

Beyond compliance: how regions can help build a sustainable Europe

A toolkit for integrating the environment
into regional development

Logroño (La Rioja), Spain, 18-19 April 2007



Location

La Rioja Conference Centre and Auditorium (Palacio de Congresos y Auditorio de la Rioja)
25 San Millán, Logroño, Spain
<http://www.riojaforum.com/>

Draft agenda

18 April 2007 (Wednesday)

09:00 *Bus pick up from hotels (approximate time)*

09:15 **Registration opens**
Refreshments on arrival

Plenary session

Facilitator: Benedicte Paviot, journalist & broadcaster

10:00 Opening and welcome

Emilio del Río, Regional Ministry of Presidence and Foreign Affairs, Regional Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Territorial Policy, La Rioja, Spain

10:20 Message from the European Commission

Video message, Danuta Hübner, Regional Policy Commissioner

10:30 Panel 'Raising to the challenge'

Denise Caruana, Office of the Prime Minister, Malta

Jonathan Parker, European Commission, DG Environment

Roberta Dall'Olio of Ervet, the RDA of Emilia Romagna, Italy, The European Association of Regional Development Agencies (EURADA)

Rachel Lee, NGO representative, UK

11: 20 Coffee break

11:40 Launch of Methodology: Charter and Toolkit

Aldo Ravazzi Douvan, Environmental Authority for EU SFs, Ministry of Environment, Land & Sea, Italy

Martin Weiler, Devon and Cornwall Area Manager, Environment Agency for England and Wales, South West Region

Fernando Flores Martinez, General Director Environment Quality, Regional Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Territorial Policy, La Rioja, Spain

12:10 Benefits and commitments towards integrating the environment into economic development

Facilitated discussion

12:40 Opportunities within the new EU funding cycle 2007-13

Michel Lamblin, Programme Manager, Interreg III C West

13:00 Lunch

Parallel workshops

14:00 Session 1

Toolkit topics	Developing GRDP follow-up proposal/s	Building the ideal European project	Living in harmony with Interreg	Ideas Forum: territorial co-operation projects on environment and economy
<p>Strategic Environmental Assessment <i>'Theory versus practice'</i> Ausra Jurkeviciute Regional Environmental Center, Hungary Silvia Vaghi Environmental Authority for Region Lombardia, Italy</p> <p><i>English-Spanish translation available</i></p>	<p>Development of GRDP II (new follow-up proposal) Brian Shipman Cornwall County Council Beata Wiszniewska Regional Environmental Center, Hungary</p> <p><i>Session to be continued after coffee break</i></p>	<p><i>'Moving to a low carbon economy'</i> Katalin Kolosy European Association for Information on Local Development, Belgium</p> <p><i>Session to be continued after coffee break</i></p>	<p><i>'Do's and Don'ts of project development'</i> Paula MacLachlan Zennor Consulting, United Kingdom Pascal Herry, Environment Agency, United Kingdom The Wren Trust United Kingdom</p> <p><i>English-Spanish translation available</i></p>	<p>Three Presentations plus discussion</p>

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Session 2

<p>Environment as an economic driver <i>'Are we achieving our goals?'</i> Andrew Faulk Fraser Associates, UK Jennifer McGuinn Consultant</p> <p><i>English-Spanish translation available</i></p>	<p><i>Continuation</i></p>	<p><i>Continuation</i></p>	<p><i>'Do's and Don'ts of project development'</i> Paula MacLachlan, Zennor Consulting, United Kingdom Pascal Herry, Environment Agency, United Kingdom The Wren Trust, United Kingdom</p> <p><i>English-Spanish translation available</i></p>	<p>Three Presentations plus discussion</p>
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Plenary session

17:30 Conclusions and introduction to the next day

18:00 End of Day 1

20:00 Dinner

19 April 2007 (Thursday)

09:00 Bus pick up from hotels (approximate time)

Plenary session

09:30 Message from the first day

Parallel workshops

09:45 Session 3

Toolkit topics	Developing GRDP follow-up proposal/s	Building the ideal European project	Living in harmony With Interreg	Ideas Forum: territorial co-operation projects on environment and economy
<p style="text-align: center;">Greening programmes and projects <i>'Creating growth and jobs?'</i></p> <p>Sergei Golovkin Malta Environment and Planning Authority, Malta</p> <p>Andrew Faulk Fraser Associates, UK</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>English-Spanish translation available</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Development of a GRDP II (new follow-up proposal) Brian Shipman Cornwall County Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beata Wiszniewska Regional Environmental Center, Hungary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Repetition of the session organised on the first day of the conference</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session to be continued after coffee break</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>'Moving to a low carbon economy'</i> Katalin Kolosy European Association for Information on Local Development, Belgium</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session to be continued after coffee break</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>'Do's and Don'ts on project development'</i> Paula MacLachlan, Zennor Consulting, United Kingdom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pascal Herry, Environment Agency, United Kingdom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Wren Trust United Kingdom</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>English-Spanish translation available</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Three Presentations plus discussion</p>

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Session 4

<p style="text-align: center;">Greening agriculture and rural development <i>'Seizing the opportunities'</i></p> <p>Santiago Garcia Environmental Management Nurseries and Afforestations of Navarra, Spain</p> <p>Colin Imrie Eusolution.com Ltd, Scotland</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>English-Spanish translation available</i></p>	<p><i>Continuation</i></p>	<p><i>Continuation</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>'Do's and Don'ts on project development'</i> Paula MacLachlan, Zennor Consulting, United Kingdom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pascal Herry, Environment Agency, United Kingdom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Wren Trust, United Kingdom</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>English-Spanish translation available</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Three Presentations plus discussion</p>
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13:00 Lunch

Concluding session

14:00 Conclusions

15:00 End of the conference

15:15 Refreshments

Optional site visit

15:30 The Truffle project in the Unesco Biosphere Reserve

The conference will be in English with English-Spanish interpretation during plenary sessions and selected workshops.

Workshops description

Toolkit topics	Developing GRDP II (follow-up proposal)	Building the ideal European project	Living in harmony with Interreg	Ideas Forum: territorial co-operation projects on environment and economy
<p>Sessions on selected GRDP toolkit topics. They are mainly addressed to the external participants from outside the GRDP partnership.</p> <p>They will look at the theory and practice behind selected topics. Each workshop will be introduced and facilitated by two speakers: a GRDP partner and a practitioner on a specific topic.</p>	<p>Selected GRDP partners and other interested persons (from outside GRDP partnership) will work on the development of the GRDP II - follow-up funding proposal.</p> <p>Interested persons are requested to sign up for one of the sessions (on 18 or 19 April). Please note that the session on 19 April will be a repetition of the session on 18 April to allow more people to contribute to the proposal. If you are interested to participate, please register only for one of the sessions.</p>	<p>Interactive training sessions on how to put together a co-operation project on the basis of an outline project proposal on 'Moving to a low carbon economy'.</p> <p>Please note that the session on 19 April will be a repetition of the session on 18 April to allow more people to participate in this training. If you are interested to participate, please register only for one of the sessions.</p>	<p>Interactive sessions on the Do's and Don'ts of Interreg projects: song-writing as an instrument for learning the ABC of European territorial co-operation: defining needs and objectives; identifying and selecting partners; understanding programmes...</p> <p>Please note that this series of workshops consists of four repeated sessions. If you are interested to participate, please register only for one of the sessions.</p>	<p>Session to share new ideas on territorial co-operation on projects (INTERREG) that explore synergies between the environment and the economy. Participants could meet potential partners.</p> <p>Please note that this series of workshops consists of four different sessions.</p>