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Département de l'aménagement du territoire

Invitation to the European conference “Metropolitan border regions in Europe”

on 19th and 20th November 2012 in Luxembourg-City (Kirchberg)

The “Cross-Border Metropolitan Regions” Initiative (IMEG), the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development (BMVBS) and the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR) within the Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (BBR) are organising the European Conference “Metropolitan border regions in Europe” on 19th and 20th November 2012 in cooperation with the Luxembourg Spatial Planning Department. The aim of the conference is to initiate or to intensify the exchange between metropolitan border regions in Europe.

The reception of the Luxembourg Spatial Planning Department will be held on November 19th, 2012, the evening before the conference. Following a short welcome, Luxembourg’s spatial planning will be introduced within a greater regional context. This will be followed by political representatives, representatives of the IMEG regions and cross border institutions discussing the role of metropolitan border regions.

The day of the conference will be focused on topic-related exchange, with presentations and panel discussions highlighting the significance of metropolitan border regions in Europe as well as success factors for cross-border governance and organisation. Successful territorial strategies and projects in metropolitan border regions will be introduced and assistance options within structural funds policy examined. “Working together – How can metropolitan border regions in Europe develop networking activities?” is the central question of the final discussion, where representatives from cross-border institutions and the IMEG regions plan to point out options for action.

The conference will be translated simultaneously on the 19th and 20th November 2012 (German, English, French).

PROGRAMME

19TH NOVEMBER 2012

Reception of the Luxembourg Spatial Planning Department

■ **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

Oda Scheibelhuber / Ministerial Director and Head of the Department for Regional Planning, Urban Development, Housing, Public Building Law in the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development (BMVBS)

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

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

■ **20:15 hrs / Dinner**

20TH NOVEMBER 2012

European conference "Metropolitan border regions in Europe"

■ **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-Waadt-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-Waadt-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)

Didier Michal / Délégué interministériel à l'aménagement du territoire et à l'attractivité régionale (DATAR), requested

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**

PRESENTATION:

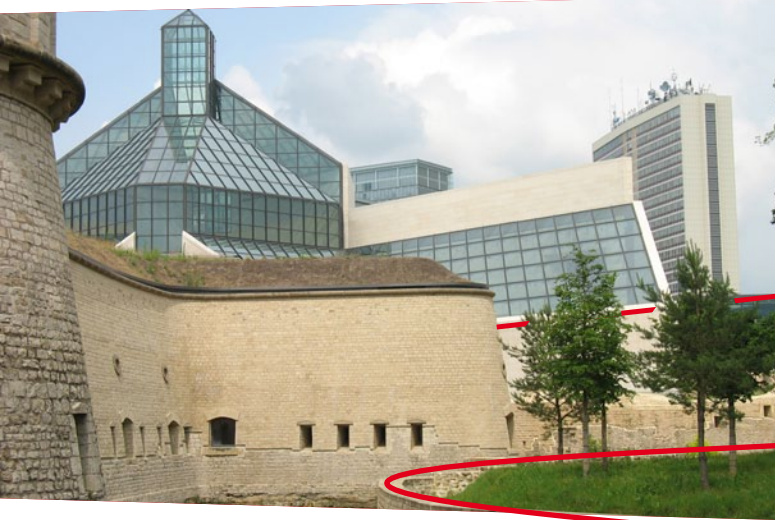
Andrea Hartz / agl I angewandte geographie, landschafts-, stadt- und raumplanung, Saarbrücken

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

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

■ ORGANISER

“Cross-Border Metropolitan Regions” Initiative (IMeG) / German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development (BMVBS) / Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR) within the Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (BBR) / in cooperation with the Luxembourg Spatial Planning Department



■ CONFERENCE SUPPORT

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■ CONFERENCE LOCATION

The conference location is Luxembourg-City (Kirchberg):
Ministère du Développement durable et des Infrastructures
Bâtiment Alcide de Gasperi („Héichhaus“)
4, Place de l'Europe
L-1499 Luxembourg

