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Reception of the Luxembourg Spatial Planning Department

PRESENTATION (19th and 20th November)

Andrea Hartz / agl I angewandte geographie, landschafts-,
stadt- und raumplanung, Saarbrücken

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Aring / Technical University of Dortmund;
Büro für Angewandte Geographie (BfAG), Meckenheim

Prof. Dr. Tobias Chilla / University of Erlangen Nuremberg,
Geography

18:00 hrs / Reception of guests

18:30 hrs / Welcome

Claude Wiseler / Minister for Sustainable Development and
Infrastructure, Luxembourg

Monika Bachmann / Minister of the Interior and Sport of the
Saarland

18:45 hrs / The Luxembourg spatial planning in the context of the Greater Region

Romain Diederich / Premier Conseiller de Gouvernement;
Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure,
Luxembourg

19:15 hrs / The role of metropolitan border regions

Uwe Hüser / State Secretary at the Rhineland-Palatinate
Ministry for Economic Affairs, Climate Protection, Energy
and Regional Planning

Dr. Katharina Erdmenger / Head of Division, European Spatial
Development and Territorial Cohesion in the German Federal
Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development (BMVBS)

Dr. Gisela Splett / MdL, State Secretary of the Ministry of
Transport and Infrastructure of Baden-Württemberg

Hermann Vogler / Chairman of the Regionalverband Boden-
see-Oberschwaben and former mayor of Ravensburg

20:15 hrs / Dinner

■ **09:30 hrs / Registration and reception**

■ **10:00 hrs / Welcome and introduction:
The network "Cross-Border Metropolitan
Regions Initiative" (IMeG)**

Gerd-Rainer Damm / Ministry of the Interior and Sport of the Saarland and spokesman of the IMeG-partnership

■ **10:15 hrs / Metropolitan border regions in Europe
– How important are they for regional development,
growth and innovation?**

Peter Mehlbye / Director of the ESPON Coordination Unit, Luxembourg

■ **10:45 hrs / Governance and organisation –
What makes cross-border cooperation successful?**

Discussion with panel guests:

Caroline Huck / Coordinator of the "policy pillar" in the Trinational Metropolitan Region (TMR) Upper Rhine

Dr. Johannes Lutter / Deputy Managing Director of Europaforum Wien and director of CENTROPE Coordination Office

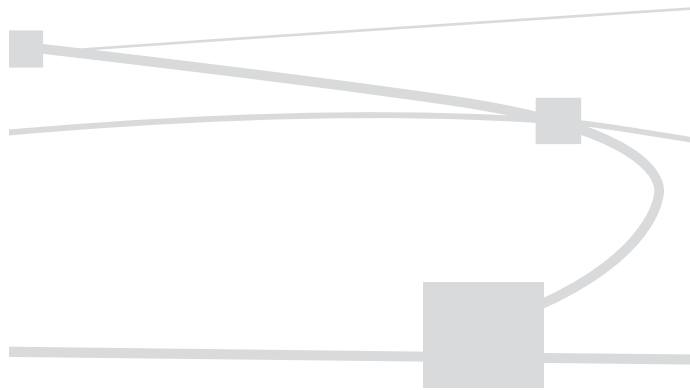
Stef Vande Meulebroucke / Director-General of the Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai Eurometropolis

Pascale Roulet / Project manager (Waadt) in the France-Waad-Geneve Agglomeration Project

Klaus-Dieter Schnell / Secretary of the International Lake Constance Conference (IBK)

Johan Tiedemann / Senior Adviser Oeresund Committee

■ **12:15 hrs / Lunch break**



■ **13:15 hrs / Territorial strategies and projects
– How can metropolitan border regions be
strengthened?**

Discussion with panel guests:

Dr. Patrick Leypoldt / Director of the Administrative Office of the Basle Agglomeration Programme

Dr. Johannes Lutter / Deputy Managing Director of Europaforum Wien and director of CENTROPE Coordination Office

Stef Vande Meulebroucke / Director-General of the Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai Eurometropolis

Pascale Roulet / Project manager (Waadt) in the France-Waad-Geneve Agglomeration Project

Dr. Christophe Sohn / Acting head of the department Geography and Development/CEPS, Luxembourg, and Coordinator of the METROLUX research programme

Johan Tiedemann / Senior Adviser Oeresund Committee

■ **14:45 hrs / Territorial cohesion and structural
funds policies in Europe – How can metropolitan
border regions be promoted?**

Dr. Wolfgang Streitenberger / Conseiller, Directorate-General for Regional Policy; EU-Commission, Brussels

■ **15:15 hrs / Coffee break**

■ **15:45 hrs / Concluding discussion: Working
together – How can metropolitan border regions
develop networking activities in Europe?**

Klemens Ficht / Vice District President of Freiburg Regional Council

Karl-Heinz Lambertz / Minister-President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium and President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)

Jean Peyrony / Director-General of the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT)

Ralph Schlusche / Deputy speaker of the Initiativkreis Europäische Metropolregionen in Deutschland (IKM) and Director of the Verband Region Rhein-Neckar

■ **16:45 hrs / Summary and ideas generated
during the day**

Gerd-Rainer Damm / Ministry of the Interior and Sport of the Saarland and spokesman of the IMeG-partnership

■ **17:00 hrs / End of the event**