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Cyprus, 19 and 20 October 2023

Interpreting to and from English and Greek

No web streaming available for this event

Thursday 19 October / City of Larnaca (arrivals and dinner)

All day Arrivals

We recommend that you fly to Larnaca airport, as it is closest to the venue. If you arrive via another airport, such as Paphos, please arrange your own transportation to the venue.

If you arrive in Larnaca before 15.30 and would like to go to Lefkara to your hotel first, there will a shuttle bus departing from the Social Welfare and Employment Centre of the Municipality of Larnaca (Avenue Faneromenis 62, Larnaca).

The trip to Lefkara takes around 30 minutes.

There will be a shuttle bus departing from Lefkara to take you back to Larnaca for the welcome dinner at 20:00h from the same location you were dropped off.

If you arrive in Larnaca after 15.30, please take a taxi to *the Social Welfare and Employment Centre of the Municipality of Larnaca* (Avenue Faneromenis 62, Larnaca), where you will be able to leave your luggage until the welcome dinner. The taxi ride will take around 5 minutes.

20:30 **Welcome dinner in the city of Larnaca** | venue tbc

22:30 **Shuttles back to Lefkara**

Friday 20 October / Lefkara (hotels) / Nicosia (study visit)

Regarding your luggage, kindly plan according to your travel preferences (either taking it with you or leaving it in your hotel lobby)

09:00 **Registrations**

Lefkara Municipality Conference Centre, Andrea Papandreou Pano, Pano Lefkara

Please bring your identification or passport for security purposes.

09:30 **Official opening**

Sofoklis Sofokleou, Mayor of Lefkara, former Member of the European Parliament

Argianas Dimitrios, President of EGTC Amphictyony

Andreas Vyras, President of the Union of Cyprus Municipalities and Mayor of Larnaca

10:00 **The territorial cooperation in the 21st century Europe and the role of EGTCs**

Pavel Branda, Chair of the CoR's Interregional Group on Cross-Border Cooperation and Rapporteur on "Cross-Border Public Services" opinion

François Decoster, CoR Member and Member of a Regional Assembly of Hauts-de-France

Hanna Elżbieta Zdanowska, Mayor of Łódź, Poland

Martin Guillermo Ramirez, Secretary General of the Association of the European Border Regions

Discussion with the EGTCs

11:00 **Coffee break**

11:30 **Territorial cooperation in South East Europe - Challenges and perspectives towards a better cooperation. The importance of the institutionalized cooperation**

Moderation by Prof. **Grigoris Zarotiadis**, Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Political Sciences of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Yannis Anastasiadis, Director of EGTC HELICAS

Giorgos Pappus, Director of EGTC Efxini Poli

Antonios Karvounis, Head of the Independent Department of International and European Relations and the EGTC National Contact Point, Hellenic Republic Ministry of Interior,

12:00 **The EGTCs in changing Europe - Pushing the cooperation across borders further**

*Moderation by **Slaven Klobučar**, Policy Officer, CoR*

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Xavier Bernard Sans, Director of EGTC Eurorégion Pyrénées-Méditerranée

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Julianna Máté, Director of EGTC Via Carpatia

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Martin Grisel, Director of EGTC EUKN

[Marine Cultural Heritage](#)

Vassilis Xenos-Gavrielis, Director of EGTC Amphictyony

[Kvarken Council region as a forerunner in green transition](#)

Mathias Lindström, Director of EGTC Kvarken Council

[Meseta Ibérica, a cross-border cooperation project](#)

Ana Carvalho, Director of EGTC ZASNET

13:00 **Light Lunch**

Participants taking their flight back on the 20th should not board the bus to Nicosia, as the return trip timing highly depends on the heavy traffic in Cyprus. The organisers are highly recommending that you skip the visit in order to safely make it to the airport on time, using your own transportation (they recommend using a taxi)

14:30 **Bus transfer to Nicosia**

15:30 **Visit of Nicosia – History and the Future** (the visit will be in English)

Visit to the Green Line

17:30 **Bus leaving Nicosia**, going directly to the Lefkara Municipality Conference Centre

18:30- **Arrival in Lefkara Municipality Conference Centre**

19.00 Participants leaving on the 21st will need take their own transportation (we recommend taxi) to the airport
