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Global challenges, European responses

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Welcome addresses by the organisers



I am pleased to present to you the programme of the European Week of Regions and Cities - OPEN DAYS 2009. This is now the seventh time that the Committee of the Regions presents, together with the European Commission and around 250 other partners, what has become the annual landmark event for Europe's regions and cities. With 7,500 participants last year, the OPEN DAYS is now in fact the biggest event on the calendar of the EU institutions. This proves that regions and cities matter and that they have an active part to play in the European project.

OPEN DAYS 2009 top priorities will be the economic crisis and the fight against climate change. Both challenges particularly concern regional and local authorities and our event will prove that regions and cities have responses to it. We expect Europe to act in a coordinated way on its most important threats, including an active partnership with regional and local governments.

OPEN DAYS 2009 will serve several objectives. First, it will bring together political representatives, decision makers, experts, practitioners and the media to discuss common challenges from a regional point of view. Second, it will provide a platform for capacity-building for those involved in managing EU funds. Third, it will facilitate cooperation and networking among regions and cities in order to find out what works best. Finally, it will provide an opportunity to debate on the future of the EU cohesion policy in a wider context by presenting recent research and views from third countries and international organisations. To help fulfil this latter objective, there will be for the first time an OPEN DAYS University to provide a platform for academic debates.

'Bringing Europe home' is a real challenge. One of the most important elements of the OPEN DAYS are the local events. In 2009, we expect around 250 of these to be held in 33 countries addressing an audience of 30,000. Schools, universities, local institutions and organisations will make October 2009 the 'European Month of Regions and Cities'. I look forward to meeting you at the OPEN DAYS 2009!

Luc Van den Brande

President of the Committee of the Regions



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The EU's Assembly of Regional and Local Representatives



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It has already become a tradition that every year in the first week of October, European regions and cities become the focus of interest for policy-makers, elected officials, and other stakeholders. Each year the OPEN DAYS is true to its name and provides an open forum of debate and networking opportunities for stakeholders from local and regional authorities, international organisations, business, civil society organisations and the media.

OPEN DAYS 2009 will take place within the ongoing policy debate about the global economic crisis. It will highlight, in particular, how Europe's regions are best placed to ensure we emerge stronger in terms of growth, innovation, and employment. In this respect, European regional policy plays an important role by restoring confidence in the EU's economy. By supporting investment in infrastructure, business and jobs, it can help Europe's regions and Member States tackle the challenges brought on by the global economic crisis.

This year's OPEN DAYS will place special emphasis on the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The Strategy, the first of its kind, sets out to make the Baltic Sea region environmentally sustainable and to boost prosperity by promoting cooperation among the main regional actors. At OPEN DAYS we will also continue our period of reflection on the future European cohesion policy. The discussions which have taken place throughout the year have been rich and stimulating and have given us much to reflect on.

I am looking forward to this seventh edition of the OPEN DAYS - including its new feature, the OPEN DAYS University - and to the lively discussions, fresh ideas and enthusiasm of the participants, which make this truly unique event such a success.

Danuta Hübner

Member of the European Commission responsible
for Regional Policy

Welcome addresses by the partners



I am pleased that the European Parliament will welcome again the audience of the OPEN DAYS - European Week of Regions and Cities in its premises. Economic, social and territorial cohesion are crucial for the future of the well-being of all citizens wherever they live in Europe. The European Parliament looks forward to strengthen its relations with the democratically elected representatives at all levels of government and to actively contribute to an efficient EU cohesion policy.

Hans-Gert Pöttering
President of the
European Parliament

This year's OPEN DAYS is being held at a critical time for Europe's regions and cities. Not only will the Copenhagen summit on climate change be weeks away in which we need to make sure that we can achieve a new global agreement but the challenges that Europe's regions and cities face in an increasingly globalised world will require us to think of new ways to work together. The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region is one such way, helping make this dynamic region more environmentally sustainable, attractive, prosperous and secure. Many of the challenges that the Baltic Sea Region face are common challenges to other parts of Europe; challenges which will need to be addressed on a regional basis. This year's OPEN DAYS provides a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences on the benefits of cross-border cooperation within a strategic framework.

Maud Olofsson
Minister for Enterprise and Energy,
Deputy Prime Minister, Sweden,
on behalf of the EU Presidency

I have been fortunate to participate in many of the past editions of OPEN DAYS and it never ceases to be a special occasion. It is about helping to strengthen the links between European cohesion policy and other policy areas such as innovation, sustainable development, transport, energy, etc. It is about providing a forum for regions and cities to meet and exchange experiences on issues which affect their daily reality. This truly broad cross-section of participants interested in the development of European regions and cities can meet and discuss the common challenges they face. The ongoing economic crisis reminds us that all regions are facing the need to respond to emerging global challenges. It is also teaching us that European cohesion policy is a powerful instrument of economic and financial stability - it provides secure financing and it invests in coherent development strategies. I am convinced that this year's edition of the OPEN DAYS, with 213 regions and cities participating from all EU Member States, as well as many from outside the European Union, and an impressive number of about 250 local events, will give us all a fresh wave of ideas and energy.

José Manuel Barroso
President of the
European Commission



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Bringing Europe closer to the citizens means putting forward things that matter in a local context. In this perspective, the OPEN DAYS two key priorities – the economic crisis and climate change – will bring up and link many local initiatives supported by the EU. Again, I am in particular pleased that this not only happens in Brussels but in many places in Europe over the month of October which more and more becomes the 'European Month of Regions and Cities'.

Margot Wallström

Vice-President of the
European Commission responsible
for Institutional Relations and
Communication Strategy

The European Year of Creativity and Innovation reminds everybody of the important contributions creativity and innovation can make to economic prosperity. In the current economic climate, innovative small and medium companies are instrumental in bringing about positive economic developments in the EU's regions, which the citizens so eagerly await.

Günter Verheugen

Vice-President of the
European Commission responsible for
Enterprise and Industry

All regions need to confront the challenges of the economic downturn. However, the human dimension of the economic crisis is also now sharply in focus. OPEN DAYS provides an excellent forum for regions and cities to share successful ideas on boosting growth and jobs, but also on tackling social inequalities.

Vladimír Špidla

Member of the European Commission
responsible for Employment, Social Affairs
and Equal Opportunities



There is hardly a better time to highlight the need to reinforce our capacity for innovation, and for investment in education and training, than in this European Year of Creativity and Innovation. OPEN DAYS provides an ideal occasion to stimulate creativity and to exchange innovative experience and learn from first-rate initiatives elsewhere in Europe.

Ján Figel'

Member of the European Commission
responsible for Education, Training,
Culture and Youth

Cohesion Policy funding spent wisely can make a significant contribution to mitigating the effects of climate change in the EU. Intelligent investments in areas such as renewable energies or energy efficient buildings will help meet the ambitious targets to be agreed at the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009. The OPEN DAYS will explore how eco-innovation can play a more prominent role in Cohesion Policy.

Stavros Dimas

Member of the European Commission
responsible for Environment

This week offers an opportunity to stress the role of all levels of government in the field of energy. Regions are particularly well placed to understand the needs and concerns of the citizens and at the same time to find apt solutions to problems. They have an especially important role to play in the field of energy savings.

