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Co-operation - Cross border co-operation in our region

Type: Thematic meeting and debate
Organiser: Arnhem Nijmegen City Region, Brussels office.
Chair: Mr. Jaap MODDER, Chairman of the board Arnhem Nijmegen City Region
Speakers:

Description

This EU lunch meeting is an annually organised informal meeting where politicians from the cities Arnhem and Nijmegen as well as from the other 18 municipalities from the Arnhem Nijmegen City Region discuss about recent developments and results from the EU policy and activities in the region. For example, showcases of regional projects and initiatives. They share success stories, new European projects, but also new opportunities and possibilities for the Region. Above all, this meeting is used to create more awareness of the EU and its regional policy and opportunities among the regional politicians/authorities.

- This time, the ‘EU lunch meeting’ will be in the form of a thematic meeting. The central theme is; cross-border co-operation in our region, opportunities and difficulties. The central questions during this thematic meeting/workshop will be:
  - What are the chances of cross border co-operation for this region and what are the difficulties/threats?
  - Which role plays the EU in stimulating cross border co-operation? /How can the EU stimulate cross-border co-operation?
  - What role do the member states and the regions play? What can they do themselves?
  - How can the Arnhem Nijmegen City Region, especially as a region along the German border, make more efficient use of the opportunities for cross-border co-operation?

The main aims of this local event are to inform this year new elected local/regional politicians about the EU activities and to raise their awareness and knowledge of the available opportunities. Political knowledge and awareness about the EU and its opportunities is crucial for the implementation in the various municipalities.

Target group of participants:

Mayor’s and alderman from the 20 Municipalities (this year new elected local and regional politicians) and Board members of the Arnhem Nijmegen City Region

More information

http://www.destadsregio.nl/page.asp?menu_id=304
Event 1

'Money: revealing business models in food'

7 October 2010
Ede

**Competitiveness**

*Type:* Conference

*Organiser:* Food Valley Foundation
**Event 2**

'Battle for Grolle'  
Groenlo

**Cohesion**

**Type:** Cultural Event  
**Organiser:** Organisation Battle for Grolle and De Compagnie Grolle

**Chair:**  
**Speakers:**

**Description:**

The battle for Grolle is a cultural event, where the occupation of Grolle in 1627 is commemorated. The Battle is a good example of how European regions use their history in order to learn from it and work on staying a peaceful society.

The city will be full of enacters from all over Europe, who will re-enact the Battle. In the city, people can visit the encampments. There will be a parade, opening of the Bockbeer festival, a fashion show and a historical market. A lot of theatre, music and dance will give you the feeling to be back in the seventeenth century.

The Groenlo municipality wants to put the city of Groenlo on the map and hopes to do that with the Battle for Grolle.

With participants from a.o. Great Britain, Poland, Spain, Italy, Germany and France, the Battle for Grolle promises to once again be a great international event which will hopefully attract a lot of visitors from Groenlo and from outside Groenlo as well.

**Target group of participants:**

Citizens from Groenlo and people from outside Groenlo.

**More information**

[www slagomgrolle.nl](http://www.slagomgrolle.nl)
Eindhoven (BAPTS: Boosting Advanced Public Transport in Cities and Regions in North West Europe)

'Sustainable Mobility'

7 October 2010
Eindhoven

**Competitiveness**

**Type:** Presentations and Workshops  
**Organiser:** City of Eindhoven

**Chair:** Joost HELMS, Alderman of Eindhoven and in charge of mobility, transport, sustainability

**Speakers:**

**Description:**

The local event in Eindhoven will demonstrate and stimulate the open discussion about the importance of sustainable mobility for Eindhoven Brainport and the competitiveness of Northwest Europe. Presentations and site visit will highlight how co-operation, both on European, national and local level contributes to this aim. Next to presentations, the workshop will also include a site visit, aimed at experiencing the ‘feel’ of sustainable mobility and informal interaction between the participants. The content of the event will be designed to actively engage the audience, including people who have little or no previous experience of European work to raise their awareness and understanding.

