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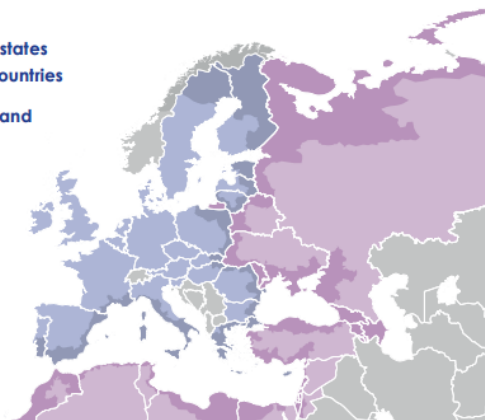
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

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C.1 - GEORGIA, MOLDOVA & NEIGHBOURHOOD CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION

COOPERATION ACROSS BORDERS

- over 30 EU member states and neighbouring countries
- thousands of km of land and sea borders
- 1 billion €



“Celebrating cooperation along the EU’s external borders” ENPI CBC closing & ENI CBC launching conference

INVITATION

After 7,000 applications, from over 37,000 organisations in 41 calls for proposals, and almost 1,000 approved projects in over 30 participating countries, cross border cooperation under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI CBC) is drawing to a close. At the same time, cooperation under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI CBC) is poised to build on the results achieved.

What have the ENPI CBC programmes 2007-2013 achieved? How have they improved the lives of people in the border regions? Which lessons have been learnt from the experience? What new features does the 2014-2020 programming period bring? What role does cross border cooperation play in the relations between the European Union and its neighbours?

DG NEAR, with the support of TESIM¹, is pleased to invite you to join us, programme staff, representatives of participating countries, practitioners working in related fields and relevant regions, in answering these questions and celebrating the success of cross-border cooperation on the EU's external borders, at the:

**ENPI CBC closing & ENI CBC launching conference
Brussels, 15 November 2016
Robert Schuman room, Berlaymont building**

¹ TESIM, an EU funded project, implemented by Particip GmbH, supporting the management and implementation of ENI CBC programmes.

Regions on the EU's external borders are not only the stage for recent news. Less visibly, they are also areas of cooperation where Member States and CBC Partner Countries work in partnership to jointly tackle common challenges and address similar needs. Looking to the future, we will see how the 16 programmes funded under ENI CBC 2014-2020 have the potential to contribute to positive relations and stable borders regions between the EU and its neighbours.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the attached form and sending it to aisling.walsh@tesim-cbc.eu by **8 November 2016**.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

AGENDA

14:30-14.45	Welcome
14.45-16.30	<p>ENPI CBC: A unique type of cooperation along the EU's external borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What has been achieved by the 13 ENPI CBC programmes 2007-2013, stretching from Arctic circle in the north, to the southern shores of the Mediterranean?• Examples of successful projects under the four strategic objectives• Panel discussion among national representatives on key benefits brought by cross-border cooperation, and how it is uniquely different from other EU-funded programmes and initiatives. <p><i>Panellists include:</i> Ambassador Tamar Beruchashvili, former Foreign Minister and Georgia's Ambassador to the United Kingdom; Ambassador Raouf Saad, Chairman of the National Bureau for the Implementation of EU-Egypt Association Agreement; Mr Marcos Alonso, Coordinator COREPER I at the permanent representation of Spain to the EU; Mr Jakub Urbanik, European External Action Service (tbc).</p>
16:30-16:45	Coffee break
16:45-18:00	<p>ENI CBC: Building the future on ENPI CBC results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From ENPI to ENI CBC: 16 ENI CBC programmes, deeper thematic concentration, greater involvement & responsibilities for the participating countries, opportunities in eligible regions.• Panel discussion on the opportunities CBC offers for the future, programme strategies, and complementarity with other initiatives being implemented in the area. <p><i>Panellists include:</i> Mr Petri Happpalainen, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finland (tbc); Mr Rafał Balinski, Deputy Director, Ministry of Economic Development, Poland (tbc); Dr Şebnem Sözer, Cross-border Cooperation Section Coordinator, Ministry for EU Affairs, Turkey.</p>
18:00-19.00	Networking cocktail