Andris Piebalgs

Member of the European Commission
responsible for Energy



Sustainable economic growth is increasingly related to the capacity of regional economies to change and to innovate. This means that a much greater effort needs to be put at all levels into creating an environment that encourages innovation, research and development. I am particularly delighted that innovation is one of the four main themes of this year's edition of the OPEN DAYS.

Janez Potočník

Member of the European Commission
responsible for Science and Research

Europe is a world leading innovator in many applications of ICT. Broadband take up is over 23%, mobile communications use stands well over 100% and we are leading in open on-line government and other public services. But we need concrete regional level action and commitment to convert these areas of ICT strength into sources of wealth and job creation for the future and to give opportunities for citizens to get high quality, efficient services and reap the full economic and societal benefits of digital technologies.

Viviane Reding

Member of the European Commission
responsible for Information Society
and Media

The importance of health to a region's competitiveness and its economic growth is vital. However, there are still major health inequalities in the EU both between and within Member States. Healthcare systems are also facing many challenges that could undermine their sustainability. This year's OPEN DAYS addresses these challenges by exploring the role of regions in tackling health inequalities and the sustainability of healthcare systems in Europe.

Androulla Vassiliou

Member of the European Commission
responsible for Health

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Achieving a balanced social, economic and territorial development for Europe's regions and cities is one of the cornerstones of European integration, and the European social model. This policy has not only proved to be successful but was adapted to changing circumstances, as we can see now in the context of the current economic and financial crisis. Bringing the relevant actors, including those from civil society organisations, together during the OPEN DAYS is a valuable contribution to exchange, dialogue and debate for the future of EU policies and integration.

Mario Sepi

President of the European Economic and Social Committee

Since its creation, one of the EIB's main objectives has been to reduce economic disparity between and within European countries and neighbours. As a major contributor to the European Economic Recovery Plan, the EIB has committed to a 30% increase in its lending activity for 2009-10 with a particular emphasis on Convergence regions. It is therefore important for us to be present, with our partners, at such an important event.

Philippe Maystadt

President of the European Investment Bank

The OPEN DAYS brings together representatives from local authorities. This offers the business community an opportunity to discuss industrial development with them. This year we are concentrating on European clusters. This is a way to promote entrepreneurship, to create the conditions of innovation and to focus on the right skills.

Jürgen R. Thuman

President of BUSINESSEUROPE



Restoring growth is essential for bringing Europe back to the forefront of the global economic scene, and growth comes from the grass root level. We welcome the choice of subjects to be discussed during this year's OPEN DAYS, considering that they contribute to shaping the future business, working and living environment in Europe, and are thus essential to all parties involved.

Pierre Simon

President of EUROCHAMBRES

The European Association of Public Banks represents financial institutions, public banks, funding agencies, associations of public banks and banks with similar interests and their specific tasks at the European level. EAPB members constitute an essential part of the European financial sector, in which they play a decisive role with a market share of approximately 15%. As the EAPB, on behalf of its members, is engaged in stimulating economic and social development, the EAPB supports the OPEN DAYS and is happy to actively take part in the 2009 edition.

János Erös

President of the EAPB's Managing Board

European Saving Banks Group is the European voice of savings and retail banking. Our members are solid and stable partners of private clients, local authorities and SMEs. They are an essential part of the local and regional economy. In these challenging times, the retail banking model has proven to be a safe and reliable business model that is worth the trust of its customers.

Chris De Noose

Managing Director ESBG



In the past year, the interaction between government and business has fundamentally changed. National and local authorities are now, more than ever, becoming key partners for the private sector in areas like innovation, clean energy and sustainable healthcare.

Nani Beccalli-Falco
President and CEO of GE International



We live in a mobile world where better information brings better decisions to deliver the best outcomes. By seamlessly connecting and mobilizing governments and enterprises, Motorola's solutions empower users to apply real-time critical information to improve productivity, public services and safety, which ultimately enables EU regions to experience growth and continued innovation.

Gene Delaney
President, Enterprise Mobility Solutions
Business Motorola, Inc



Europe can be proud of the fact it is leading the world in implementing changes that will benefit generations of Europeans to come. The EU is not only opening the door to energy-efficient technologies to light its cities, streets, homes and buildings, but also embracing the limitless creative possibilities these new lighting technologies are offering.

Rudy Provoost
CEO Philips Lighting



Technological innovation is the key lever to combat climate change. Mitigating climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time. Therefore we from Siemens appreciate very much the European Week of Regions and Cities to share our knowledge and learn from government leaders in order to combine our efforts to bring climate change under control.

Dr. Johannes Milde
CEO Siemens
Building Technologies Division



Veolia Environnement was founded over 150 years ago for the purpose of setting-up partnerships with cities eager to develop their environmental infrastructure and have it operated professionally. Today we are their partner in the adaptation to 21st century challenges: sustainable urban development, energy efficiency, and climate change. We look forward to sharing our expertise on the occasion of the OPEN DAYS 2009.

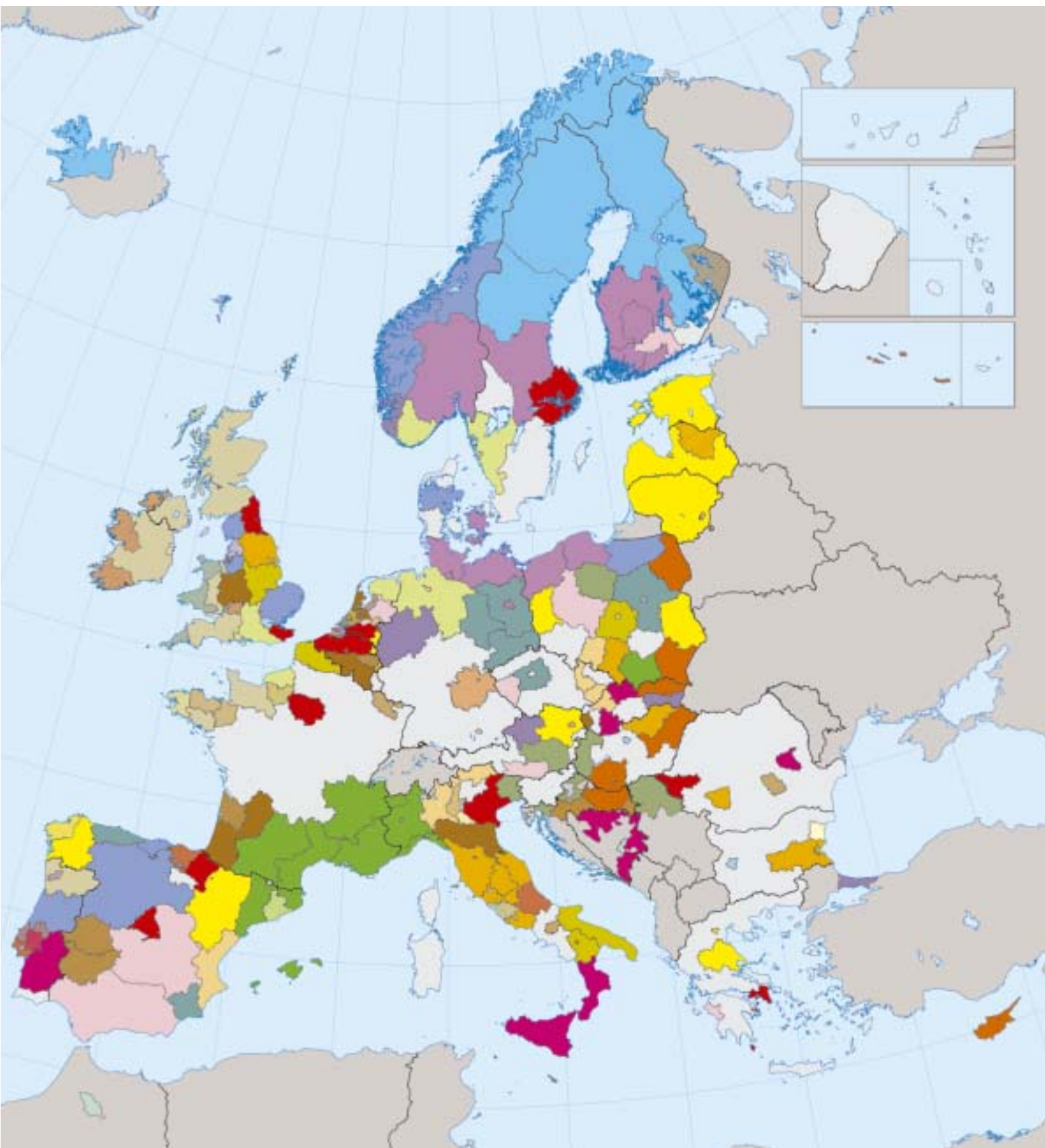
Henri Proglio
Chairman and CEO of Veolia
Environnement



