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| Wednesday, 25 October 2017 | |
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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Registration and Welcome Coffee |
| <p>Moderators: Ms Montaña Hernández, Director of Gabinete de Iniciativas Transfronterizas, Junta de Extremadura</p> <p>Ms Nathalie Verschelde, Interreg, Cross-Border Cooperation, Internal Borders, DG Regional and Urban Policy</p> | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | <p>Welcome Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Antonio Rodríguez Osuna, Mayor of Mérida Ms Blanca Martín Delgado, President of the Regional Assembly of Extremadura Ms Rosa María Balas Torres, Director General of External Action, Presidency of Junta de Extremadura |
| 10:30 – 11:45 | <p>Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions – The 10-Points Action Plan proposed by the European Commission</p> <p>Presentation of the Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Nathalie Verschelde, Deputy Head of Unit, Interreg, Cross-Border Cooperation, Internal borders, DG Regional and Urban Policy <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Coffee Break |
| 12:15 – 14:00 | <p>Good Practices – Progress is possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multilingualism: Mr Fernando Sánchez Morales, Mayor of Canfranc Municipality, France-Spain Border Health: Ms Tea Podobnik, GECT GO / EZTS GO, Italy-Slovenia Border Transport, Mr Jean-Baptiste Schiber, Ville et Eurométropole de Strasbourg, Tramway Line Strasbourg-Kehl, French-German Border <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> |
| 14:00 – 15:15 | Lunch - Ilunion Mérida Palace Hotel, Plaza de España, 19 |
| 15:15 – 15:45 | <p>Keynote Speech – The way ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Lena Andersson Pench, Director, Territorial Co-operation, Macro-regions and |



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| | <p>Programmes Implementation I, DG Regional and Urban Policy</p> <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> |
| 15:45 – 17:15 | <p>The Importance of Multi-Level Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ms Mélanie Charlotte, Commissariat Général à l'Egalité des Territoires, France▪ Ms Ana Maria Pereira Abrunhosa, President of Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro, Portugal▪ Ms María del Carmen Hernández Martín, Head of European Territorial Cooperation Unit, Ministry of Finance and Public Administration, Spain <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | <p>Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr Martin Guillermo-Ramírez, Secretary General of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) |
| 17:30 – 19:30 | <p>Walking Tour of Merida City</p> |
| 21:00 | <p>Informal Dinner - Gonzalo Valverde Restaurante, Av. José Fdez. López s/n, Mérida</p> |