**Target group of participants:**

The event will be aimed at elected local politicians, officers and practitioners, press, non-governmental organisations and project partners from across Europe.

**More information:**

[www.eindhoven.eu](http://www.eindhoven.eu)  
[www.eindhoven.nl](http://www.eindhoven.nl)  
[www.bapts.eu](http://www.bapts.eu)
'EU Regional Policy: Capital Cities and Regions’ vision for EU 2020'

Cohesion - Urban dimension

**Type:** Debate

**Organiser:** G-4 EU Office in collaboration with the City of Amsterdam

**Chair:** Stef LE FEVRE: G-4 Amsterdam Representative

**Speakers:**

**Description:**

OPEN DAYS represent a unique opportunity for cities and regions to share approaches and possible solutions to common problems, such as urban mobility, climate change, urban environment, work and income etc. It is however essential that information gathered in Brussels is spread at the local level. This year the Capital Cities and Regions partnership will focus on: “EU Regional Policy: Capital Cities and Regions’ vision for EU 2020”. Therefore we will report the results/outcome of the debate organised by our partnership Capital Cities and Regions to be held on Oct 5, back within the Amsterdam municipality. Strategies to address the findings, and implement the outcome will be discussed with the relevant stakeholders within the city (politicians and civil servants). The first part of the workshop will be devoted to a briefing about the OPEN DAYS and their main results, including a resumé of policies, programs and projects presented by the other members in Brussels. The second part will be reserved for an open debate with the audience.

**Target group of participants:**

G-4 audience, participants from the municipalities of Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Utrecht. Both politicians as well as civil servants.

**More information:**

[www.amsterdam.nl](http://www.amsterdam.nl)
[www.g-4.eu](http://www.g-4.eu)
'Happy with Europe'/ 'Breda does networking'

25 September 2010
Helmond; Tegelen; Breda

Cohesion

Type: Showcase
Organiser: OP-Zuid (Operational Programme Southern Netherlands), the Province of North Brabant and the Province of Limburg
Chair:
Speakers:

Description:
Stimulus Programme Management will organize an OPEN DAYS event on 25 September on different locations in the provinces of Noord-Brabant and Limburg. The event will showcase some examples of regional projects and initiatives that are tackling key European challenges. This one-day event will bring Europe to the region. The organizers will invite the public to look at successful projects, co-financed with regional funds. The content of the event will be designed to engage the audience, including people who have little or no previous experience of European work and funding, in order to raise their awareness of the opportunities available.
(For Helmond: Please register by sending an e-mail to info@htacampus.nl
For Breda: Please register by sending an e-mail to info@ondernemerscoachheuvel.nl or call +31 (0)6-21479854)

Target group of participants:
Local authorities, local government, universities, businesses.

More information:
'Open Day of ERFD funded projects'

03 October 2010
Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague, Utrecht, Delft

Cohesion- ERDF projects

Type: Presentation ERDF projects
Organiser: Kansen voor West

Chair: Rinske KRUISINGA, Vice Governor European Affairs of the province of Noord-Holland, and Member of the Committee of the Regions

Speakers:

Description:
Open Projectday. Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Utrecht each designate three ERDF projects and open them for the public. During the open days there will be people present who explain about the project and why this project is supported with European funds. There will be flags and plenty of information material about the project, the city, KvW and Europe available. The three projects have some requirements: they must be easily accessible, for example, by bicycle or public transport, there must be something to see and / or do. And they are also suitable for visits by bad weather. The cities / provinces will provide publicity through their own channels: city page in the newspaper, websites, free publicity, etc.

