

BUDAPEST DECLARATION

Taking into account

- ❖ the increasing role of the European Territorial Cooperation within the Cohesion Policy of the EU;
- ❖ the recommendations included into the White Paper on the multi-level governance created by the Committee of the Regions;
- ❖ the efforts made by the EU, the Council of Europe as well as the national governments for the closing up of border areas thus the decreasing of territorial differences;
- ❖ the potential force of the innovative solutions provided by the EC Regulation 1082/2006 and Protocol No. 3 to the Madrid Outline Convention (Council of Europe Treaty Series 206);

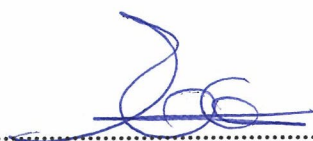
recognizing

- ❖ the facilities provided by sharing knowledge and experiences accumulated in the different professional bodies;
- ❖ synergistic effects given by cooperation as well as
- ❖ other advantages being inherent in a cooperation within the frame of a network

the undersigned as representatives of organizations supporting cross-border cooperation signing this declaration express their intention

- ❖ to create professional supporting network on European level ;
- ❖ to share experiences acquired during their operation;
- ❖ to use these experiences for a common benefit;
- ❖ to harmonize their professional activities;
- ❖ to realize common initiatives, professional programs and projects;
- ❖ and through the above mentioned activities to develop in a complex way the border areas of the countries represented by those organizations.


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