

“We acknowledge the diverse links that urban and rural territories throughout Europe can have with each other, ranging from peri-urban to peripheral rural regions. Urban-rural interdependence should be recognised through integrated governance and planning based on broad partnership. We welcome place-based strategies developed locally to address local conditions. (...)”

Territorial Agenda 2020



Across and within borders – regional solutions for spatial challenges in urban-rural areas 9th October, 14.30 – 17.30

Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU, Rue Belliard 60-62, 1040 Brussels

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce that the registration for the **Open Days 2013 debate “Across and within borders – regional solutions for spatial challenges in urban-rural areas”** is now open.

The seminar will be launched with a keynote speech by the European Commission expert **Ms Charlina Vitcheva, DG for Regional and Urban Policy**, who will provide a general overview on EU urban-rural policies in the next programming period 2014-2020. This will be followed by a series of short presentations by senior political representatives and spatial planning experts from Austria, Poland, Germany, France, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Italy and Turkey who will discuss the state of play and future spatial challenges in urban-rural areas.

The debate will be chaired by **Ms Hilary Lawson**, Secretary General of the PURPLE network and followed by a networking reception.

Let us shape the discussion together! Join us and be a part of an exciting journey towards greater urban-rural cohesion and register at: ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2013/reg_frame.cfm, search code: 09C14.

We look forward to meeting you at our event!

The Organisers

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