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Seminar: Legal Status of Cross-Border Cooperation Structures
Hotel "Crowne Plaza Vilnius", Vilnius, December 5-6, 2006

Organizers:

The Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania
The Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania

AGENDA

Tuesday, December 5

9 h 00 - 9 h 30 Registration and Coffee

9 h 30 - 10 h 00 Opening of the meeting:

Ms. Giedrė Švedienė, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania

Mr. Auke van der Goot, Chair of the Committee of Experts on Transfrontier Co-operation (LR-CT),

Moderator: **Mr. Šarūnas Radvilavičius**, Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania

10 h 00 - 10 h 30	Legal status of cross border cooperation structures: the present and prospects Mr. Jens Gabbe , Secretary General of the Association of European Border Regions
10 h 30 - 11 h 10	European Grouping of territorial co-operation (EGTC) Mr. Gianluca Spinaci , Committee of the Regions Unit Policy Analysis, Studies and Interinstitutional Legislative Planning
11 h 10 - 11 h 30	Coffee break
11 h 30 - 12 h 10	Revised preliminary draft European Convention containing a Uniform law on Groupings of Territorial co-operation (GTC) Mr. Auke van der GOOT , Chair of the Committee of Experts on Transfrontier Co-operation (LR-CT), Member of the Bureau of the Steering Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR) of the Council of Europe
12 h 10 - 12 h 20	Questions and answers
12 h 30 - 14 h 00	Lunch
14 h 00 - 15 h 00	Role of central, regional and local authorities in the development of CBC Mr. Andrey Klimov , Advisor of the Ministry of Regional Development of Russia Mr. Andrzej Gawron , Ministry of Regional Development INTERREG Initiative Department, Poland Ms. Irena Šimėnienė , Deputy director, Regional Policy Department, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania
15 h 00 - 15 h 40	The advantages, obstacles and „good practice“ examples of Euroregional co-operation Mr. Göran Theolin and Ms. Christina Knookala , Kvarken Council (FIN/SE); Ms. Merle Krigul , Helsinki-Tallinn Euregio (FIN/EE);
15 h 40 - 16 h 00	Questions and answers
16 h 00 - 16 h 30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16 h 30 - 17 h 00	The European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument regulation. Strategy paper Mr. Martin Eisenbeis , European Commission, EuropeAid Cooperation Office
17 h 00 - 17 h 10	Questions and answers
17 h 10 - 18 h 00	Discussion, concluding remarks, adoption of recommendations
19 h 00 - 21 h 00	Dinner , restaurant "Avilys", Gedimino pr. 5, Vilnius

Wednesday, December 6

10 h 00 - 12 h 00	Visit to the Joint Technical secretariat of the INTERREG IIIA Neighbourhood programme between Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation (Kaliningrad region) (optional).
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