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FOR MORE COMPETITIVE EUROPEAN REGIONS**

MONDAY 8 JUNE

08.30 **Registration**

09.00 **Opening – Welcome Addresses**

Mirko Brulc, Mayor of Nova Gorica,

Jozsef Gyorkos, State Secretary, Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Technology

09.15 **Keynote Address**

Borut Pahor, Prime Minister (tbc)

Education and Immigration Management for a more Competitive Europe

Luc van den Brande, President Committee of Regions

The Role of Regions in Developing Education Systems, and Managing Migration Flows.

Zoran Stančič, Deputy Director General, DG RTD, European Commission

European Research Area and countries of Western Balkans

09.45 **Short Topical Addresses by senior representatives of Host Regions**

PREPARATIONS OF ACCESSION FOR COUNTRIES OF SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

10.00 **Challenges of Enlargement** – supporting the preparations of the countries of South Eastern Europe – *Jan Truszczyński*, Deputy Director General, DG Enlargement

10.30 **Challenges of Accession** – preparing for future membership – Evaluation of Candidate Countries' Experience – *Hido Biščević*, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (tbc)

11.00 **National and regional efforts in human capital development and prevention of brain drain**

– Post-secondary education: funding, quality and accreditation of programmes, student and teachers mobility, fellowship systems, lack of research, university-industry cooperation;

– Vocational training;

– E-Learning and Life Long Learning;

– Achieving Brain Circulation, with particular Reference to Diaspora

12.00 **Contribution of international and regional entities towards human capital development and a more balanced brain circulation in the region**

– International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

– European Commission (IPA)

– UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, BRESCE

– Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo

– Task Force for Human Resource Development in Western Balkans

13.00–14.30 **Lunch**

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MONDAY 8 JUNE, CONTINUED

HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN EU

- 14.30 **Education Systems and the Future Knowledge Society**
- 1 Human Capital Situation in Europe – the qualitative and quantitative problems and possible solutions, Center for Human Capital of the Lisbon Council, Hamburg (proposed)
 - 2 Bologna Process – overall assessment of achievements and problems, European University Association, speaker to be determined
 - 3 E-learning and European Regions of Knowledge, Jasna Dominko Baloh, Director of DOBA Business School Maribor, Slovenia
- 15.15–15.30 **Coffee Break**
- 15.30 **Strategies and Management Schemes for International Migrations of the highly skilled personnel**
- 4 Future International Migrations, their contribution to Growth and Jobs: response of National and European Policies
 - 5 From brain-drain to brain circulation for sustainable global development
 - 6 Proactive International Migration Policies and the role of Regions
- 16.00–17.00 **Discussion**
- 20.00 **Dinner** offered by EREF-2009 Partner Regions: Styria, Turkey, Ottawa, Friuli Venezia Giulia

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2009

- 09.30 **Keynote Address**
Achievements and Shortcomings of Slovenian Policy on Higher Education and Science – *Gregor Golobič*, Minister
- 09.45 **Towards Comprehensive and Sustainable Human Capital Policy**
- 1 Messages from Key Documents and Strategies on Human Capital Development (UN, OECD, EU, IOM, and G-8 + 5, BRIC).
 - 2 Lessons to be Learnt from Success Stories at Regional and National Level.
Success Story No.1
Success Story No.2
Success Story No.3
Success Story No.4
Success Story No.5
- 10.45 **Discussion**
- 11.00–11.30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30–13.00 **Parallel Events**
- A Post-Secondary Curricula for Knowledge Society (prof.dr. *Lojze Sočan*)
 - B Potential and Challenges of Intersectoral and Geographical Brain Circulation (*Mr. Cornelis-Mario Vis*)
 - C IT in support of human capital development (e-learning, LLL) – (*Ileana Hamburg or Graham Attwell*)
 - D The Potential of Business and Intellectual Diaspora to support Knowledge Society Building
- 13.00–14.00 **Lunch**

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TUESDAY 9 JUNE, CONTINUED

- 14.00–14.40 **Towards Forum Conclusions and Recommendations**
Reports from Preparatory Workshops and Presentation of Draft-Recommendations
by the Rapporteurs
Workshop A: Role of Host Institutions in Researcher Exchange Programmes
Workshop B: E-Learning for SMEs
Workshop C: Lessons of Canadian Migration Policy
Workshop D: Communication with Brains and Business in Diaspora
- 14.40–15.00 **Discussion**
- 15.00 **Comments on draft Recommendations by a senior representative
of the European Commission**
- 15.15 **Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations**
- 15.30 **Topic and date of EREF-2010 and Closure**
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