

Interreg Sudoe or when transnational cooperation builds Europe

Interreg South West (Sudoe) began 15 years ago as the transnational cooperation programme for economic, social, territorial and cultural development within Southwestern Europe. In celebration of this milestone, the programme is organising a high-level conference on territorial cooperation, which will take place on 6/06/2018 in Brussels. The former BBC reporter, Ms. Claire Doole, will moderate an interesting debate between political and institutional representatives on the success of Sudoe and the future of cohesion policy within Southwestern Europe. The event will include inspiring interventions of key Sudoe projects from different sectors – such as innovation or climate change, to explore concrete experiences related to the development of a 770.904 km² area and the improvement of European citizens' day-to-day lives. SO, the question is, will you be there?

When: 6/06/2018

Where: Committee of the Regions, Brussels (Belgium)

PROGRAMME

9.00 **Welcome**

Mr. Pavel Branda, Member of the European Committee of the Regions

9.15 **Interreg South West, 15 years of cooperation**

Managing Authority will offer its vision on the Programme and its impact on the ground during more than 15 years.

- Juan José Sota, Economy and Budget Councillor, Gobierno de Cantabria

9.25 **Interreg Sudoe on the ground, projects for EU cohesion: water management**

TELERIEG

- Manuel Erena Arrabal, Instituto Murciano de Investigación y Desarrollo Agrario y Alimentario
- M. Fernanda Arbáizar Barrios, D.G. Seguridad Ciudadana y Emergencias, Comunidad Autónoma Región de Murcia

9.45 **Panel 1 - Transnational cooperation added value for European territorial development: Interreg South West area: 770.904 km² of common problematic**

Political and institutional representatives will discuss the territorial relevance of the programme, highlighting its added value to face common challenges. Session to be closed with Q&A session.

- Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Iratxe García, Member of the European Parliament
- Jean-Luc Fres, Commissariat général à l'égalité des territoires
- Teresa Jorge, Centro Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro
- Marc Lobet, Interreg Sudoe reporter, European Commission (DG REGIO)

11.00 **Interreg Sudoe on the ground, projects for EU cohesion: climate change**

CLIMACT

- Susana Marta Lopes Almeida, Instituto Superior Técnico de Lisboa
- The Hon Dr John Cortes, Minister for Education, Heritage, the Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Government of Gibraltar

- 11.20 Coffee break
- 11.40 **Interreg Sudoe on the ground, projects for EU cohesion:
innovation**
- APSAT**
- Philippe Lattes, Deputy Director for Space, Aerospace Valley
 - Aurélie Dehouc
- 12.00 **Panel 2: Interreg South West Programme impact on key
professional areas**
- Experts on cohesion and European territorial development will share their vision on the added value of transnational cooperation in South Western Europe for the development of key economic sectors and, consequently, territorial cohesion. Session to be closed with Q&A session.*
- Nicolas Brookes, Director for regional policy, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
 - Vasilis Margaras, Policy Officer, European Parliament Research Services
 - Erich Dallhammer, Managing Director, Austrian Institute for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning
 - Prof. Eduardo Medeiros, Instituto Universitario de Lisboa
- 13.15 Conclusions
- 13.30 Cocktail

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