

First Call

Cross Border Cooperation and Entrepreneurship Development in Border Regions

International Scientific Conference

to be held on 2 – 4 July 2008

Varna, Bulgaria

The Purpose of the Conference

The purpose of the Conference is to bring together leading researchers interested in the field of entrepreneurship and regional development in border regions, particularly those aspects related to cross border co-operation.

Aims

The Conference is organised within the frame of a FP6 research project, concerned with entrepreneurship development in EU border regions and cross border co-operation, known as CBCED (see <http://www.crossbordercoop.net>). The aim is to present and discuss some of the main results of the CBCED project to a wider audience, as well as research undertaken by other researchers on related topics. This will include some invited speakers and some papers presented in response to this open call. It is intended to publish an edited selection of the best papers presented at the Conference in a book on Entrepreneurship and Cross-Border Co-operation.

Who should attend this conference?

- Researchers
- Consultants and practitioners
- Entrepreneurs
- Policy-makers

Topics

Papers are welcome on any aspect of cross-border co-operation, entrepreneurship and economic development in border regions, but papers on the following topics are particularly welcome:

- *The impact of EU enlargement on border regions;*
- *Entrepreneurship development in border regions;*
- *The roles of identity, historical and cultural background on cross border co-operation;*
- *Learning and trust in the context of entrepreneurship development;*
- *The role of institutions in cross border cooperation involving entrepreneurs and enterprises*
- *Policies to encourage and support cross border co-operation involving entrepreneurs*

Organising Body

The conference will be organised by The Institute for Entrepreneurship Development at the University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria on behalf of CBCED partners Scientific Committee

The scientific committee will consist of the team leaders from each of the partners in the CBCED project:

Professor David Smallbone, *Small Business Research Centre, Kingston University, UK, Chair and CBCED Co-ordinator*

Professor Kiril Todorov, *The Institute for Entrepreneurship Development at the University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Professor Lois Labrianidis, *University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece*

Professor Anna Rogut, *Academy of Management, Lodz, Poland*

Professor Kari Liuhto, *Pan-European Institute, Turku School of Economics and Administration, Finland*

Professor Urve Venesaar, *Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia*

Professor Friederike Welter, *University of Siegen, Germany, and TeliaSonera Institute at SSE in Riga, Latvia*

Abstracts and papers submissions

One-page abstracts giving a clear statement of the aims of the paper, methodology employed and main results are expected by 25 March 2008. Feed back from organisation committee will be notified one week later. Full papers (maximum 15 pages) are expected by 15 June 2008.

Conference Venue

The Conference will be held at a beautiful location on the Black Sea coast in one of the resorts close to the city of Varna. Different trips could be organised by request of participants.

How to get the Conference Venue

By direct regular or chartered (tourist) flights to Varna Airport (20 km to the venue) or via Sofia Airport using domestic flights Sofia - Varna - Sofia, and by organized bus to the venue. The major airlines have direct flights to Varna (Austrian, British, Lufthansa, etc.)

Conference Fees and Participant Entitlement

Registration Fee	before 15 May 2008	after 15 May 2008
	☐ € 200	☐ € 250

Accommodation

Comfortable accommodation will be arranged in the same place or close to the conference venue.

Reservation, method of payment, cost of accommodation and a detailed programme will be available after 25 March 2008, with the Second Conference Announcement.

Further information

For general information, coordination, and for questions on contributions please contact Prof. Dr. Kiril Todorov or Kostadin Kolarov, by e-mail: ktodorov@unwe.acad.bg or kkolarov@unwe.acad.bg.