



Institute for World Economics  
of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Preliminary program of an international seminar on  
„Regional impacts of EU enlargement”,

Nyíregyháza, May 11-12, 2009

Venue: County Library Zsigmond Móricz,  
Szabadság tér 2.

### **May 11, Monday**

14.00 Opening of the conference (Dr. Lászlóné Csabai, Mayor of Nyíregyháza)

Introductory remarks (Hans-Friedrich von Solemacher, Hanns-Seidel Foundation, András Inotai, Institute for World Economics)

14.15 First session:

„General framework of regional cooperation following the eastern enlargement of the EU” (introductory contributions of 15 minutes each)

Erika Törzsök: Seamless Europe/Nahtloses Europa/Varratmentes Európa

Daniela Dumitrescu: Romanian experience with cross-border cooperation

Kalin Marinov: Bulgarian experience with regional cooperation

Eduard Buras: Experience of the Slovak Republic with regional cooperation

Klaus Fiesinger: European Neighbourhood Policy

15.30 Discussion

16.00 Coffee break

16.20 Second session:

„Regional cooperation in everyday practice” (legal and institutional background, economic priorities, effectiveness and spillover impacts)

(Each presentation of 15 minutes)

András Majoros: Regional cooperation and multi-level governance. The case of Hungary

Dániel Hegedűs: Legal background of territorial co-operation in Hungary. International, European and national legal frameworks

Adriana Nicula: General framework of Romanian 2004-2006 PHARE CBC funded programmes

Diana Bebenova: Policy-relevant experience with cross-border cooperation in Bulgaria. The case of cooperation between Bulgaria and Romania as new EU members

Eduard Buras: Building civic society: cross-border cooperation between Eastern Slovakia and the Ukraine

Hans-Friedrich von Solemacher: Reflections on the role of civic society in cross-border cooperation

17.50 Discussion

19.00 Dinner

## **May 12, Tuesday**

09.00: Third session: General introduction (Klaus Fiesinger)

09.30 „Specific implications for the development of border regions and rural development” (each presentation of 15 minutes)

Béla Baranyi: In a new situation. Change of paradigm in cross-border relations

István Csutak: Cross-border rural development

10.00 Discussion

10.30 Fourth session:

„Roundtable discussion on the future of multi-annual regional programs with potential priority areas”

Short introductory remarks by representatives of all countries –  
Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia)  
General discussion

11.45 Concluding remarks and end of conference

12.15 Lunch

Status: May 08, 2009

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## **General information**

**Accommodation** for invited foreign and Hungarian participants:

Hotel Central 4400 Nyíregyháza, Nyár u. 2.

### **Travel**

Participants travelling from Budapest to Nyíregyháza by train should take the IC train leaving at 9.33 Keleti station and arriving in Nyíregyháza at 12.34.

Travel costs will be reimbursed in Nyíregyháza.