

**SBRA, MO Nova Gorica, VSLR
EREF-2007 Organizing Committee**

Building Knowledge Society Through Public RTD Funding

Hotel Perla, Nova Gorica - 31 May-2 June 2007

First Draft-Programme

RIBN Network meeting (30 May afternoon, programme under preparations)

Arrival of participants to Nova Gorica

First Day (31 May)

Registration (08.00 – 09.00)

Welcome Addresses (09.00 – 09.30)

Mayor of Nova Gorica, Prime Minister/Minister of Slovenian Government, President of HIT, senior representatives of guest regions (Lombardia, Croatia, Flanders, Turkey)

Keynote Addresses (09.30 – 10.00)

Commissioner for Science and Research or Commissioner for Regional Policy
President of the Committee of Regions

**Implementing Lisbon Agenda – Public RTD Funding and Communication Models
(10.00 – 11.00)**

- Barcelona Target and the European Regions
- Performance and Potential RTD Contribution to regional competitiveness and innovation - supporting increased public funding
- Interaction and public-private partnership schemes in RTD funding
- RTD Communication – key principles and lessons learnt

Break (11.00 – 11.30)

Public RTD Funding and Communication Models – Presentation of Good practice from selected European regions (11.30 – 13.00)

Emilia Romagna (I)
Flanders (BE)
Olomouc (CZ)

Slovenia (SI)
 Scotland (UK)
 Stockholm (S)
 Turkey (TR)
 Valencia Region (ESP)
 West Pannon(HU)

Selection of 4-5 regions to be made on the basis of quality of papers submitted prior to the Forum – structure of papers to coincide with the guidelines prepared within the BISRTD project.

Lunch (13.00 - 14.30)

Round Table: Development Priorities, preparations for IPA, and Public Funding of RTD in countries and regions of Western Balkans (14.30 – 16.00)

Introduction (to be given by an expert)

Croatia
 Bosna Herzegovina
 Macedonia
 Montenegro
 Serbia
 Kosovo

Break (16.00 – 16.15)

Presentation of EREF-2007 regions with particular emphasis on public RTD funding (16.15 – 17.45)

Estonia
 Lombardia
 Bavaria
 Denmark
 Rhone-Alps

Dinner offered by Nova Gorica Mayor (20.00 – 22.30)

Second Day (1 June)

Linking RTD, Education & Training, and Innovation Policies in the pursuit of achieving Regional Knowledge-based Competitiveness (09.00 – 10.30)

(bodies, such as: Lisbon Council, education and innovation networks, 2-3 presentations by experts and/or representatives of specialized European associations, etc.)

Break (10.30 – 11.00)

Contribution of key RTD players to building Knowledge Society (11.00 – 13.00)

- institutions of higher learning

- research institutes
- companies and business associations
- technology and science parks
- clusters and competence centers
- technology platforms and initiatives

Lunch (13.00 – 14.30)

Regional, National and European Funding instruments for Building Knowledge Society in 2007-2013 – how can the corporate sector benefit? (14.30 - 16.00)

New Possibilities for 2007-2013: Introduction by DG ENTRE, DG RTD, DG REGIO, EIB

Using Structural Funding for strengthening RTD infrastructure at the national and regional levels: the potential of CIP, 7FP, other Community Programmes

Combining Public and Private RTD Funding – Introduction and some success stories

Break (16.00 – 16.30)

Parallel Workshops (16.30 – 17.30) 3-4 workshops – depending on participants' interest

Workshop A : Models of Successful RTD Funding Communication

Workshop B : How to prepare a successful project submission for Structural Funding

Workshop C : Benchmarking Indicators and Monitoring of RTD Performance

Workshop D : Mobilizing IT Sector for RTD Funding (chaired by sponsors)

Workshop E : Western Balkans Country priorities for EU Pre-Accession assistance

Workshop F : EU-25 National Priorities for Structural Funding

Adoption of Forum 2007 Conclusions (17.30 – 18.00)

Dinner hosted by Guest Regions (20.00 – 22.00)

Third Day (2 June)

Field trip to some EU funded project sites in Slovenia – combined with sightseeing (full day).