



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

INTERREG CROSS-BORDER MANAGEMENT SPAIN-PORTUGAL AND SWEDEN-NORWAY

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Provisional Programme:

- 08:00 - 09:00 Registration of participants
09:00 - 09:15 Conference opening / Reception – Teresa Barata Salgueiro, President of the IGOT Installing Commission
09:15 - 09:40 Diogo de Abreu, Director of the CEG – The University of Lisbon in the history of the research on territorial development and spatial planning (the CEG before the IGOT context).
09:40 - 10:00 Portuguese Government spokesman – Representative of the Secretary of State for Regional Development (to be appointed)
10:00 - 10:20 Norwegian Government spokesman – Eli Nygaard, Monitoring Committee of the INTERREG Sweden-Norway, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development
10:20 - 10:40 Bjørn-Terje Andersen, AEBR (Association of European Border Regions)
11:00 Coffee Break
11:20 - 11:40 Eduardo Medeiros – key findings on the PhD research (The Cross-Border Cooperation between Portugal-Spain and Norway-Sweden)
11:40 - 12:00 INTERREG-A – Sweden-Norway – Erik Hagen, Program Manager
12:00 - 12:20 INTERREG-A – Spain-Portugal – José Soeiro, Managing Director of the Portuguese Regional Development Government Office (to be confirmed)
12:20 - 13:00 Debate
13:00 Lunch (*buffet*)

¹ Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, a new body of the University of Lisbon, comprising the Department of Geography (formerly belonging to the Faculty of Letters) and the Centre of Geographical Studies (CEG) – see contacts ahead.

The Conference Rationale:

This event is organized as a singular opportunity to cross the advanced results of the PhD research of Eduardo Medeiros (CEG - NEST), on the Cross-Border Cooperation between Portugal-Spain and Norway-Sweden (INTERREG-A), with the availability of public authorities and professional teams involved in the INTERREG cross-border management, both from Portugal / Spain and Norway / Sweden, in order to achieve the exchange of experiences and the feeding of some useful preliminary assessment issues.

The questions to be handled are concerned with the overall functions in an operational INTERREG Cross-Border programme, including those from the Technical Secretariat and the managing, edit and paying authorities:

- General information duties
- Project development
- Decision-making procedures
- Monitoring

In a broader perspective we will also discuss the programme development, the basis and nature of horizontal and vertical partnerships, paying also a closer attention to innovative single projects working to fulfil the Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas of the European Union.

On the other hand, this Conference facilitates the connection between cross-border cooperation issues and other contributions for the regional development and spatial planning already provided in the context of the CEG research activity (e.g. EDEC, ESPON, PNPOT...), now heading to other dimensions under the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning (IGOT), a new autonomous unit (for teaching, training and research) of the University of Lisbon.

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