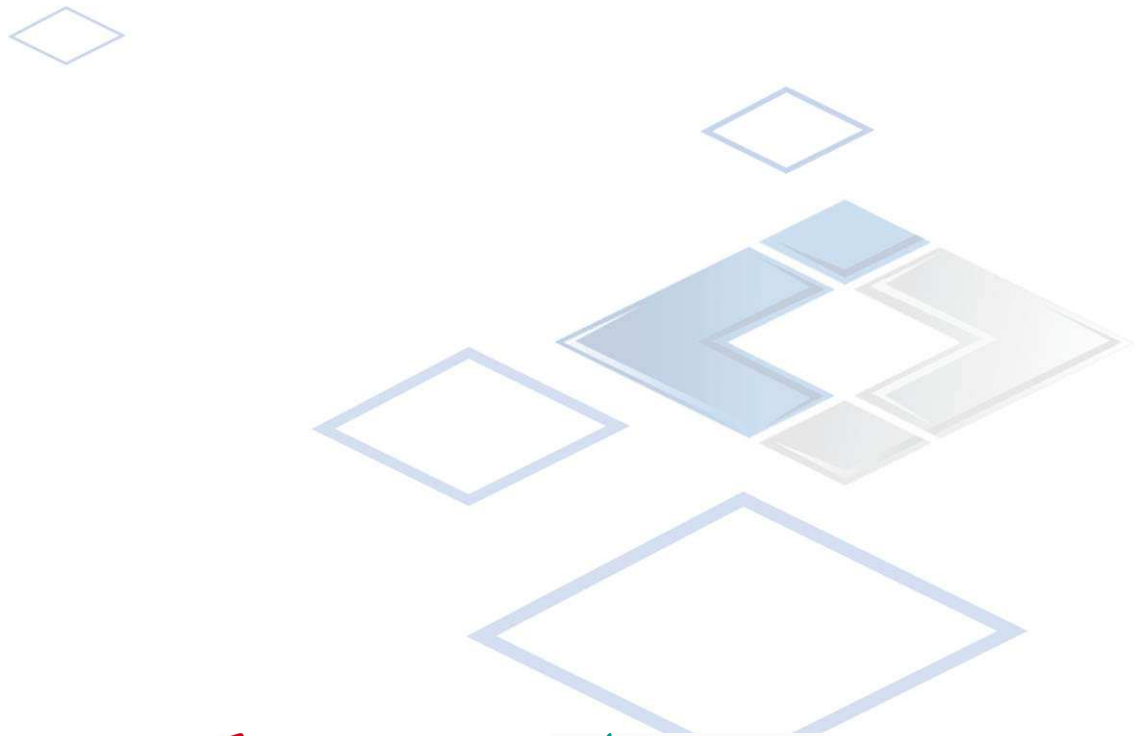


INVITATION



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Peter Chudík

President

Prešov Self-Governing Region

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Prešov, Slovakia

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

On behalf of the network NEEBOR I am delighted to invite you to the 5th NEEBOR Annual Conference. This year conference will take place from 7 to 10 September 2010 in Prešov, Slovakia.

NEEBOR – the Network of Eastern External Border Regions - was established in 2005. Currently, NEEBOR has 33 members, covering regions, cities, and municipalities alongside the 5500 km EU Eastern border. More information on the network is available on www.neebor.eu

Each year NEEBOR organises an annual conference in a different region in order to provide its members, partners, and neighbours with specific issues and related EU policies. This year the network plans to bring together innovation policy and external relations of the EU. The theme of the annual conference is “*Innovative regions in the context of EU Eastern external border.*”

The conference is structured into five thematic blocks dedicated to research, development, and innovation and their perception from European, national, regional, local, academic, and private sector perspectives. Indeed, the conference aims to interlink distant areas, which are of a great development potential for NEEBOR members and neighbours.

In order to have a fruitful discussion we have approached speakers from different levels, areas, and countries. With a great appreciation we have received the confirmation of Mr. Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission who intends to take part in the annual conference. We would highly appreciate if representatives of your organisation could participate in the conference.

The draft programme of the annual conference is attached to this invitation. For registration, updated programme, and practical information please visit the website of the Regional Development Agency of the Prešov Region www.arrpsk.sk or contact Mr. Matúš Goč via email: goc@arrpsk.sk

It would be our honour to personally welcome you at the NEEBOR annual event 2010 in Prešov. We hope that together we will be able to bring innovation closer to peripheral EU regions, cities, and municipalities and their neighbours.

Yours sincerely,



Prešov Region



*On behalf of
Members of the network NEEBOR*

Mr. Peter Chudík, President of the Prešov Region

would like to cordially invite you to

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Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania
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County Council of Somogy County (Hungary)
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Initiatives France-Hongrie
Košice Region (Slovakia)
Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments
Lubelskie Region (Poland)
Podlaskie Region (Poland)
Warminko-Mazurskie Region (Poland)
Podkarpackie Region (Poland)
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Municipality of Varna (Bulgaria)
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