Participating Projects will be:
Amsterdam: Brouwerij de Prael/Arm, museum OLH op Solder, de Westergasfabriek
Den Haag: Panorama Mesdag, de Indoor Skatebaan, het Vredespaleis or Humanity House
Rotterdam: RDM-Innovation Dock, Scheepvaart en Transportcollege, Ondernemershuis
Utrecht: Museum Speelklok, Protospace, en Villa Jongerius

Target group of participants:
Citizens (Entrepreneur, Municipalities, Knowledge institutions)

More information:
http://www.kansenvoorwest.nl
'Towards a sustainable Europe'

Co-operation and cohesion

Type: Seminar and Excursion

Organiser: Northern Netherlands Provinces Brussels office; Province Drenthe; University of Applied Sciences Jade (D), Project Partners Interreg project North Sea Sustainable Energy Planning

Chair: Commissioner of the Queen Jaques TICHELAAR, Province of Drenthe (Morning and Afternoon Sessions)

Speakers: Jim MATHER, Energy Minister and Argyll’s MSP, Scotland
          Hilde CREVITS, Minister of Environment, Flanders, Belgium
          Province of Groningen, The Netherlands
          Province of Friesland, The Netherlands
          Astrid GROTELÜSCHEN, Minister for Food, Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Regional Development; Lower Saxony, Germany

Description:
The Northern Netherlands local event will focus on how the region is increasing its engagement with the European Union and how we can benefit from learning from other EU regions. During the seminar the participants will discuss the European objectives on sustainability and cohesion. This is done by showcasing a number of examples of regional projects and initiatives that are tackling key European challenges, sharing best practice and improving local service delivery. Additionally we will show that regional innovation and economic development go hand in hand with the climate challenges, the use of renewable energy, the application of the Cradle2Cradle principle and the decrease of CO2 discharge. Moreover we will raise awareness about how the Northern Netherlands Provinces are represented within the European institutions. This one-day event will be aimed at elected local, regional and national politicians, officers and practitioners from local and regional authorities, the regional development agencies, social partners, universities, non-governmental organisations and project partners from across Europe. The content of the event will be designed to engage the audience, including people who have little or no previous experience of European work and funding, in order to raise their awareness of the opportunities available.

Target group of participants:
Representatives from 7 North Sea Countries including universities, voluntary and community sector, local, regional and national authorities, local and regional government, business and NGOs.

More information:
http://www.northseasep.eu/
'Floating life, space for living on water: responding to the global challenge of climate change'

**Competitiveness - “Europe 2020: beyond GDP agenda”**

**Type:** Conference, debates and real-time exhibition  
**Organiser:** Randstad Region, Elba Media, SEV & Floating Life  
**Chair:** Rob KOHLMANN, Director of Floating Life  
**Speakers:** Lewis DIJKSTRA or Elisa ROLLER, DG REGIO on Future of Regional Policy, Territorial Cohesion, Green Growth indicators (tbc)  
Francois KREMER, DG ENV on Natura 2000 and green indicators (tbc)  
DG ENV Speaker on EU water policies and issues of floating and security; or a speaker on the EU Innovation Plan (tbc).

**Description:**  
The local event of the Randstad Region will take place in the province of Flevoland. It will focus on innovative ways on dealing with the global challenge of climate change and rising sea levels. Floating Life is a spatial development experiment of a floating city respecting its ecological environment. The conference will build on the “Europe 2020: beyond GDP agenda” debated in our Brussels event. We will look at new, green indicators for Competitiveness as alternative for GDP as an answer to Territorial Cohesion and the Flagship Initiative of Green Growth and Resource Efficient Europe.

**Target group of participants:**  
The event will be aimed at politicians, officers and practitioners from local and regional authorities, knowledge institutes, social partners, architects and spatial planners.

