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Summary of the conference

Coming to the end of our conference, please let me summarise some thoughts of the purpose and reasons that we organized this conference. The basic purpose was to put an end to a ten-year long process of planning and to turn these plans into reality.

We all know the Carpathian basin's political situation; there are always elections in one or other of these five countries. Interestingly, this is the year when there is no parliamentary election in any of these countries but there are other types of elections (EU, & municipal elections). It is to be hoped that this increased atmosphere of awareness will help our civil programmes to achieve success in their respective areas of interest.

The affected countries government delegates – on the basis of the formulated common decisions – put forward a proposal to their governments to nominate executives for the supervision of the described programmes, and for the continuous coordination with each of the countries. The executive officers have a quarterly discussion with the programme's leader about the issues and the tasks: in this way we can provide the harmony for the programme structures and the governmental strategies.

For this purpose I ask you to accept our plans which we had already harmonized in the previous years' forums and in the negotiations' protocols. **Our purpose is to build up the 48 offices' infrastructure by the 31st of July on the basis of the above-mentioned infrastructure. It would be important during the summer time to implement the experts preparations in order that from September they would have a well prepared working plan in their hands.**

I would like to thank the invitation of our partner from Serbia and Montenegro to meet shortly in Belgrade. This is a perfect occasion for the official opening of our 5 offices in Serbia and Montenegro. For this we would like appoint a day before 24th July. If we can arrange this it will put the crown on our programme series. Parallel with this the infrastructure is coming into existence in the neighbouring countries as well. The official statements from the cooperating countries have been ready since 2000: all these were harmonised at Foreign Minister levels, & the legal bases are ready. This was the first time that all of the five countries delegates harmonised at the same time. Our plans were given a warm reception in Brussels too. I hope that you are going to help our project because without your support this couldn't be achieved. From September this programme will work for the support of the cities, towns, and villages of the afore-mentioned area. We emphasise that this is a programme above national priorities; this programme affects all the 16 million people in the Tisza Basin, regardless of ethnic background.



At the end of this successful two months preparatory stage I hope that a cohesive work project will start from September which is based on professionals and which is going to be your success as well.

I'm very pleased that more and more not only local authorities but representatives and experts contact us. I'm happy because from the Slovakian, Serbian and Romanian sides I get opinions and suggestions. This means that the emphasis is now on the concrete micro-project network in which our office can give support for those local authorities who couldn't solve their problems alone. Our last conference was in Dunaszerdahely in Slovakia, where Mr. Max Craglia was present. (He is the co-ordinator of the GINIE programme from the EU side who supported our programmes.)

On the one hand the relations can be modelled between the EU and one member state; on the other hand between two member states; or the EU member & a state which is not a member of the EU but a country which is waiting for to join, like Romania. This is true for Serbia and Montenegro and Ukraine where the data exchange flow raises questions that can be raised in the EU as well. That is why I would like to cooperate with JRC, the CELK Centre, the INSPIRE centre (which is coming into existence in November as an affiliated company of the Eurostat) and with the coordination group of the GINIE programme's experts. We have invited Mr. Günther Pichler, who is the leading manager of the Open GIS. They have told us that until November we have time and that is why I find your help to be very important. The time will be used to build up this network & to show initial results that can be achieved between September & November, and it is possible to connect the network to the area. We all have the same interests and if someone realises that here there is coming into existence a homogeneous infrastructure for the development of the INSPIRE centre (that needs such kinds of projects), this is a very good occasion for us to be connected to the EU according to one organization.

I would like to thank you for your help in the formulation of the timetable again. I was counting back from November and that was why I pushed this conference forward, because I hope that we will meet in Belgrade again. Now, there is a political peacefulness that is going to be changed by the coming municipal, presidential, & parliamentary elections that makes our work harder. I would like to thank the Romanian representatives for being here because in Romania there are the municipal elections in this weekend.

Last but not least I would like to thank all the persons present that they honoured me with their participation - they have contributed to the success of our work.

The memorandum is signed by:

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