics of Change on Borders. *José Angel Zubiaur, Director General for European affairs***

- **9.30-10.00: Strategic-political focus of THEMATIC FORUM I (key issues to be dealt with: working process, recommendations for the orientation and the background study elaborated by the Helpdesk)**
Jens Gabbe / Thomas Stumm, RFO Helpdesk
- **10.00-11.00: Conferences- presentations- on the topics by experts/policy advisers**
1st. Expert: General considerations on GIS, Sr. D. Angel Sanz Barea, Director General para la Sociedad de la Información

2nd Expert: General considerations on water management, Marc Wiering and Paul Van den Heuvel, Coordinators University Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development, Radboud University Nijmegen.
- **11.00-11.30: Coffee-break**
- **11.30: *The group will split into two according to areas of interests. The purpose of the workshops 1 and 2 are to exchange experiences and know-how and to identify existing best practices and methodological improvements to be carried out bearing in mind cross-border cooperation***

Workshop 1: GIS

Responsible person: José Luis Yanguas

Region of Navarre (Spain): Presentation of SITNA: general framework: a stand will also be available in the corridor to display management and business applications.....Andrés Valentín

Province of Gelderland (The Netherlands): Development of cross-border GDI in the border region between the Netherlands and Germany, Marc Van de Ven

Region of Lower Austria: SIS- Strategic Information System, Elke Ledl

Workshop 2: Water management

Responsible persons: Paul Van den Heuvel and Marc Wiering

Province of Gelderland: Cross-border water management and risk prevention, Doede Sitjsma

Navarre: Presentation of NILSA; Andrés Sola

- **13.00: LUNCH**
- **15.00: Showcase of projects**

Participants will be given an opportunity to identify, present and discuss projects, as well as meet their potential partners if contacts have already been done... (case of Navarre)

Region of Navarre: Project on GIS

Province of Gelderland: Project “Many Rivers to cross”

Saturday 2nd October: visits to local projects (study visit). Here again the group will split into two: SITNA and NILSA will be in charge of the visits.

Sunday 3rd October: departure