

SEARCH INTERIM POLICY WORKSHOP

The Sharing Knowledge Assets: InteRregionally Cohesive NeighBORhoods (SEARCH) Project.

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Place: Committee of the Regions, Bâtiment Jacques Delors. Rue Belliard 99-101. B - 1040 Brussels- Belgium
Room: JDE51

Agenda - 5th February 2013

9.00 Welcome

- Welcome Presentation by Prof. Jordi Suriñach, SEARCH Coordinator (UB-AQR) (see Annex I)
- Welcome Presentation by Mr. Gerhard Stahl, Secretary general of the Committee of the Regions

9.15. Presentation 1. Prof. Edward Bergman (Institute of Regional and Environmental Economy, WU): Policy side in SEARCH project

9.30 Presentation 2. Prof. George Petrakos (University of Thessaly, South and East European Development Center, UTH): The implications of the emerging trade pattern between the EU and neighboring countries (see Annex II)

10.00 Presentation 3. Dr. Alessia Matano (AQR Research Group, University of Barcelona, AQR-UB): People mobility and human capital (see Annex III)

10.30 Presentation 4. Prof. Raffaele Paci (Centre for North and South Economic Research), University of Cagliari, CRENOS): Technological activities and innovation diffusion in the EU and interactions with the neighbouring regions (see Annex IV).

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 Presentation 5. Prof. Simona Iammarino (London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE): Institutional environment. Policy preliminary emerging results (see Annex V).

12.00 Round Table. Relationship between EU and neighborhood countries. Policy perspective.

Chair: Edward Bergman (Institute of Regional and Environmental Economy, WU).

Speakers:

- Mr. Javier Albarracín, Director of Socioeconomic Development, Institut Europeu de la Mediterrània (IEMed)
- Prof. Ron Boschma, Director of Urban and Regional Research Centre Utrecht (URU) and Affiliate London School of Economics (LSE), Spatial Economics Research Centre
- Mr. Saturnino Muñoz Gómez, European External Action Service (EEAS), European Neighbourhood Policy Division
- Mr. Jussi Närvi, European External Action Service of the European Commission.

13.30 Closure

13:35 LUNCH SEARCH members and speakers