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**Venue: online**

**Aims:**

- to provide relevant thinking material for curious professionals helping them to systematically reflect on their practice in cross-border cooperation;
- to provide feedback to researchers about their research outcomes and professional experiences

**Topic: Lessons learned**

**Program:**

- 09.45—10.00 Registration and Sound check  
10.00—10.10 Welcome by AEBR President Ann-Sofi Backgren  
10.10—10.20 Welcome by the host

**First Block – Cross-Border Spatial Planning**

- 10.20—10.35 General introduction to the field of cross-border spatial planning and the general issues of the field (Sylvain Marbehant, University of Liège)  
10.35—10.40 Questions and Answers  
10.40—11.40 Case studies on Spatial Planning
- *Building on the border: A Case of Winterswijk, the Netherlands (Joris Bengevoord, Mayor of Winterswijk, the Netherlands)*
  - *Cross-border spatial planning on the Hungarian-Austrian border (Kitti Dubniczki, chief planner, CESCO)*
  - *Luxembourg in Transition (Marie-Josée Vidal, Ministry of Energy and Spatial Planning, Luxembourg)*
  - *Spatial Development Concept for the Greater Region (Marie-Josée Vidal Ministry of Energy and Spatial Planning, Luxembourg)*
- 11.40—11.55 Interactive discussion about obstacles in spatial planning  
11.55—12.10 Grasping planning cultures – intercultural learning across borders (Beate Caesar, TU Kaiserslautern, and Tom Becker, University of Luxembourg)  
12.10—12.25 Ways forward  
12.25—12.45 Coffee Break

**Second Block – Cross-border Culture**

- 12.45—13.00 AEBR Task Force on CB Culture (Rudolf Goedesar, Head of the Task Force)  
13.00—13.15 Raise of cross-border communities (Hynek Böhm, University of Liberec)

- 13.15—13.35 Cross-Border Culture in caricatures (David Newman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
- 13.35—13.50 Cross-Border culture as a motivation to get through COVID restrictions (Leonidas Skerletopoulos, Greece)
- 13.50—14.10 Coffee Break

### **Third Block – Cross-Border Labor Market**

- 14.10—14.25 AEBR Task Force on Cross-Border Labor Market (Peter Hansen, Head of the Task Force)
- 14.25—14.40 Challenges and motivations in working across borders
- 14.40—15.25 Good Practices
- *Interregional Labor Market Observatory of the Greater Region (IBA-OIE) (Marie Feunteun-Schmidt)*
  - *Information points for cross-border workers (Sonja Adamsky, Grensinfopunt EUREGIO)*
  - *Cross-Border Labor Market in Bothnian Arc área (Heikki Aalto, Bothnian Arc)*
- 15.25—15.40 How to strengthen labor markets in border regions by cross-border vocational training: Experiences from the Greater Region" (Peter Dörrenbächer, Saarland University)
- 15.40—16.10 Lessons learnt – Cross-border labor markets and Labor regions
- 16.10—16.30 Coffee Break

### **Fourth Block – Cross-Border regions in COVID times**

- 16.30—16.50 Borders in Globalisation (Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, University of Victoria)
- 16.50—17.05 COVID-19 impacts on cross-border cooperation (ESPON)
- 17.05—17.40 Case studies
- *Keeping DE-NL border open throughout the first wave of COVID (Martin van het Velde, Radboud University)*
  - *DE-FR border (PAMINA)*
- 17.40—18.10 Discussion on Cross-border regions in COVID times
- 18.10—18.20 Conclusions by Moderators based on the discussions in the blocks
- 18.20—18.25 What next / to enhance your knowledge (= books to read; Blogs and web-pages to follow)
- 18.25—18.35 Closing words by AEBR Secretary General Martin Guillermo-Ramirez

Moderators: Annika Jaansoo and Ana Nikolov