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Outline: SC Study Visit 31 May – 2 June 2007

Aim of the Study visit

Under WP 3 Milestone 4 a Study visit should be organised for the Project Steering Committee and staff to a euroregion or working community, similar to ERB in that it consists of regions from a few countries, including one from outside EU.

The aim is to seek best practices and experience in management of joint policies related to JDP (particularly regional development, transport, environment and energy) by multilateral cooperation, with special foci on the set-up and functions of institutional structures.

The Study visit should be seen in the light of the Milestone 5 task with elaboration of a manual presenting ERB as a transferable model of constructing a euroregion, to be printed and disseminated.

Participants

Due to the Seagull II application the Study visit will include ERB politicians and staff.

- Project Steering Committee 5 members
- Project Coordination Group 9 members

Where to go?

Referring to the investigation of different euroregions, it is recommended to make a study visit to Lithuania including visit to the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Vilnius. Hereby visits to concrete euroregional projects within Euroregions Nemunas/Sesupe could be combined with exchange of knowledge and experiences in Vilnius, especially taking advantage on the competencies and experiences by the BEN project manager and staff.



Draft programme:

Wednesday 30th may 2007:

Transport to Vilnius and hotel check-in

Thursday 31st May 2007:

Visit to the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Vilnius

- Introduction of the BEN project
- The legal status and framework of Euroregions
- Euroregions statutes, joint structures and development strategies
- Euroregions lobbying function, visibility and communication activities
- Euroregions anchoring in the regions, network and activities
- Euroregions financing and technical tools

Friday 1st June 2007:

Study trip to projects within Euroregions Nemunas and Sesupe

- Main focus on Innovation/SME development, tourism, environment and energy
- Euroregions in an EU-Russian context

Saturday 2nd June 2007:

Steering Committee meeting

4 pm Home transport

Budget outline:

Transport by flight, 6 persons from DK/S x 500 EUR	3 000 EUR
Transport by car, 8 persons from LT/PL/Kaliningrad	1 000 EUR
Local transport by bus in Lithuania	1 000 EUR
Hotel accommodation, 14 persons x 3 nights x 60 EUR	2 520 EUR
<u>Meals, 16 persons x 2 lunches and 2 dinners and coffee breaks</u>	<u>1 600 EUR</u>
Total	9 120 EUR