

**25 to 27 October 2010**Local and Regional Development in Europe
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euregia 2010: Global Changes – Regional Solutions

Europe is facing some enormous challenges. The current developments call for innovative and regional approaches. These approaches are not being developed in isolation though; here as well, the focus is on **“cross-border cooperation”**.

Before this backdrop, the euregia in Leipzig is the ideal platform for presenting concepts, strategies, and projects – both at the expert fair and at the congress. It is an excellent opportunity to share views with colleagues and experts from many countries, and to meet new people.

Take advantage of this exceptional forum to present your offers, initiatives and ideas, and to share views with a prominent audience. Every two years, the euregia deals with the core themes of location and regional development in Europe.

In 2010, the focus will be on:

- The new climate future
- (Re-) Organizing social justice in the regions
- Learning about the new financial aid schemes and financing models

Claudia Kemfert, one of Europe’s leading energy experts has a very clear message: “Innovation instead of depression”. Previously, global and national strategies and measures had been the principal topics of discussion, but now, we need to tap available sources of detailed regional knowledge on upcoming changes in order to recognize the options and take action. These concern the following issues: What are the spatial effects of climate change on the individual regions? What are the options for taking action at the local and regional levels?

What adjustment strategies are being implemented in the areas of tourism, agriculture and other sectors?

(Re-) Organizing social justice in the regions

Social justice covers aspects such as equal opportunity and a just distribution of wealth in society. There are many issues of concern in urban and regional development: What has been the experience with the innovation strategy of gender mainstreaming? How will we deal with the controversial issues of mobility and rising energy costs in the future? Which regional economic and employment strategies can be applied to successfully cope with the consequences of the financial crisis? How should the relationship between urban and rural areas be defined in this context in the future? What are the best practice models for the “social city”?

Learning about the new financial aid schemes and financing models

The trend of diminishing government funds has been around for some time now. With the financial crisis, it has become even worse. The framework conditions for development initiatives will change tremendously in the coming years. What are the options for redefining EU structural policy after 2013? Which financing models can secure regional projects and business? What experiences have been made and what are the concepts available for actively taking advantage of citizens’ capital for urban and regional development?