

FVG Obiettivo Europa

PERIODICO DI INFORMAZIONE SULLE OPPORTUNITÀ DEL POR FESR IN FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

Open days in Brussels: international cooperation and good practices of the local governance

Beyond the crisis: examples of good practices and institutional meetings

The Friuli Venezia Giulia Region (thanks to its role of representativeness coated in Europe), through its Liaison Office, has participated actively in the *Open Days*, the largest European Forum on the Cohesion Policy, now in its tenth edition. Since the current seven-year programming (2007-2013) is coming near the end, this year the attention has been particularly focused on the ongoing negotiations regarding the new legislative packages concerning the cohesion policy for the period 2014 -2020. A variety of events took place during the *Open Days*. On October 9th, Renzo Tondo, the President of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, spoke in the round table organized by Sarajevo Canton about the opportunities arising from the entry of Croatia into the EU.

In the afternoon of the same day, the President took part in the *workshop* entitled "From the Euroregion to the European Group for the Territorial Cooperation, a long way towards the territorial cooperation". The Region has joined, as a co-leader, the conglomerate "Europe of the traditions - a bridge to the Euro-regions" with Veneto, Carinthia, City of Braga, City of Guimaraes and the North Region of Portugal, Galicia and Istria. During the workshop were analyzed the best practices implemented by the European local

authorities within the GECT (European Group for Territorial Cooperation) already established or being set up, thus providing to the region (Veneto, Carinthia and Istria) the opportunity to formalize the transition from the project "Euroregion" to the future GECT "Euregio Without Borders". During that same afternoon have been presented some examples of cooperation in the field of the improvement of the cultural heritage and of the tourism.

For the Friuli Venezia Giulia, were presented two "best practices" within the "Italy-Slovenia" program: the "Slow tourism" project (www.slow-tourism.net) and the project "Pot miru" - Via della pace. The Region has guaranteed a presence in the "meeting place", a platform for

discussions launched by the Committee of the Regions and that this year is dedicated to the presentation of the projects realized by the Local Action Groups. It has been organized also a meeting with the President Tondo and Johannes Hahn, the European Commissioner for Regional Policy and Gerard Dorerfler, the President of Carinthia and Rusmir Sedick, the Minister of Economy of Sarajevo Canton.

The following day, Tondo, at the the Liaison Office, began his speech with a presentation of the role played by the Region for the international cooperation. He spoke also about the future actions, with a brief reference to the Project "Julius", that is an initiative funded by the cross-border program of the territorial cooperation Italy-Slovenia 2007 - 2013. This initiative aims to promote the training and the public awareness to the sport to be held "in nature", in order to give a new and opened visibility of the cross-border Italian-Slovenian area. As a cultural note and at the invitation of the Region, the Polyphonic Choir of Ruda, whose prestige is internationally recognized, has participated in the *Open Days* 2012 in Brussels with two concerts: the first one in the Church of *Notre Dame du Finistère* and the second one in the Theatre of the Italian Institute of Culture.



Presentation of the results of the work team "Future of the TEN-T"

Delegation of the Regional Council in Brussels

The events related to the *Open Days* have seen the participation of the members of the Regional Council: Giorgio Baiutti, Alessandro Corazza, Igor Kocijancic, Franco Iacop, Roberto Marin, Alessia Rosolen. Some of them took part in a round table at the European Parliament, while others participated in the plenary session of the Committee.

The presence of the delegation of Councillors was also linked to the presentation during the *workshop* "Networks of subsidiarity," the final report of the working group on "The Future of the TEN-T", which has joined the Regional Council, through the President of the Fifth Council Committee, with the support also of the Liaison Office in Brussels.

The support to the industry

Protection of the production, of the employment and of the environment for the competitiveness

Brussels - On the afternoon of October 10th, as part of the institutional activities conducted on the sidelines of the *Open Days*, a meeting has been organized with the participation of Renzo Tondo, the President of the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and Antonio Tajani, the Vice-President of the European Commission.

The issue on the agenda was: the new Action Plan in support of the steel industry. The Plan aims to revitalize the steel industry in Europe through a dedicated program managed by EU, whose launch is expected in June 2013.

It has been underlined the need for an entrepreneurial presence as a precondition for the start of any initiative aimed at the restructuring of industry, taking into account the various aspects related to the protection of productivity, employment, and, last but not least, the environment.



Friuli Venezia Giulia and Croatia 2013

A project for the European integration

The effects of the entry of Croatia into the European Union have been discussed during a round table on the last October 9th at the European Parliament. This enlargement will be above all a great opportunity for the Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia. Tondo, the President, has underlined the importance of the cooperation with this State. A cooperation that has started already after the fall of the wall and that continues until today with a progressive political approach, which is marked by the signing of agreements and summit meetings and, with a relevant increase of planning in many different fields, from the promotion of local democracy to the agriculture. With Dorfler, the President of Carinthia, with Ciambetti, the Alderman of the Veneto Region, and with Otocan, the assessor of Istria, was also emphasized the role of local and regional authorities in the process of the European integration, in the territorial cooperation and in the management of a new integrated area.

GECT: what is it?

The European Group of Territorial Cooperation (GECT) are European legal instruments which promote the cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation among its members, through the execution of projects and through the implementation of a measures which are co-financed by the European Community.