**More information:**  
www.floatinglife.org
'Zuid-Holland in Europe after 2013'

18 November 2010
The Hague

Cohesion

**Type:** Brainstorm Session

**Organiser:** Province of Zuid-Holland

**Chair:** Mr. Jean-Christophe SPAPENS, Programme Manager European and International Affairs, Province of Zuid-Holland

**Speakers:** A panel of 5 members, which represents:
- 1 or 2 municipalities in Zuid-Holland
- A water board in Zuid-Holland
- The national government
- A university in Zuid-Holland

**Description:**

The forthcoming years 2010-11 will see an important new path for EU cohesion policy being set. The funding streams for interregional and transnational co-operation will be remolded. It is unknown how the programmes will be constructed after 2013. It is possible that priorities of current programmes will be changed. With regard to the EU 2020 challenges, new priorities should additionally be taken into account.

This brainstorm session will bring together representatives of Zuid-Holland municipalities, water boards, universities and the national government to brainstorm on the future of the cohesion policy: what does this mean for Zuid-Holland? The session aims to discuss how the several partners see the future, which challenges they face and which priorities for the area of Zuid-Holland are important after 2013. Led by Jean-Christophe Spapens, Programme Manager European and International Affairs of the province of Zuid-Holland, the several representatives will brainstorm about “Zuid-Holland in Europe after 2013”.

**Target group of participants:**

Representatives from Zuid-Holland municipalities, water boards, provincial organisation, universities and national government. Open to everyone who is interested in the discussion on the future of cohesion policy after 2013.

**More information:**

www.zuid-holland.nl/europa
'Twente in Europe in Twente'

Co-operation

Type: Networking event
Organiser: Mr. Toon BOM and the working group ‘Twente in Europe in Twente’
Chair: Mr. Toon BOM, European Public Affairs officer from the municipality of Enschede
Speakers:

Description:
The Network café: ‘Twente in Europe in Twente is a networking event to increase the international and European awareness in Twente. We will invite people from Twente, or with an affiliation with Twente, who have a passion for Europe. In an informal setting they will speak about their passion for Europe and what this can mean for Twente. Critical questions will be asked and there is an opportunity for the visitors to participate in the debate. With the new EU 2020 strategy, changes for regional policy will be expected. What this will mean for regional policy in Twente will be the theme of this event.

Target group of participants:
Representatives from the region’s universities, students, local entrepreneurs, local authorities, local government, whom are interested in Europe.

More information:
www.regiotwente.nl
'Regional Co-operation the key for success in Europe!'  15 November 2010  Utrecht

Co-operation

**Type:** Workshop

**Organiser:** Province of Utrecht; House of Dutch Provinces (Brussels Office)

**Chair:** Joop BINNEKAMP, Member of the Provincial Executive, Province of Utrecht, and Member of the Committee of the Regions
Herma HARMELINK, Bureau Buiten
Esther BOITEN, Head of the Department for Governance and Legal Affairs, Province of Utrecht

**Speakers:** Kurt VAN DER EECKEN, European Commission, DG Regional Policy (invited, tbc)
Mariëtte PENNARTS, Province of Utrecht, Representative of the Provincial Assembly
Haye FOLKERTSMA, City of Utrecht, Policy Officer European Affairs
Jos VAN WINKEL, City of Amersfoort, Policy Officer European Affairs (tbc)
Carolien DE BOER, Director, Province of Utrecht

**Description:**
The local event of the Province of Utrecht will focus on how co-operation between different stakeholders within a region can increase its regional engagement with the European Union. Three topics will be discussed under the umbrella of co-operation: raising European funds, best-practices on implementing EU law and finally the usage of extended networks through co-operation with partners.

Objective of the event is an exchange of best-practices from other regions and our regional partners on how we can improve co-operation and achieve synergy. During the Round Table the Province will release a new folder on European Funds within the region.

This event and our workshop during the OPEN DAYS are both demonstrations of successful co-operation. During the workshop the Climate KIC will be presented. This status was designated by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology and could only be obtained through excellent co-operation with all partners.

**Target group of participants:**
The event will be aimed at elected local and regional politicians, policy officers and practitioners from local authorities, the regional partners like Utrecht University and non-governmental organisation. This event is designed to engage both people with little knowledge on the topics as well as experts.

**More information:**
www.provincie-utrecht.nl