

SOUTH EAST EUROPE PROGRAMME - KICK OFF EVENT

27-28 March 2008
Intercontinental Hotel, Budapest

DAY 1 - 27 March 2008 - Intercontinental Ball Room

8.00 - 9.00 - REGISTRATION

9.00 - 9.45 - OFFICIAL WELCOME

Gordon BAJNAL, Hungarian Minister for Regional Development

Danuta HÜBNER, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy

9.45 - 11.00 - INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS

Péter BALÁZS, Director - Center for EU Enlargement Studies, Central European University, former EU Commissioner.

The future of the cohesion policy; perspectives in the SEE area

Roland ARBTER, Chair of the Monitoring Committee - Federal Chancellery, Austria.

Presentation on behalf of the SEE partner states

Harald KREID, Ambassador, Alternate Director General - Central European Initiative Executive Secretariat

Opportunities of Regional Cooperation in the SEE Area

Jean-Yves BARCELO, Programme Coordinator - UN - HABITAT

Challenges and innovative practices for sustainable urban and regional development in South East Europe

11.00 - 11.30 - COFFEE BREAK

11.30 - 13.00 - PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

Moray GILLAND - European Commission, DG Regional Policy

Transnational cooperation programmes in the new programming period

Florian SZALÓKI - Director General, Department for International Cooperation Programmes, National Development Agency, Hungary

Territorial cooperation in the SEE region - types and examples of cooperation

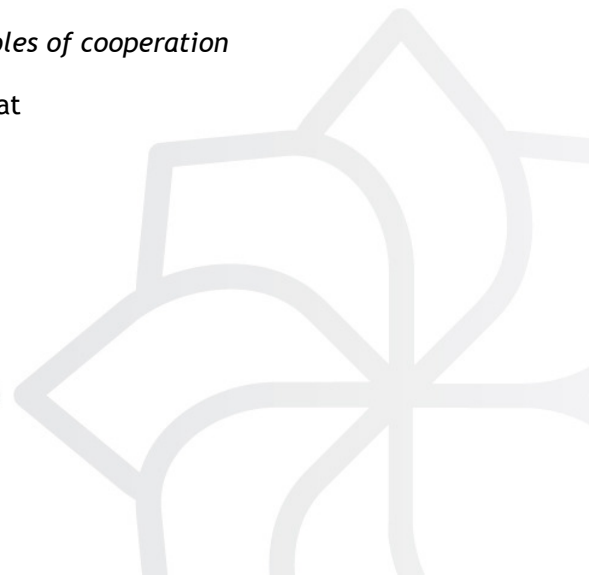
Imre CSALAGOVITS - Director, SEE Joint Technical Secretariat

Programme history, development, evolution

13.00 - 13.30 - PRESS CONFERENCE (Panorama Room)

13.00 - 14.30 - LUNCH BREAK

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14.30 - 16.00 - MAIN DEVELOPMENTS AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE SEE REGION IN THE THEMATIC FIELDS COVERED BY THE PROGRAMME

Nikos ZAHARIS - Director, South East Europe Research Centre Thessaloniki, Greece
Facilitation of innovation in SEE: lessons learned from the Greek experience and suggestions for the future

Anca GINAVAR - Deputy Director General, Ministry of Development, Public Works and Housing, Romania
Sustainable urban development - new challenges for South East European cities in the light of Lisbon -Gothenburg processes

Ana PAJEVIC - Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Montenegro
Perspective and challenges in environment protection in SEE countries

Dimitris PAPASTEFANAKIS - Director, Centre for Renewable Energy Sources, Greece
Gained experiences and future perspectives on renewable energy sources (RES) and energy efficiency (EE) in South East Europe

Alberto PRETI - Coordinator of the Bologna branch, Institute for Transport and Logistics, Regione Emilia-Romagna, Italy
Regions Cooperating for South East Europe accessibility

16.15 - 16.45 - COFFEE BREAK

16.45 - 17.45 - INTRODUCTION OF THE FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

Ivan CURZOLO - Head of Project Development and Management Unit, SEE Joint Technical Secretariat:
Specific elements of the first call: documents, process, expectations. Q&A Session

17.45 - 18.00 - CONCLUDING REMARKS AFTER THE FIRST DAY

18.30 - 20.00 - RECEPTION

DAY 2 - 28 March 2008

8.00 - 9.00 WORKSHOPS REGISTRATION

Innovation workshop: Duna Board room
Environment workshop: Ballroom I
Accessibility workshop: Panorama room
Sustainable growth areas: Ballroom II

9.00 - 11.00 WORKSHOPS (PART ONE)

Group work / exercises based on the project ideas

11.00-11.30 - COFFEE BREAK

11.30 - 13.30 WORKSHOPS (PART 2)

Conclusions / Results of the group works

13.30 - 14.30 - LUNCH

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