

Next steps in Cross-border eRegion Development: Chamber Perspectives

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1) Brief presentation of EUROCHAMBRES

EUROCHAMBRES is the association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry with members from 45 European countries, and one transnational organisation.

All Chambers of Commerce and Industry active in the Danube region are members of EUROCHAMBRES' network.

As umbrella organisation at the European level, EUROCHAMBRES translates the concerns and activities of its members into political priorities that it promotes with European decision makers. EUROCHAMBRES also translates European political priorities into actions on the ground, enhancing the Chamber network's capacities as reliable business service provider.

2) EUROCHAMBRES Objectives

For EUROCHAMBRES as business organisation, the main objective is to create a business-friendly economic environment in Europe.

The organisation's 3 main priorities for the period 2010 – 2013 are:

- 1) Conditions
- 2) Markets
- 3) Resources

1) Conditions: particular emphasis on smart regulation, innovation, digital Europe (ICT as facilitator) and free trade

2) Markets: Internal market, enlargement/neighbourhood, global Europe

3) Resources: People, finance, energy

3) The added value of the Chamber network

The strength of the network lies in the capacity to network, exchange ideas and best practices. With their day-to-day activities at the service of enterprises, they actively contribute to enhancing regional economic growth.

One of Chambers' primary objectives is to foster regional competitiveness, and as such, Chambers from different countries, regions will engage in common projects with a common vision, building bridges between businesses and people.