The inaugural OPEN DAYS University offers a valuable new opportunity to debate the challenges facing European regions. By involving the academic, policy and practice communities, we have an ideal way to learn from each other and work together to the benefit of our regions and citizens. With an international membership reflecting similar diversity, the Regional Studies Association is delighted to help organize the OPEN DAYS University sessions.

Sally Hardy
Chief Executive of Regional Studies
Association

OPEN DAYS Regional Partnerships



Partner regions and cities

20/20/20 Regions against Climate Change

Lazio (IT), Chalandri (GR), Gorj (RO), Marche (IT), North Hungary (HU), Silesia (PL), South East Region (BG), Tuscany (IT), Umbria (IT), Yorkshire and Humber (UK)

2020 Regions: Acting for the Future

Castilla y Leon (ES), Cantabria (ES), Central Denmark (DK), Central Region (PT), East of England (UK), England's Northwest (UK), Mid-Norway (NO), Warmia and Mazury (PL), West Norway (NO)

Achieving Regional Innovation: Innovative Regions for Growth

East Midlands (UK), Apulia Region (IT), Arnhem Nijmegen (NL), Basilicata (IT), Dunkirk (FR), Lodz Region (PL), Municipality of Burgas (BG), Nicosia (CY), Nord - Pas de Calais (FR)

Addressing the Crisis through Skills and Inclusion: Regional and Local Responses

Stockholm region (SE), Attica (GR), Flanders (BE), Ile de France (FR), Kent (UK), Madrid (ES), Navarra (ES), North Brabant (NL), North East England (UK), Timis (RO), Veneto (IT)

Advanced Co-operation in the North Sea - English Channel

Northern Netherlands Provinces (NL), Bremen (DE), Finistère (FR), Niedersachsen (DE), South Norway (NO), Southern England (UK), Upper Normandy (FR), West Sweden (SE), Zuid Holland (NL)

Atlantic Alliance

Wales (UK), Brittany (FR), Irish Regions (IE), Lower-Normandy (FR), Norte (PT), Northern Ireland (UK), Province of Corunna (ES), Scotland (UK), South West UK (UK)

Baltic Sea Group

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (DE), Central Sweden (SE), Greater Helsinki (FI), Hamburg (DE), Land Berlin (DE), Malmö (SE), Oslo Region (NO), Pomorskie (PL), Riga (LV), Schleswig-Holstein (DE), Southwest Finland (FI), Tallin (EE), Tampere (FI), Vilnius (LT), West Finland (FI), Westpomerania (PL), Zealand (DK)

BIRTH: Bringing Innovative Regions Together for Health

South Tyrol (IT), Lombardy (IT), Olomouc Region (CZ), Opolskie (PL), Trenčín Region (SK), Valencian Region (ES), Zlín Region (CZ)

C.R.E.A.T.I.V.E. Tourism, Cities and REgions Acting Together for an Innovative Vision of European Tourism

Nitra Region (SK), Alentejo (PT), Calabria (IT), Firenze (IT), Potenza (IT), Republic of Srpska (BA), Sicily (IT), Vrancea Region (RO), Žilina Region (SK)

Capital Cities

G-4 (Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Utrecht) (NL), Budapest (HU), Copenhagen (DK), London (UK), Rome (IT), Sofia (BG)

Cities for Global Events

Turin (IT), Fés (Additional Partner) (MA), Genoa (IT), Marseille (FR), Munich (DE), Sarajevo Canton (BA), Warsaw (PL)

Cohesive Regions for a Stronger Europe

Wielkopolska (PL), Andalusia (ES), Carinthia (AT), Castilla-La Mancha (ES), East Netherlands Provinces (NL), Lancashire (UK), Nomarchia Ilias (GR), Pilsen Region (CZ), South Finland (FI)

Creative Action for Innovation

Styria (AT), Croatian Regions (HR), Friuli Venezia Giulia (IT), Kujawsko-Pomorskie (PL), Vojvodina (RS), West Pannonia (HU)

Creative and Inclusive Economic Growth Network

Lisbon and Tagus Valley (PT), Abruzzo (IT), Azores (PT), Basque Country (ES), Gloucestershire (UK), Malta (MT), Merseyside (UK), West Ireland (IE), Zeeland (NL)

European Capitals of Culture

Liverpool (UK), Guimarães (PT), Istanbul (TR), Kosice region (SK), Maribor (SI), North Rhine-Westphalia/Essen (DE), Pécs (HU), Stavanger (NO), Turku (FI), Upper Austria (AT)

Euroregions for Territorial Integration

Catalonia (ES), Aosta Valley (IT), Balearic Islands (ES), Languedoc Roussillon (FR), Liguria (IT), Malopolska (PL), Midi-Pyrénées (FR), Piedmont (IT), Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (FR), Rhône-Alpes (FR)

Lisbon Regions Network&Partners

Randstad (NL), Aquitaine (FR), Bratislava Region (SK), Brussels Capital Region (BE), Emilia-Romagna (IT), Extremadura (ES), Wallonia Region (BE), West Midlands (UK)

Local Intermediate Authorities acting for Europe

Province of Liège (BE), Côtes d'Armor (FR), Eure (FR), Gironde (FR), Ille et Vilaine (FR), Moselle (FR), Prahova (RO), Province of Badajoz (ES), Province of Benevento (IT), Province of Brescia (IT), Province of Cáceres (ES)

NEEBOR: Networking for Enterprises in the Eastern External Border Regions

Cyprus (CY), Croatian Pannonia (HR), Eszék-Alfold (HU), North Karelia (FI), Podkarpackie (PL), Podlaskie (PL), Prešov Region (SK), South Transdanubia (HU), Vidzeme (LV)

Networking for Innovation

Province of Barcelona (ES), City of Lodz (PL), Dublin (IE), Province of Mantova (IT), Varna (BG)

Northern Sparsely Populated Areas

North Sweden (SE), East Finland (FI), Mid Sweden (SE), North Finland (FI), North Norway (NO), West Iceland-Westfjords-North West Iceland (IS)

Regional Partnership on Transition Regions in Europe

Saxony-Anhalt (DE), Brandenburg (DE), Central Bohemia (CZ), Cornwall (UK), Mazovia Region (PL), Principality of Asturias (ES), Region de Murcia (ES), Saxony (DE), West Wales and the Valleys (UK)

Successful Cross-Border Cooperation - We Make it Happen!