■ GETTING THERE

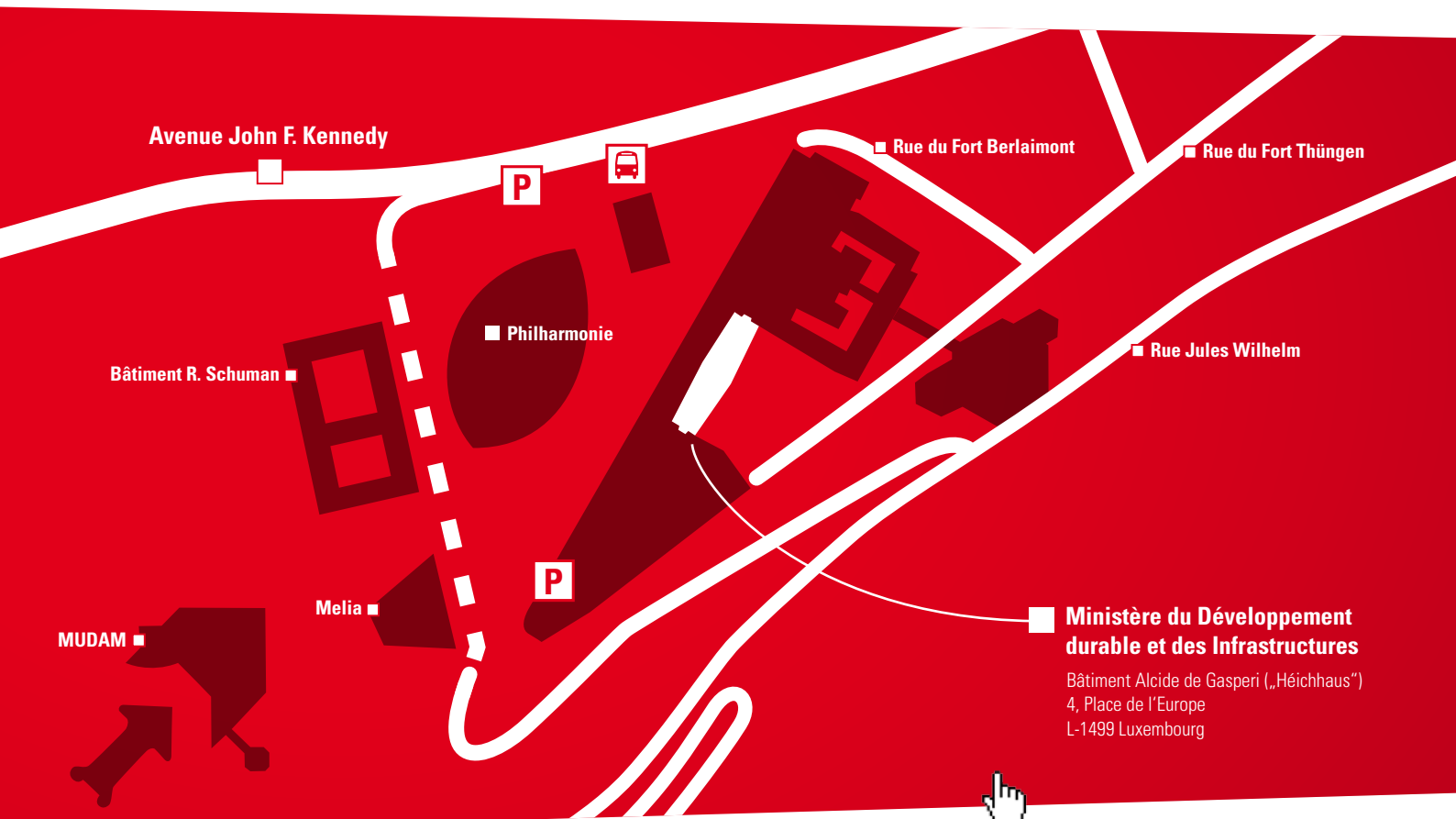
The event location is situated directly on Luxembourg City's Kirchberg plateau.

Getting there by bus or plane...

Train or air travellers can find information on bus services to the conference location here: www.mobiliteit.lu You will need to get off at the Philharmonie/MUDAM stop

Nearby public car parks:

- „Place de l'Europe“, access from Avenue J. F. Kennedy
- „Trois Glads“, access from Rue du Fort Thüngen (turn left after the tunnel underneath the Philharmonie)



CAR ROUTE ON GOOGLE MAPS

The "Cross-Border Metropolitan Regions" Initiative

The partnership was assisted in the years 2008 to 2011 by the Demonstration Project of Spatial Planning (MORO) "Supraregional partnerships in cross-border functional regions". This will be followed by a second funding period as a MORO „Initiative Group of German Regions in Cross-Border Functional Regions“ (2011 to 2013). MORO is a research programme of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development (BMVBS), supervised by the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR) within the Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (BBR).

The IMeG-members are up to now the federal state of Saarland as part of the Greater Region*, the Regio Aachen e.V. as part of the Euregio Maas-Rhein and the Regionalverbände Mittlerer Oberrhein, Südlicher Ober-

rhein, Hochrhein-Bodensee and Bodensee-Oberschwaben from the Trinational Metropolitan Region Upper Rhine and the Lake Constance region. Associated partner is the Federal State of Rhineland-Palatinate. The IMeG-partnership aims to represent its interests on a national and European level. The network's efforts are dedicated to highlighting the specific potentials of these border regions. At the same time the initiative group aims to provide stimuli for the promotion of cross-border regional development in a manner that benefits territorial cohesion.

Further information: www.metropolitane-grenzregionen.eu

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us:
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* Greater Region of Saarland - Lorraine - Luxembourg - Rhineland-Palatinate - Wallonia region - the French community in Belgium and the German-speaking community in Belgium

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REGISTRATION

Simply fill in this form and either return it to us by clicking the „Register“ button, or by fax or post. The registration deadline is **October 31th, 2012**

- 19.11.2012 (18:00 - 20:15 hrs), Reception of the Luxembourg Spatial Planning Department
- 19.11.2012 (20:15 hrs), Dinner
- 20.11.2012 (9:30 - 17:00 hrs), European conference "Metropolitan border regions in Europe"

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No confirmation will be sent out upon registration. Please book early as the number of attendees is limited – you will be informed if your attendance is unfeasible. There is no conference fee.

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