

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 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: innovation**
- 9.45 **Panel 1 - Transnational cooperation added value for European territorial development: Interreg South West área: 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.
- Member of the European Parliament (tbc)
 - Commissariat général à l'égalité des territoires (name tbc)
 - Teresa Jorge, Centro Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro
 - DG REGIO, European Commission (name tbc)
- 11.00 **Interreg Sudoe on the ground, projects for EU cohesion: climate change**
- 11.20 Coffee break
- 11.45 **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
- Gavin Dali, ESPON Programme
- Prof. Eduardo Medeiros, Instituto Universitario de Lisboa

13.00	Interreg Sudoe on the ground, projects for EU cohesion: water management
13.15	Conclusions
13.30	Cocktail

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