Lower Austria (AT), Aragon (ES), Estonia (EE), Galicia (ES), German speaking Community (BE), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Lubelskie Region (PL), Lubuskie Region (PL), Municipality of Veria (GR), Province of Limburg (NL), Thessalia (GR)

Urban-rural Alliances - METREX plus

Nuremberg Metropolitan Region (DE), Bayreuth (DE), Glasgow (UK), Gothenburg (SE), The Hague (NL), Vienna (AT)

Global challenges, European responses



Programme

The programme of the 7th OPEN DAYS will consist of 124 seminars, workshops, debates and exhibitions between 5 and 8 October for around 7,000 participants. More than 250 event partners have joined forces, among which 213 regions and cities from 33 European countries, and more than 600 speakers will be actively involved. During the month of October another 250 local events will be organised addressing an expected audience of 30,000. The event's key objective is to facilitate exchange, debate and networking among Europe's experts and decision-makers in regional and local development from the public, private and financial sector.

In this preliminary programme, one finds titles, organisers, times and venues of the planned seminars while more detailed descriptions and information about speakers can be found on the event's website: www.opendays.europa.eu

Under the overall headline "Global Challenges, European Responses", all events will be organised around four themes:

- Restoring Growth: Innovation in Europe's regions and cities
- Regions and climate change: Europe's way to sustainable regional development
- Territorial cooperation: Working together across borders
- Achieving results, looking ahead: EU Cohesion Policy's evaluation and future prospects

Several new features have been added to the OPEN DAYS in 2009 such as the OPEN DAYS University to involve the academic community, the Meeting Place, a networking platform for business and local/regional authorities, hosted in the headquarters of the Committee of the Regions and the OPEN DAYS Tent on the esplanade in front of the European Commission's headquarters to lend more visibility to the event.

Opening and Closing Sessions

The **Opening Session** on 5 October, 15:00-17:00, will be held in the European Parliament's Hemicycle. It will coincide with the Plenary Session of the Committee of the Regions and a meeting of the Parliament's Committee on Regional Development. The main theme of the session being "Global crisis, regional responses?", it will consist of keynote speeches and a moderated panel debate among European mayors and regional presidents. Keynote speakers will include the President of the European Parliament (tbc), the President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso (tbc), Maud Olofsson, Minister for Enterprise and Energy and Deputy Prime Minister, representing the Swedish Presidency, Luc Van den Brande, President of the Committee of the Regions, and Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy.

The **Closing Session** will take place on Thursday, 8 October, 14:00-15:30, in the Charlemagne building. High level speakers from European regions and cities will draw conclusions on the four themes of the OPEN DAYS 2009, while Commissioner Danuta Hübner and President Luc Van den Brande will present their closing remarks.

The OPEN DAYS University



A new element of OPEN DAYS 2009 will be the OPEN DAYS University. A series of lectures and moderated panels with renowned academics and researchers will be organised by the Commission's Regional Policy DG, the Committee of the Regions and the Regional Studies Association covering the four themes of OPEN DAYS 2009. The University's venue is the Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi 170.

Tuesday 6 October

09:30 – 13:00, Code 06A06

How the third industrial revolution can bring the economy back on track? Keynote speech by Jeremy Rifkin, followed by a panel debate on Regional responses to climate change

Regions throughout Europe will be increasingly confronted with the impacts of climate change raising questions on the quality of life for the EU's citizens and posing specific challenges in many EU regions. This panel examines ways in which regions can respond.

14:30 – 16:30, Code 06A18

Panel debate: Innovation and the role of the public sector

Investments in science and research are one of the key factors to address the economic crisis. This panel explores the experience of university-industry knowledge transfer and how it has supported innovation.

14:30 – 16:30, Code 06A19

Panel debate: Secondary cities and economic growth?

Secondary cities can play an important role in both spreading economic growth and increasing the potential for national economic growth. This panel will debate different development patterns and compare ways to support secondary cities among EU countries.

Wednesday 7 October

09:30 – 10:30, Code 07A10

Keynote address:

Restoring growth through innovation

11:00 – 13:00, Code 07A15

Regional Studies Association Panel: Regional responses to the global economic crisis

11:00 - 13:00, Code 07D07

Panel debate: Multi-level governance

The development of the EU governance model towards a multi-levelled one is of key importance for the Committee of the Regions. In 2008 and 2009, the Committee organised a series of

debates involving scholars from Europe and beyond, and finally adopted a White Paper on Multilevel Governance in June this year. Two panel debates will focus on multilevel governance approaches in EU policies and strategies.

14:30 – 15:30, Code 07A22

Keynote speech: Does geography matter?

14:30 – 16:30 Code 07A23

The Global Economic Crisis: Endangering the European Social Model?

There is widespread agreement that there is no such thing as one European Social Model, but rather a variety of models with some common features. This panel will debate the extent to which the global economic crisis threatens a model based on strong economic performance and a high level of social protection.

16:00 – 17:30, Code 07A28

Regional Studies Association Panel: Understanding and Promoting Territorial Cohesion – Addressing the Challenges of the Green Paper

The Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion launched a debate with a view to deepening understanding of this concept and its implications for policy development and cooperation. This workshop addresses key ideas, questions and debates surrounding the understanding and pursuit of Territorial Cohesion and the Green Paper.

Thursday 8 October

9:30 – 12:30, Code 08D02

European Cohesion Policy post-2013,

Keynote address by Commissioner Danuta Hübner followed by a panel debate on European Cohesion Policy post-2013

The debate on post-2013 cohesion policy is already under way. Representatives of Member States, regions and cities, Members of the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee, and all interested stakeholders and citizens are invited to take part in the debate. This event will address the key issues at stake including the wider debate on the EU budget and future priorities.

The Meeting Place



Come together at the Meeting Place

The Meeting Place will be the place connecting the participants of the OPEN DAYS especially those from regional and local public authorities and the private and financial sector. It is a place to have informal meetings, to make contacts and to develop new and existing partnerships. Located in the headquarters of the Committee of the Regions, 101 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels, the Meeting Place provides various facilities, for example to meet and chat over a cup of tea or coffee, for taking a break from the events, for VIP meetings in separate rooms, and for having lunch together. Around 3,500 visitors are expected to visit the Meeting Place over the course of the OPEN DAYS.

