

SHARING REGIONAL EXCELLENCE

International Conference DISTRICT 2008
May 29, 2008 – ICC Dresden

This conference will represent successful examples of international cooperation for industries and networks. The main focus will be: developing value-added economic processes, through interregional networking and analysing existing experiences while revealing new perspectives for future-oriented cooperation.

Plenary Session

- 08:30 Registration**
- 09:00 Opening**
Oliver Jörk, Saxony Economic Development Corporation
- Welcome Speech**
Johannes Dehlinger, Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs and Labor
- 09:30 EU Regional Policy and Competitiveness of Business Locations:
How do Regions benefit?**
Olivier Baudelet, European Commission, DG Regional Policy, Territorial Cooperation Unit
- 09:50 Handling the "Lisbon Paradox": Cities' and Regions' Partners to
succeed in the Growth and Jobs Strategy**
Andrea Forti, Committee of the Regions, Directorate for Consultative works
- 10:10 Coffee Break**

Best Practice of Interregional Cooperation and its contribution to stimulate the value-added economic processes

Moderator: **Georg Moeritz**, Sächsische Zeitung

10:45 Session 1: Best Practice in Innovation and Technology Transfers

Experts report on their experiences on project cooperation. Their accounts will describe which contributions to the projects have been delivered in order to stimulate the value-added economic processes and what are the conclusions for comparable activities in the future.

Paolo Guarnieri, DISTRICT Regional Framework Operation

Ronald Pedersen, Swerea IVF AB

Dr. Rainer Gebhardt, Saxon Textile Research Institute (STFI)

Klaus Friedrich, C.F. Weber GmbH

Enrico Venturini, Tecnotessile, Italia

Steve Shorthouse, Coventry University Enterprises, UK

Dr. Günter E. Burkart, TAC TechnologieAgentur Chemnitz GmbH

Dr. Axel Rohde, Carl Zeiss SMT AG

11:45 Session 2: Best Practice in the Field of Environment/Renewable Energies

Experts of project cooperation will demonstrate which contributions projects have delivered in order to raise energy efficiency and the application of renewable energies. Key aspects will be derived for future cooperation.

Claudia Krobath, eccop.net, W.E.I.Z. – Energy and Innovation Centre of Weiz

Prof. Miroslaw Miller, Lower Silesian Centre for Advanced Technologies

Rüdiger Grimm, geoENERGIE Konzept GmbH

12:15 Achievements of the INTERREG IIC Programm
Dorothee Fischer, INTERREG IIC Joint Technical Secretariat Valencia

12:30 Lunch

Parallel Workshops

14:15 The objective is to point out new ideas and approaches for future-oriented project cooperation with a view to successful examples of cross border and interregional cooperation of branches and networks.

Workshop A: Multilateral Cooperation of European Regions (Conference Room 5)

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Gerstlberger**, International Graduate School (IHI) Zittau

Speakers: **Dr. Martin Niedermeyer**, Crossborder Cooperation SaarLorLux, State Chancellery Saarland
Věra Vyškovsky, CENTROPE - Central European Region, ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower Austria
Dr. Gerhard Kirkamm, Three Countries- One Region, Saxony Economic Development Corporation

Workshop B: Interregional Cooperation in Innovation and Technology Transfers (Conference Room 6)

Moderator: **Nils Gabrielsson**, Inno Scandinavia AB

Speakers: **Dr. Rainer Gebhardt**, Saxon Textile Research Institute (STFI)
Enrico Venturi, Tecnotessile, Italia
Frank Treppe, VEMAS – Saxony's Mechanical Engineering Network
Andrew Smith, Warwickshire County Council
Marcus Nordanstad, Västra Götalandsregionen
Dr. Jaroslav Chaloupka, BIC Brno

Workshop C: Interregional Cooperation in the Field of Environment/ Renewable Energies (Conference Room 4)

Moderator: **Dr. Frank Scholwin**, Deutsches BiomasseForschungszentrum gGmbH (DBFZ)

Speakers: **Dr. Hartmut Krause**, DBI Gastechnologisches Institut gGmbH
Dr. Gerald Ziegenbalg, IBZ Freiberg
Vit Hriba, BIC Brno

15:30 Coffee Break

Final Session

16:00 Feedback from Workshops

Moderators of the respective groups will present a brief report on the workshop findings.

16:30 Honouring the „Best-Practice DISTRICT – Innovation Project 2008“ awarded by Nils Gabrielsson, Inno Scandinavia AB

16:45 Summary and Future Projects

Dr. Thomas Richter, Saxony Economic Development Corporation