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This interregional event takes place at the facilities of the Thuringian Liaison Office in Brussels.

Participation to the event is free of charge.  
Please register until April 15, 2005 via fax or email.

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**ENABLING European Entrepreneurship**

The regional framework operation ENABLE is a joint operation of the regions of Hordaland and Sogn og Fjordane (Western Norway), Carinthia (Austria), Kaunas (Lithuania) and Thuringen (Germany), funded under INTERREG IIIC.

The overall objective of ENABLE is to improve the effectiveness of SME policies and to increase the basis for entrepreneurship and innovation in the regions by creating competitive regions with a strong internationalised SME base. New instruments will provide for more dynamic regional leadership and a more holistic approach to regional development with a focus on Technology Transfer, Networks of SMEs and Entrepreneurship.

The conference "Regional Policy 2007-2013: Interregional Co-operation quo vadis?" aims at increasing the awareness of the future of interregional co-operation policy within the European Union.

The conference is organised by the ENABLE Lead Partner (LEG Thüringen) and the Thuringian Liaison Office in Brussels in close co-operation with the West Norway Office in Brussels and the official ENABLE partners Hordaland County Council, Sogn og Fjordane County Council, Carinthian Economic Promotion Fund, Kaunas County Council and the Foundation for Technology, Innovation and Research Thuringen.



**Regional Policy 2007-2013:  
Interregional Co-operation  
quo vadis?**

**The Impact on Co-operations in the fields of  
Technology Transfer, Networks of SMEs  
and Entrepreneurship**

May 3, 2005  
Thuringen Office, Brussels



**CONFERENCE**

**Regional Policy 2007–2013:  
 Interregional Co-operation quo vadis?**

The Commission's proposals for Cohesion Policy in the period from 2007–2013 are currently discussed in the Council and the European Parliament. In this context the conference will provide the opportunity to discuss future EU strategies for regional development, implementation of Structural Funds and interregional co-operation.

Special attention will be paid to the Commission's proposal to incorporate only cross-border and trans-national co-operation into the new objective "European Territorial Co-operation". According to this proposal inter-regional co-operation would only be possible in the form of co-operation networks and exchange of experience while RFOs would be mainstreamed in the "Convergence" and "Competitiveness and Employment" objectives.

The conference will provide a platform for discussions between high ranking representatives of the European institutions and politicians of the ENABLE regions. It aims at presenting good practice and new methods and instruments for regional policies, economic development and funding strategies.

Participants will be invited to learn more about running INTERREG III C projects and operations: Representatives from the ENABLE regions (Carinthia, Western Norway, Kaunas and Thuringen) will present interregional activities they are currently carrying out.

**PROGRAMME**

14:00 Registration

14:30 Plenary Session I  
 Opening Address

Eckhard Strittmatter, Thuringen Office in Brussels

*Welcome*

Dr. Bertram Harendt,  
 ENABLE Programme Co-ordinator,  
 State Development Corporation Thuringen

*Panel Discussion and Open Debate*

Esben Poulsen, European Commission, Head of unit:  
 Territorial Co-operation

Mr. Jürgen Reinholz,  
 Thuringian Minister of Economy, Technology  
 and Labour

Prof. Dr. David B. Audretsch,  
 Max Planck Institute for Research into  
 Economic Systems, Jena

Arve Skjerpen,  
 Norwegian Ministry of Local Government  
 and Regional Development

Rolf Berend,  
 Member of European Parliament,  
 Committee on Regional Development

*Moderation*

Claus Schultze, INTERREG III C East, JTS Vienna

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 Plenary Session II

*INTERREG Projects in Carinthia, Western Norway,  
 Kaunas and Thuringen*

Reinhard Schinner,  
 Carinthian Economic Promotion Fund

Jan Per Styve,  
 Hordaland County Council

Akvile Normantiene,  
 Kaunas County Council

Dr. Dr. Dietmar Görgmaier,  
 Thuringian State Chancellery

*Regional Framework Operations and their Impact  
 on Regional Policy*

Geir Tevasvold,  
 AQUAREG Programme Manager

Dr. Bertram Harendt,  
 ENABLE Programme Co-ordinator

18:30 Open Debate

*Moderation*

Carlos Bolaños, INTERREG III C East, JTS Vienna,

19:00 Reception