

Agenda

- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration + Coffee
- 9.30 – 9.35 **Welcoming remarks**
Ms. Barbara Di Piazza, Joint Technical Secretariat INTERREG IIC East (JTS East)
- 9.35 - 9.50 **Welcome address**
Mr. Flavio Del Bono, Vice President of Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy
- 9.50 – 10.15 **RFOs - Experiences with a new internationalization tool**
Mr. Carlos Bolaños, JTS East
- 10.15 – 11.15 Session 1 (followed by discussion), moderated by **Mr. Winfried Ritt**, JTS East:
Mobilizing local actors for interregional cooperation in RFO subprojects – the partnership dimension
- ***Stimulation of participatory processes in local communities***
Mr. Engel Ruoss, UNESCO consultant and Trainer Process Moderator *INNOREF project*
 - ***Mobilizing local actors for energy efficiency***
Mr. Werner Sommer, Ministry of Environment and Agriculture of the Land Sachsen, *ENERCYREGIO project*
 - ***Local participation and design of Regional Operational Programmes***
Mr. Biagio Perretti, Basilicata Region, *GRIPIT project*
- 11.15 – 11.30 *Coffee break*
- 11.30 – 12.30 Session 2 (followed by discussion), moderated by **Mr. Winfried Ritt**, JTS East:
Promoting innovation in RFO regions - variations on a theme
- ***Development of innovation tools in rural areas***
Mr. Krzysztof Heller, UNDP consultant, *eFARMER project*
 - ***R&D institutions as knowledge base for interregional innovation***
Mr. Andreas Hubinger, Clusterland Oberösterreich GmbH, *REGINS project*
 - ***Shortcuts from innovation to implementation***
Mr. Heinrich Wedral, Land Burgenland, Office of European affairs and Statistics, *SITAR project*

- 12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch Buffet*
- 14.00 – 15.00 Session 3 (followed by discussion), moderated by **Mr. Carlos Bolaños**, JTS East:
Evaluating and mainstreaming RFO results – the regional policy dimension
- **Conditions for successful interregional cooperation - Bottleneck analysis**
Ms. Katja Königstein, TAURUS Institute at the University of Trier, external evaluator *ENABLE project*
 - **Evaluation and mainstreaming of RFO results**
Ms. Petra Schwarz, Urban System Consult AG on behalf of the Ministry of Economy and Labour of the Land Sachsen-Anhalt, *TOURISME project*
- 15.00 – 15.15 **State of debate at European level concerning funding for interregional cooperation in the programming period 2007-2013**
Ms. Christiane Breznik, INTERREG III C East Managing Authority, City of Vienna, Department for EU-Strategy and Economic Development
- 15.15 – 15.35 *Coffee break*
- 15.35 – 16.00 **Strategies to include the RFO experience in future regional policies**
- Emilia-Romagna Region case-study, **Ms. M. Paola Dosi**, Emilia-Romagna Region
 - Thüringen Region case-study, **Ms. Christine Lichte**, State Development Corporation of Thüringen
- 16.00 – 16.45 **Panel discussion on the future of interregional cooperation in the EU Structural Funds and international cooperation strategies of regions** - moderated by **Mr. Claus Schultze** (JTS East)
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| Ms. Christiane Breznik
(MA INTERREG III C East) | Ms. Christine Lichte
(Land Thüringen) |
| Mr. Lodovico Gherardi
(Emilia-Romagna Region) | Mr. Robert Schrötter
(Land Oberösterreich) |
- 16.45 – 17.00 **Closing remarks**
Ms. Barbara Di Piazza, JTS East