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The INTERREG IIC programme aims to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies and instruments, through the exchange of information and know-how and sharing of experience. It is part of the INTERREG III European Community Initiative designed to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Union. **INTERREG IVC programme continues these aims with focus on innovation and the environment.**

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PROGRAMME DETAILS

EU INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION FORUM 2007 CELEBRATING INTERREG IIIC – LAUNCHING INTERREG IVC 20-21 SEPTEMBER 2007, LISBON, PORTUGAL

In parallel to the programmed sessions, there will be an exhibition, meeting areas and other support for participants to find partners.

CELEBRATING INTERREG IIIC (Thursday 20 September 2007, Lisbon, Portugal)

08:30	<u>Registration and set-up of stands (with buffet breakfast 08:30-09:30)</u>
09:45	Welcome to the 2007 Interregional Cooperation Forum <i>Rui Baleiras, Secretary of State for Regional Development, Portugal</i> <i>Moderator: Francisco Cipriano, Member of Cabinet, Secretary of State for Regional Development, Portugal</i>
10:00	Interregional cooperation and EU competitiveness <i>DG Regio, Director, or Head, of Territorial Cooperation</i>
10:20	INTERREG IIIC's accomplishments: What should be remembered? - Introduction, with facts and figures - Good practices and Unexpected results - Lessons learnt <i>INTERREG IIIC East + South JTS</i>
10:40	Q&A: audience and all panel members
10:50	<i>Coffee break - Time to visit exhibition</i>
11:35	INTERREG IIIC's accomplishments: Project partners show how they are improving regional development, transferring approaches and capitalising on results Eye-witness accounts on the following topics, with open floor discussions: - Transferring practices between partners - Improving local or regional policies - Influencing national or EU policies - Capitalisation activities <i>Introductions: INTERREG IIIC North + West JTS; Moderator: Pat Colgan</i>
13:00	<i>Buffet lunch in exhibition area</i>
14:30	Building on INTERREG IIIC results: a bridge to the future, interactive workshops for Lead partners and partners A series of parallel workshops on the IVC themes. Each has two parts: 1) Identifying and promoting results; 2) Building ideas for future cooperation. <i>With break in exhibition area 16:15 – 16:45</i>
18:15 <i>onwards</i>	Presentation of INTERREG IIIC trophies – followed by cocktail <i>"INTERREG IIIC champions" named, with support from the Commission and Portugal</i>

LAUNCHING INTERREG IVC (Friday 21 September 2007, Lisbon, Portugal) *

08:45	<i>Light breakfast in exhibition area</i>
9:00	Welcome - Francisco Nunes Correia, Minister for Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development, Portugal INTERREG IVC and Regions for Economic Change Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission
09:25	An introduction to INTERREG IVC: Why Europe's regions should work together Member of the European Parliament (to be confirmed)
09:40	Interregional cooperation: A word from the regions Michel Delebarre, Committee of the Regions President (title and speaker time to be confirmed)
09:50	IVC Managing Authority Daniel Percheron, President of the Conseil Regional Nord - Pas de Calais (title and speaker time to be confirmed)
09:55	Q&A Panel: Speakers; Moderator: Pat Colgan
10:30	<i>Coffee break in exhibition area</i> <i>(in parallel, press conference with speakers)</i>
11:00	How INTERREG IVC will work for you: An introduction Practical introduction for potential applicants, differences between IIIC and IVC, with Q&A Speaker(s) from INTERREG IVC JTS +/- MA
11:45	INTERREG IVC: Project and finance management tips Speaker(s) from INTERREG IVC JTS +/- MA Practical information on applying and managing projects and opportunities for asking questions.
13:00	<i>Buffet lunch in exhibition area</i> Delegates free to use partner search, idea display and meeting facilities, and visit stands.
14:20	IVC project idea generation Potential INTERREG IVC Lead Partners and partners work in groups according to their interest in IVC programme topics. Project ideas and partner searches to be made available for all delegates
15:50	Panel discussion: José Soeiro, President of the Finance Institute for Regional Development, Portugal, INTERREG IVC MA/JTS; European Commission's DGRegio Alvaro Ancisi, member of Committee of Regions and rapporteur for Regions for Economic Change (to be confirmed) Closing words (to be confirmed) Moderator: Pat Colgan <i>Refreshments in exhibition area – project ideas displayed</i>
16:45	<i>Event ends</i>

* Please note this programme may change slightly between now and September

Venue: Portugal Pavillion, Lisbon, Portugal

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