- **The Café:** Participants can meet for coffee on 6, 7 and 8 October between 8:00 and 19:00.
- **The Media Centre:** Facilities for journalists including a TV studio and mobile camera crews will allow reporting and broadcasting for the 200 regional journalists expected to attend.
- **Seminars and networking:** The Meeting Place offers a programme of 33 seminars on the four themes of the OPEN DAYS 2009. Around these seminars, the organisers will arrange for discussions and networking in smaller groups.
- **On stage:** On the 6th floor will be a *Speakers' corner* with a stage and up to 100 seats in front of it, allowing ad-hoc' briefings, press points or debates. The same area will be used for receptions.

The following companies, banks and organisations will be present in the Meeting Place:

- ACI Europe
- BUSINESSEUROPE
- Cisco Systems
- COCIR
- DEXIA
- Ernst & Young
- EUobserver
- EUREGHA
- Eurisy
- EUROCHAMBRES/UNIONCAMERE
- European Enterprise Platform
- European Association of Co-operative Banks
- European Association of Public Banks
- European Investment Bank
- European Savings Banks Group
- GE
- HAL9000 Limited
- Intel
- Motorola
- Philips Lighting
- Siemens
- Veolia Environnement

For more details, please go to the website:

www.opendays.europa.eu

The Meeting Place will be opened by a reception on Monday, 5 October, at 19:00. Interested persons are invited to register for this reception via the OPEN DAYS website.



MEETING PLACE

Theme A - Workshops

Restoring growth: Innovation in Europe's regions and cities



Europe's regions must become more innovative in order to cope with global challenges and the current economic crisis. The 54 seminars in this section will discuss strategies, programmes and projects implemented at regional and local levels to help regions innovate in sectors diverse as health, tourism, transport, the automotive industry, the creative economy and the environment.

Tuesday 6 October

06A03

Public and private cooperation in sustainable innovation

Ernst & Young

09:00 - 10:45, Committee of the Regions

06A04

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

European Commission, DG EMPL

09:30 - 11:45, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06A05

JASMINE: Supporting micro-credit in Europe's regions

European Commission, DG REGIO

09:30 - 11:45, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06A06

How the third industrial revolution can bring the economy back on track

European Commission, DG REGIO

09:30 - 10:30, European Commission, Charlemagne

06A01

Shaping Innovation Policy for the European Union

Creative Action for Innovation

10:00 - 12:00, Common House of Steiermark, Kujawsko-Pomorskie, West Pannonia and Croatian Regions' Office

06A02

Local development benefits for cities from staging global events

Cities for Global Events

10:45 - 13:00, Espace Montepaschi

06A07

Airports: Key engines to restore economic growth throughout the European regions

ACI Europe

11:15 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

06A08

Boosting regional economies by investing in and using innovative satellite information and services

Euris

11:15 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

06A09

The Economic impacts of the 'European Capital of Culture' project

European Capitals of Culture

14:30 - 16:15, Istanbul Centre in Brussels

06A10

Investing in the Future: Innovative ideas in tourism

C.R.E.A.T.I.V.E. Tourism, Cities and

Regions Acting Together for an Innovative Vision of European Tourism

14:30 - 16:15, Espace Montepaschi

06A11

Growth at all costs?

COR/PES Group

14:30 - 16:15, Committee of the Regions

06A12

SME innovation in traditional industries

CoR/ALDE Group

14:30 - 16:15, Committee of the Regions

06A13

Presentation of the outcome of the consultation of European regions and cities on a new Lisbon Strategy after 2010

CoR/DTC Lisbon Monitoring Platform

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Charlemagne

06A14

Innovation awareness in the regions

European Commission, DG ENTR

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06A15

Helping workers in times of crisis: the ESF response

European Commission, DG EMPL

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06A16

High-Level Session: Towards sustainable healthcare in the EU

European Commission, DG SANCO

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06A17

Financial engineering instruments in the framework of Cohesion Policy

European Commission, DG REGIO & DG ENTR

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06A18

Innovation and the role of the public sector

European Commission, DG REGIO

14:30 - 16:30, European Commission, Charlemagne

Theme A - Workshops

Restoring growth: Innovation in Europe's regions and cities



06A19

Secondary cities and economic growth?

European Commission, DG REGIO
14:30 - 16:30, European Commission,
Charlemagne

06A20

The cultural, social and educational impacts of 'European Capital of Culture' project

European Capitals of Culture
16:45 - 18:30, Istanbul Centre in Brussels

06A21

New skills for new jobs

European Commission, DG EMPL
16:45 - 18:30, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

06A22

The role of the regions in tackling health inequalities

European Commission, DG SANCO/DG EMPL
16:45 - 18:30, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

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07A04

Healthymagination: Tackling healthcare access, quality and costs with advanced technology

GE
09:00 - 10:45, Committee of the Regions

07A05

Restoring regional growth through innovative citizen services

Cisco Systems
09:00 - 10:45, Committee of the Regions

07A06

Microcredits in Europe - Latest developments

European Association of Public Banks
09:00 - 10:45, Committee of the Regions

07A07

Mobility in healthcare

Motorola and Anglia Ruskin University
09:00 - 10:45, Committee of the Regions

07A08

Media education for all: A local approach

CoR/EDUC Commission
09:00 - 10:45, Committee of the Regions

07A01

Achieving regional innovation: Challenges to delivering regional innovation strategies

Achieving Regional Innovation:
Innovative Regions for Growth
09:30 - 13:00, Representation of the
European Commission in Belgium

07A02

Innovation and the urban challenges of today

Capital Cities
09:30 - 13:30, London House

07A09

Culture and creativity: A motor for regional innovation, growth and cohesion?

European Commission, DG EAC
09:30 - 11:45, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07A10

Restoring growth through innovation

European Commission, DG REGIO
09:30 - 10:30, European Commission,
Charlemagne

07A03

Be creative: Creative industry for restoring growth in Europe's regions

Lisbon Regions Network & Partners
10:30 - 13:00, National Superior School
of Visual Arts, La Cambre

07A15

Regional responses to the global economic crisis

Regional Studies Association
11:00 - 13:00, European Commission,
Charlemagne

07A11

Role of financial institutions for regional economies in crisis - restoring growth

European Association of Public Banks
11:15 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

07A12

Enhancing citizens' welfare through the innovative application of ICT

Motorola/European Enterprise Platform
11:15 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

07A13

North West England Venture Capital Loan Fund

European Investment Bank
11:15 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

07A14

Innovation and research at the local level as vehicles for competitiveness and growth

CoR / DTC
11:15 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

07A16

How can the public sector promote regional innovation?

Baltic Sea Group
14:30 - 16:15, Centre of the Regions,
Information Office Mecklenburg -
Vorpommern to the EU

07A17

Clusters policy: What does Europe need?

BUSINESSEUROPE
14:30 - 16:15, Committee of the Regions



07A18

Healthcare innovation: The key to sustainability of regional healthcare systems

Health Consortium

14:30 - 16:15, Committee of the Regions

07A19

Regional innovation addressing ICT and demographic change

European Commission, DG INFSO

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

07A20

Technology transfer: The role of patent offices in regional innovation

European Patent Office

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

07A21

Lead markets: How to take regions global

European Commission, DG ENTR & DG RTD

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

07A22

Does geography matter?

