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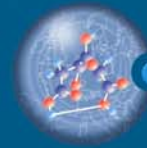
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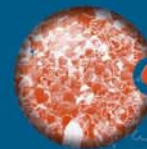
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AGRIBLUE

Building the Future on Knowledge

FORESIGHT AND TRANSITION TO
REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMIES

PROGRAMME

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ACTIONS IN THE REGIONS

DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE
BRUSSELS, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

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BUILDING THE FUTURE ON KNOWLEDGE

Centre Albert Borschette - Brussels

September 23, 2004

Conference chaired by Prof. Liam Downey, *Chairman, Blueprints expert group*

09.30 The regional dimension of the European Research Area

Opening - Philippe Busquin, *Member of the European Parliament,
Former European Commissioner for Research*

**10.00 EU regional policy: integrating the regions of the enlarged Europe
in support of a knowledge-based economy**

The enrichment of enlargement

Péter Balázs, *Commissioner for Regional Policy*

**10.30 Subsidiarity - proximity - partnership: bringing policy making
closer to the citizens and the economic actors**

The new role of the regions

Peter Müller, *Ministerpräsident des Saarlandes (D) and Member of the Committee of the Regions*

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.15 Regional sustainability: towards a socio-economic geography

Towards sustainable regions

Alain Lipietz, *Member of the European Parliament*

11.45 Foresight in support of a demand driven regional knowledge economy

The Blueprints exercise

Prof. Peter Heydebreck, *Rapporteur, Blueprints expert group*

12.30 LUNCH

14.00 Moving towards a knowledge economy in reality: lessons learnt from the Blueprints

**FOR-RIS: Extending the time horizon of regional innovation strategies -
foresight in the context of RIS/RITTS**

Karel Klusacek, *Managing Director, Technology Centre, Czech Republic*
Marja Toivonen, *Foresight Project Manager, Employment and Economic
Development Centre, Finland*

**UPGRADE: Foresight to stimulate the transformation of traditional industrial
regions into dynamic and knowledge based economies**

Gordon Ollivere, *Managing Director, RTC North, UK*

**TECHTRANS: Development of differentiated portfolios or tool-boxes
for transregional innovation support mechanisms**

Henning Banthien, *Head of department IFOK, Germany*
Rafael Muguerza, *Director of Innovation and Technology, Navarra, Spain*

**TRANSVISION: Bridging neighbouring regions belonging to different jurisdictions,
i.e., historically and culturally close regions divided by national borders**

Philippe Destatte, *Managing Director, the Destrée Institute, Belgium*

**AGRIBLUE: Foresight for Sustainable Rural Economies: challenges faced by rural
areas by the impact of structural change to agriculture (e.g. abandonment);
the economic, social and environmental aspects of land use
and the diversification of rural economies.**

Patrick Crehan, *Managing Director, CKA, Belgium*

15.15 COFFEE BREAK

15.30 EC promotion of a knowledge based economy in the regions: policy, instruments, implications

Panel discussion animated by Hugues de Jouvenel, *Managing Director, Futuribles International, France* with:
Günter Clar, *Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum, Germany,*
Nikiforos Sivenas, *DG Agriculture, David White, DG Enterprise,*
Nicola De Michelis, *DG Regional Policy and Dimitri Corpakis, DG Research*

17.30 Research and the regions – prospects of the 7 Framework programme

Closing remarks

Achilleas Mitsos, *Director-General DG Research*

