

**Brief description of the 6 workshops organized by CEPLI
during the 8th edition of the Open Days**
Venue: Bibliothèque Solvay, Rue Belliard 137 (Leopold Park), Brussels

5 October 2010

Partnership: Local Intermediate Authorities - Mobilising Competitive Territories

11:15-13:00, **Code 05A18**

Territorial planning as a competitiveness strategy

Competitiveness and innovation are the key factors to enhance the new Lisbon Strategy, bearing in mind the 2020 objectives that will be set up in the near future. At the local level, territorial planning is a well-known tool that has proven to provide real indicators regarding these key elements. In that perspective, Local Intermediate Authorities (LIAs), placed in between the regional and municipal level, have a central position and competences regarding these issues, amongst which territorial planning.

LIAs have experience in this field and are eager to share it. This debate will focus on putting together local stakeholders with European experts in order to shape a new bottom-up approach that will try to tackle local competitiveness by confronting the current European approach with the real local needs. The outcome of this debate can help to show how the different actions set up by the LIAs can promote cultural, innovative and economic resources as a motor for local development.

Speakers:

Jean Louis Destans, President of the Regional Council of Eure, France;
Marino Fiasella, President of the Province of La Spezia, Italy;
Ida Vana, Province of Turin, Italy.

14:30-17:00, **Code 05A27**

Innovative policies essential for sustainable growth

Sustainable growth is a crucial issue for agencies responsible for local development. Nowadays, sustainable development is perceived as a transversal approach, becoming a must-have in new development projects. Regarding the actual debate around the way Europe might shape in the next decades, sustainable development is an important part of how policies are conceived and planned.

Therefore, there is no doubt in stakeholders mind about the need for creating and establishing innovative policies in order to achieve sustainable growth without compromising local economic development. Indeed, this represents a challenge for everyone. In this context, the debate will focus on pointing out recent local innovative policies as well as good practices that have taken the path of in-depth innovative knowledge as well as environmental protection measures in order to provide a new pathway which in the end leads to strengthening local growth. The debate will be followed by a discussion with other EU stakeholders and EU institutions in order to further develop the actual bottom-up approach to tackle sustainability issues.

Speakers:

Giuseppe Castiglione, Province of Catania, Italy;
Eric Gautier, President of the General Council of Deux-Sevres, France;
Thomas Kubendorff, Kreis Steinfurt, Germany;
Adwin Martens, Province of Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium ;
Georges Pire, Vice-President of the Province of Liege, Belgium.

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Partnership: Local Intermediate Authorities - Driving Territorial Cooperation

11:15-13:00, **Code 06B23**

Interterritorial cooperation, the path to EU

Since its creation as part of the cohesion policy of the European Union, INTERREG and other cooperation programmes are at the origin of the involvement of local governments in numerous actions of territorial co-operation. Local Intermediate Authorities significantly contributed to the development of transnational and crossborder cooperation, bringing a very concrete dimension to the projects, which enabled participation in the creation of an everyday Europe, close to citizens. Coming into force with the Treaty of Lisbon, the future of European cohesion policy provides new perspectives which will be discussed within this workshop organised by members of CEPLI (Confederation of European Local Intermediate Authorities).

Speakers:

Herman Reynders, Governor, Province of Limburg, Belgium;
Nicolino D'Ascanio, President, Province of Campobasso, Italy;
Sebastian Damm, Managing Director, Bioenergie-Region, Hohenlohe-Odenwald-Tauber, Germany.

14:30-17:00, **Code 06B36**

Partnership mapping a new Europe

Do European projects implemented by Local Intermediate Authorities, within the framework of the Territorial Cooperation Programme, have a real innovative dimension? What types of contribution do they offer to territories and their inhabitants? How do they ameliorate public policies? What concrete principles can we draw for the future in order to offer ways of implementation for multilevel governance and European integration? These questions will be discussed within this workshop organised by members of CEPLI.

Speakers:

Daniel Ledent, Province of Luxembourg, Belgium;
Dominique Notte, Province of Namur, Wallonia, Belgium;
Josette Durrieu, Conseil General des Hautes-Pyrenees, France.

7 October 2010

Partnership: Local Intermediate Authorities - Key Actors for Cohesion

09:00-10:45, **Code 07C18**

Innovative policies for territorial cohesion

The current economic crisis and the new social, labour and territorial needs have fostered and enhanced the role of local intermediate governments as key actors for cohesion. These governments are aware of the importance of developing innovative territorial strategies to help their municipalities and search for common solutions. The economic crisis has made drawing up a territorial consensus more relevant than ever. The decrease of resources and the increase of demands have obliged the local intermediate authorities to optimise any available means in order to face the consequences of the crisis and to improve the territorial cohesion. During this debate, European actors at local level with many years of experience in the field will meet together to benchmark and exchange their views on the topic with participants and public.

Speakers:

Mircea Cosma, President, Judet of Prahova, Romania;
Paolo Filippi, President, Provincia di Alessandria, Italy;
Valentin Cortes, President, Diputacion de Badajoz, Spain;
Vicente Aparici, Vice-President, Diputacion de Castellon, Spain.

11:15-13:00, **Code 07C24**

Leading change through Social Inclusion

In the European year for combating poverty and social exclusion still 17% of EU citizens have such limited resources that they cannot afford the basics. There is no miracle solution to put an end to poverty and social exclusion. However, the local intermediate authorities have developed some successful initiatives to change the situation.

How to lead change through social inclusion will be the main topic in an open debate with the presence of politicians who are leading the process in Europe at local level.

Speakers:

Ferenc Odor, President, Borsod-Abauj-Zemplen County Council, Hungary;
Juan Andres Tovar, President, Diputacion de Caceres, Spain;
Konstantinos Liantsis, President, Prefecture of Kastoria, Greece;
Philippe Meslay, Vice-President, Conseil General de Cotes d'Armor, Brittany, France;
Renaud Tardy, Vice-President, Conseil General du Nord, France;
Stephan Loge, President, Dahme-Spreewald Counties, Germany.