European Commission, DG REGIO

14:30 - 15:30, European Commission, Charlemagne

07A23

The global economic crisis: Endangering the 'European Social Model'?

European Commission, DG REGIO

14:30 - 16:30, European Commission, Charlemagne

07A28

Understanding and promoting territorial cohesion: Addressing the challenges of the Green Paper

Regional Studies Association

16:00 - 17:30, European Commission, Charlemagne

07A24

Using best practices to champion health

Health Consortium

16:45 - 18:30, Committee of the Regions

07A25

The 'European Network of Living Labs': Supporting innovation in Europe's regions and cities

European Commission, DG INFSO

16:45 - 18:30, European Commission, Centre Borschette

07A26

Regional innovation strategies: Sharing knowledge and experience

European Commission, DG ENTR & DG RTD

16:45 - 18:30, European Commission, Centre Borschette

07A27

Regional excellence in innovation: Sharing experiences from across the world

European Commission, DG REGIO

16:45 - 18:30, European Commission, Centre Borschette

Thursday 8 October

08A02

Automotive industry in crisis: A choice between jobs and environmental progress?

EUobserver

09:00 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

08A03

Broadband uptake in rural and regional development

European Commission, DG INFSO

09:15 - 11:00, European Commission, Centre Borschette

08A01

Social Innovation: Sharing creative ideas for sustainable growth

Creative and Inclusive Economic Growth Network

09:30 - 13:00, Permanent Representation of Portugal to the EU

08A04

Shaking hands: Public-private alliances for new tourism poles

HAL9000 Limited

11:15 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

Theme B - Workshops

Regions and climate change: Europe's way to sustainable regional development



Some weeks before the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, the OPEN DAYS 2009 will showcase several approaches and best practice in regional and local solutions to tackle the effects of climate change. 19 seminars in this section will deal with regional strategies towards low carbon economies, renewable energies and ways of financing energy efficiency measures through EU cohesion policy.

Tuesday 6 October

06B03

How do cities prepare their 'Sustainable Energy Action Plan' and 'Inventory of Emissions'?

Covenant of Mayors

09:00 - 10:45, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06B01

Towards energy efficient housing: The role of European regions

Euroregions for territorial integration
09:30 - 12:30, Representation of the Euroregion "Alpes-Méditerranée"

06B02

Sustainable development: Regional responses to climate change

Urban-rural alliances - METREX plus
10:00 - 12:15, Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU

06B05

Regional responses to climate change

European Commission, DG ENV
11:00 - 13:00, European Commission, Charlemagne

06B04

How do cities communicate their commitment at local level?

Covenant of Mayors

11:15 - 13:00, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06B06

Regional approach to climate change adaptation

20/20/20 Regions against climate change
14:30 - 16:15, Regioni Centro Italia Premises

06B07

Growth and competitiveness through renewable energy resources

Northern Sparsely Populated Areas
14:30 - 16:15, East Finland EU Office

06B08

Build Power Sustain: GE as a local partner

GE

14:30 - 16:15, Committee of the Regions

06B09

Regional best practices

20/20/20 Regions against climate change
16:45 - 18:30, Central Italy Regions Premises

06B10

Environmentally friendly buildings: Industrial solutions for sustainable development in regions and cities

Siemens

16:45 - 18:30, Committee of the Regions

Wednesday 7 October

07B01

Local strategies for sustainable development

Local Intermediate Authorities acting for Europe
10:00 - 12:30, House of Asturias

07B02

Financing energy efficiency amidst a global financial crisis: Can cities do it?

Veolia Environnement

14:30 - 16:15, Committee of the Regions

07B03

Urban-EU partnership: How to create sustainable cities

European Commission, DG REGIO and European Environmental Agency
14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

Thursday 8 October

08B01

The role of co-operative banks in financing eco-innovation

European Association of Co-operative Banks
09:00 - 10:45, Committee of the Regions

08B02

Intelligent Energy Europe Programme: Cities and regions working towards a sustainable energy future

European Commission, DG TREN and EACI
09:15 - 11:00, European Commission, Centre Borschette

08B03

Territorial Cohesion, Integrated Coastal Zone Management, islands and maritime policy

European Commission, DG ENV
09:15 - 11:00, European Commission, Centre Borschette

08B04

Learning from best practices to renew the Lisbon Strategy after 2010: A platform of EU cities and regions for sustainable energy

CoR/DTC Lisbon Monitoring Platform
11:15 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions



08B05

Smart Cities: Integrated ICT solutions for the low carbon city of the future

European Commission, DG INFSO
11:15 - 13:00, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

08B06

Eco-innovation and European Cohesion Policy

European Commission, DG ENV
11:15 - 13:00, European Commission,
Centre Borschette



The OPEN DAYS Tent

On the esplanade in front of the European Commission's headquarters, the Berlaymont building, an OPEN DAYS Tent will welcome participants, journalists and others interested in the event. Open as of 10:00 on 5 October, the tent will be the place where participants can pick up their badges, the final programme and other information.

In addition, in the tent and on the esplanade, information on the OPEN DAYS key themes will be provided through exhibitions, videos and other activities. For example, on Wednesday, 7 October, specific activities are planned by regions, cities and other event partners on the theme "Responses to Climate Change" and on Thursday, 8 October, local projects around the theme of "Creativity and Innovation" will be highlighted.

The final programme of all activities inside and outside the OPEN DAYS Tent will be published on the event's website (www.opendays.europa.eu).

Theme C - Workshops

Territorial cooperation: Working together across borders



European and international exchange on territorial cooperation is of key importance for mutual learning on policy development and best practice including the recently adopted EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. 29 seminars under this topic cover a wide range of themes such as cross-border and inter-regional cooperation as well as exchange with countries from outside the EU.

Tuesday 6 October

06C01

Cross-border cooperation: Lessons learned and steps forward

Successful cross-border cooperation - we make it happen!

09:00 - 10:45, Fundacion Galicia Europa

06C02

Barents-Russia Corporation

Northern Sparsely Populated Areas

09:30 - 12:00, East Finland EU Office

06C03

Focusing on citizens: Innovative policies for health

BIRTH

09:30 - 13:00, Representation of the European Region Tyrol - South Tyrol - Trentino

06C05

Working across borders: How to create world class clusters

European Commission, DG ENTR

09:30 - 11:45, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06C04

Territorial Cooperation: Leverage for innovation

Networking for innovation

10:00 - 12:15, Delegation of Catalunya towards the EU

06C06

Governance models in European cross-border cooperation, EGTC in particular

Successful cross-border cooperation - we make it happen!

11:15 - 13:00, Fundacion Galicia Europa

06C07

Networking workshop on success stories in applied innovations for health

BIRTH

14:30 - 16:15, Representation of the European Region Tyrol - South Tyrol - Trentino

06C08

SME development practices at the Eastern border of the EU

Innovative Good Practises

14:30 - 16:15, Union of Cyprus Municipalities - Brussels Office

06C09

Local solutions in a time of crisis

Local Intermediate Authorities acting for Europe

14:30 - 16:15, House of Asturias

06C10

Working together across borders: Climate change and cohesion as challenges for cooperation in trans-European transport

Urban-rural alliances - METREX plus

14:30 - 16:15, Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU

06C11

Multilevel Governance and the implementation of the EU-Strategy for the Baltic Sea region: From proposal to action!

Baltic Sea Group

14:30 - 16:15, Norway House

06C12

City Diplomacy: A tool for building measures of confidence

CoR/EPP Group

14:30 - 16:15, Committee of the Regions

06C13

Capitalization and knowledge management for effective European territorial cooperation

European Commission, DG REGIO

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06C14

Local cross-border territories at the service of citizens

EUROMOT

14:30 - 16:15, European Commission, Centre Borschette

06C15

High-Level Panel: Regional economic development - Sharing experiences between the EU and its neighbours

European Commission, DG REGIO

14:30 - 17:00, European Commission, Charlemagne

06C16

Euroregions: Territories of projects for better governance

Euroregions for territorial integration

16:45 - 18:30, Representation of the Euroregion "Alpes-Méditerranée"

06C17

The PEACE Network - Sharing the experience of peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland

European Commission, DG REGIO and Special EU Programmes Body

16:45 - 18:30, European Commission, Centre Borschette



06C18

**Strategic Forum of Euroregions:
Territorial cooperation beyond
2013**

Eixo Atlântico

16:45 - 18:30, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

Wednesday 7 October

07C04

**The partnership between Chambers
and Regions for the future of
territorial cooperation**

Unioncamere

09:00 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

07C05

**Macro-regions: The future for policy
delivery?**

European Commission, DG REGIO

09:30 - 11:45, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07C01

**Advanced Co-operation in the
North Sea - English Channel**

Advanced Co-operation in the North
Sea - English Channel

10:00 - 12:30, Norway House

07C02

**In search for a framework for
cooperation in the Atlantic Area**

Atlantic Alliance

10:00 - 12:30, Fundacion Galicia Europa

07C03

**Transport axis in the Baltic Sea
Region: Sustainable and green
corridors to get connected**

Baltic Sea Group

10:45 - 13:00, Centre of the Regions -
Information Office Mecklenburg -
Vorpommern to the EU

07C06

Hospitals and territories

DEXIA

11:15 - 13:00, Committee of the Regions

07C07

**EU financial instruments to LRA
cooperation for development**

CoR/DTC and European Commission,
DG DEV and AIDCO

14:30 - 16:15, Committee of the Regions

07C08

Clean Baltic Shipping

Baltic Sea Group

16:45 - 18:00, Centre of the Regions -
Information Office Mecklenburg -
Vorpommern to the EU

07C09

**Supporting the 21st century
teacher: The Intel Teach Advanced
Online Consortium**

Intel

16:45 - 18:30, Committee of the Regions

Thursday 8 October

08C01

**The added value of EGTC and
possible solutions to critical points**

CoR/DTC

09:00 - 10:45, Committee of the Regions

Theme D - Workshops

Achieving results, looking ahead: EU Cohesion Policy's evaluation and future prospects



The evaluations of the 2000-2006 EU Cohesion Policy programmes as well as the ongoing reflection on the future of the policy will be the basis for discussion and exchange among experts on lessons learnt for the ongoing implementation and future design of European Cohesion Policy. 22 seminars under this thematic priority will discuss the key findings from the evaluations as well as different views on Cohesion Policy post-2013.

Tuesday 6 October

06D01

Climate and demographic change: Debating solutions to multiple challenges

2020 Regions: Acting for the Future
9:30 - 12:00, Norway House

06D02

Regions brainstorming on the future Cohesion Policy

Cohesive Regions for a Stronger Europe
9:30 - 13:00, Wielkoploska Region
Brussels office

06D03

Empowering cities: Local responsibilities in Cohesion Policy programmes?

European Commission, DG REGIO
9:30 - 11:45, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

06D04

The specific situation of 'transition regions' in Europe and the current role of Cohesion Policy

Regional Partnership on Transition
Regions in Europe
14:30 - 16:15, Centre of the Regions

06D05

Benefits of Cohesion Policy: Today and in the future

CoR/COTER Commission – EP REGI
14:30 - 16:15, Committee of the Regions

06D06

Simplification of Cohesion Policy regulations: The 2007-2013 programming period

European Commission, DG REGIO/DG EMPL
14:30 - 16:15, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

06D07

Possible Cohesion Policy responses to 'transition regions' in Europe

Regional Partnership on Transition
Regions in Europe
16:45 - 18:30, Centre of the Regions

06D08

Territorial cohesion: Metropolitan regions as new forms of urban-rural partnership and the territorial governance model

Urban-rural alliances - METREX plus
16:45 - 18:30, Representation of the Free
State of Bavaria to the EU

06D09

Lisbon beyond 2010: Towards a new vision and prospects for the future - the role of Cohesion Policy in the new Lisbon cycle

European Commission, DG REGIO
16:45 - 18:30, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

Wednesday 7 October

07D01

Social inclusion as an instrument for restoring growth and strengthening cohesion

Addressing the Crisis through Skills and
Inclusion: Regional and local responses
09:30 - 13:00, Stockholm Region office

07D02

The future of EU Cohesion Policy post-2013

European Commission, DG REGIO/DG
EMPL
09:30 - 11:45, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07D03

Civil Society Forum: Partnership principle - and practice?

ECAS
09:30 - 11:45, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07D04

ESPO 2013 programme: First results

European Commission, DG REGIO
09:30 - 11:45, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07D05

High-Level Panel: EU-Brazil on Regional Policy cooperation

European Commission, DG REGIO
09:30 - 17:30, European Commission,
Charlemagne

07D06

Ex-post evaluation 2000-06: How can URBAN make a difference?

European Commission, DG REGIO
09:30 - 11:45, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07D07

Multi-level governance in the EU: New prospects for a European Union with its regions and cities

Committee of the Regions
11:00 - 13:00, European Commission,
Charlemagne



07D08

**Ex-post evaluation 2000-06:
Is building environment
infrastructure supporting growth in
Europe?**

European Commission, DG REGIO
14:30 - 16:15, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07D09

**The European Social Fund support
for administrative capacity-building**

European Commission, DG EMPL
14:30 - 16:15, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07D10

**Roma inclusion: Experiences from
Cohesion Policy programmes**

European Commission, DG REGIO/DG
EMPL
14:30 - 17:00, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07D12

**Putting urban development into an
international context: Exchanging
best practice between Europe and
South/Latin America**

European Commission, DG REGIO
14:30 - 16:15, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

07D11

**Ex-post evaluation 2000-06: Does
Europe need more roads?**

European Commission, DG REGIO
16:45 - 18:30, European Commission,
Centre Borschette

Thursday 8 October

08D01

**High-Level Panel: EU-China on
Regional Policy cooperation**

European Commission, DG REGIO
09:30 - 17:30, European Commission,
Charlemagne

08D02

European Cohesion Policy post-2013

European Commission, DG REGIO
09:30 - 12:30, European Commission,
Charlemagne

How to register?



Participants

The OPEN DAYS is aimed at the following target groups:

- Members and officials of the EU, national, regional and local institutions and administrations;
- Representatives of non-governmental and civil society organisations;
- Experts in the field of managing and evaluating Structural Funds programmes;
- Representatives of European, national and regional business organisations;
- Public and private companies;
- Representatives of the banking sector and its organisations;
- Representatives of trade unions;
- Journalists from European, national, regional and local media.

Participation in the OPEN DAYS is free of charge. Registration to the OPEN DAYS events is obligatory and only possible on-line. It opens as of 6 July 2009. For registration and a full description of all the seminars, please go to the OPEN DAYS website: **www.opendays.europa.eu**.

Media

The organisers will offer – together with the regional partner offices in Brussels – a special programme for journalists from regional media. The programme will include:

- A round table debate on Monday, 5 October, 13:00, with Commissioner Danuta Hübner and Luc Van den Brande, the President of the Committee of the Regions;
- On Tuesday, 6 October, 12:30, a press panel on the EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy with Danuta Hübner, Astrid Thors, Finnish Minister for EU Affairs, and others;
- On Wednesday, 7 October, 13:00, a media event on 'Climate change and regions on the road to Copenhagen' with Luc Van den Brande and mayors and regional presidents from Europe and abroad.

For more information and registration of journalists please consult the event's website or contact Ana Aguilar or Chloe Lahousse at press@open-days.eu (Tel: + 32 (0)2 533 95 45).

Selecting workshops and seminars

Each seminar and workshop has a code according to its date, the letter of one of the four thematic topics, and a chronological number. The registration webpage provides an online search

tool in order to find the right seminar or workshop. The search can be carried out by using keywords, themes, speakers' names, programme codes or dates. If one or several seminars of interest are found, one selects them by ticking the appropriate box. The registration system will then ask for the personal data of the potential participant. Once completed and submitted, the request to attend the selected workshops will automatically be sent to the organisers of the chosen workshops. Please note that group registrations are not possible.

Registration process

First step: Once the request for attendance has been received, the online registration system will automatically send an e-mail confirming that the request for attendance is being processed. Please be aware that this automatic message is not a confirmation of participation.

Second step: Within two weeks following the request(s) for attendance, and depending on the number of seats available, participants will know whether they can attend the workshop selected or not. They will be notified by a confirmation – or rejection – e-mail for each attendance request. Attendance at the workshop is confirmed by e-mail only if the request for attendance has been accepted. If you wish to check the status of your different requests being processed, the registration system provides the possibility to do so under the 'My requests' button available on the registration webpage.

Third step: All confirmed participants will receive the final list of the workshops for which they have been accepted by Friday 25 September 2009. Registration beyond that date will be confirmed on a case-by-case basis. Participants are requested to print their confirmation e-mail as proof of their registration for the different seminars.

Badges: Each OPEN DAYS 2009 participant will receive a badge for identification and registration purposes. All badges will be handed out in the OPEN DAYS Tent on the esplanade of the Berlaymont building, Rond point Schuman, as of Monday, 5 October, 10:00.

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OPEN DAYS Local Events: Europe in my Region|City



Europe in my Region|City October 2009

Since 2006, the OPEN DAYS were rolled out to the local level under the headline 'Europe in my region (or city)'. In 2008, 230 organisers in 31 countries and approximately 25,000 people participated. The objective is to make October each year the 'European Month of Regions and Cities'.

Inviting in 2009 for the first time organisations and institutions from outside official OPEN DAYS partnership regions and cities, around 250 local events are expected to be held. At the time of writing, more than 220 of these in 33 countries were already suggested by the OPEN DAYS 2009 partners, most of them planned in Italy (28), Spain (21), the UK (20) and France (18).

Some examples from the 2009 OPEN DAYS local events are:

- In **Tampere**, Finland, a debate 'Ask your MEP!' with the newly elected Members of the European Parliament by the Tampere Region Information Point;
- In **Lorient** in Southern Brittany, the '1st Coastline European Fair', expects thousand of visitors interested in economic development, planning, management and protection of coastal regions;

- in **Wietow** in the region of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the local centre for solar energy will hold an international conference of regions specialised in the use of bioenergy;
- In **Bifrost**, the Icelandic Association of Local Authorities will hold an international workshop on mitigating and reducing emission through local actions;
- **Florence** will organise the international 'Creativity Festival 2009' in particular on innovation in performing arts;
- in **Bialystok**, a conference will centre on the potential of the Podlaskie region stemming from its borderland location;
- in **Santiago de Compostela**, a radio debate will present experiences after the first year of a cross-border association between Galicia and Northern Portugal, one of the first such 'European Groupings on Territorial Cooperation' in Europe;
- in **Cardiff**, the second 'Mock Council of the European Union' will be held involving students from 27 schools and colleges from across Wales.

More information on the local events can be found at:
www.opendays.europa.eu

Glossary



ALDE	Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
CoR	Committee of the Regions
COTER	Commission on Territorial Cohesion of the Committee of the Regions
DG EAC	European Commission, Directorate-General for Education and Culture
DG EMPL	European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
DG ENTR	European Commission, Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry
DG ENV	European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment
DG INFO	European Commission, Directorate-General for Information Society and Media
DG REGIO	European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional Policy
DG RTD	European Commission, Directorate-General for Research
DG SANCO	European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Consumers
DG TREN	European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy and Transport

DTC	Directorate for Consultative Works of the Committee of the Regions
ECAS	European Citizens Action Service
EDUC	Commission on Education of the Committee of the Regions
EGTC	European Grouping on Territorial Cooperation
EPP	European People's Party
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ESF	European Social Fund
ESPON	European Spatial Policy Observatory Network
Interact II	ERDF-funded programme for inter-regional 'Animation, Coordination and Transfer of experience'
Interreg IVC	ERDF-programme supporting inter-regional cooperation
JASMINE	ERDF-funded 'Joint action to support micro-finance institutions in Europe'
LRA	Local and regional assemblies
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
PES	Party of European Socialists
Urbact II	ERDF-programme supporting cooperation of cities in the EU



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Rue Belliard 101, The Meeting Place
- B** Committee of the Regions, Van Maerlant
Van Maerlant 2
- C** European Commission, Berlaymont
Rue de la Loi 200
- D** European Commission, Centre Borschette
Rue Froissart 36
- E** European Commission, Charlemagne
Rue de la Loi 170, OPEN DAYS University
- F** European Parliament
Rue Wiertz 60
- G** Esplanade of the Berlaymont
Rue de la Loi 200, OPEN DAYS Tent

Global challenges, European responses

The programme of the 7th OPEN DAYS will consist of 124 seminars, workshops, debates and exhibitions between 5 and 8 October 2009 for around 7,000 participants. More than 250 event partners have joined forces, among which 213 regions and cities from 33 European countries, and more than 600 speakers will be actively involved. During the month of October another 250 local events will be organised addressing an expected audience of 30,000. The event's key objective is to facilitate exchange, debate and networking among Europe's experts and decision-makers in regional and local development from the public, private and financial sector. Under the overall headline "Global Challenges, European Responses", all events will be organised around four themes:

- Restoring growth: Innovation in Europe's regions and cities
- Regions and climate change: Europe's way to sustainable regional development
- Territorial cooperation: Working together across borders
- Achieving results, looking ahead: EU Cohesion Policy's evaluation and future prospects

More information and registration at: www.opendays.europa.eu



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