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Do we need a development vision for South-East Europe?

New Renaissance from the South-East Europe



Summary Report 2014

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About Forum on Europe

Forum on Europe is a regional scientific event (initiated in 1996) involving NGO's, governmental institutions and business sector. Main topics of Forum on Europe are challenges Europe is facing today, the role of EU in the world, human rights and the rule of law. Involvement of partners varied from 1996 till present day, according to changing topics and issues addressed by Forum on Europe. Driving force for knowledge concept design of Forum on Europe is GFS Institute (GoForeSight).

Forum on Europe is an international think-tank that promotes knowledge-based governance, the use of future studies and foresight in policy-making process.

Vision

To enable Prosperity & Just World.

Mission

- To promote knowledge-based governance with ethical considerations, and the use of future studies and foresight
- To connect researchers, scientists, businessmen, policy makers and civil society with the aim of responding to global challenges.
- To influence the above mentioned stakeholders to implement Bled Forum on Europe recommendations in long-term planning and short-term actions.

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<http://forlearn.jrc.es/index.htm>

Shared leadership introduction

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Dear Reader,

15th Forum on Europe marks the anniversary of nearly 20-years' tradition of Forums on Europe, which brought together more than 700 thinkers & leaders who care about future of Europe.

Forum for A Just World and Europe, founded in 1996 in Bled Slovenia, was held on March 25th, 2014 in the centre of EU policy making puzzle in Brussels - in the European Parliament.

We provoked the existing development concepts & used futures-foresight approaches in agenda setting. We brought together various stakeholders, in order to challenge development visions for South East Europe and present concrete development actions.

Some of the strategic issues of building Smart, Inclusive, and Sustainable Europe, such as water & transport and smart regional city, were elaborated.

With the aim to look beyond Europe 2020, participants of 15th Forum on Europe highlighted seven key development areas for the Future of Europe. They are included in the final declaration of the forum.

Participants also endorsed the foundation of a permanent multi-stakeholders' platform, namely "FORUM on EUROPE", with the objective to implement concrete projects.

Blaž Golob

Chairman, Forum on Europe

About 15th Forum on Europe



More than **50 participants from 19 different countries** shared their views and discussed **key development challenges and the development vision for Europe beyond 2020 and for South Eastern Europe** at the 15th Forum on Europe foresight conference, held in European Parliament in Brussels, March 25th 2014.

Objectives

- To present development & governance challenges in the South-East Europe
- To present smart solutions for building smart, inclusive and sustainable Europe
- To promote territorial & sectorial concentration, and smart specialization
- To identify & promote smart development projects in the South-East Europe
- To enable long-term prosperity of Europe and a just World

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Theater Event Agency
The European Law Students' Association*

Stakeholders

*European Parliament
national governments
universities
business
civil society organizations
regional development organizations
research institutes
futurists
diplomats
students*

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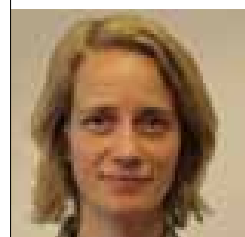
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Agenda

Time	Session	Speaker
9:00-9:45	Session I. European Parliament view & introduction	Ms Tanja Fajon , Member of the European Parliament Mr Andrej Plenković , Member of the European Parliament Ms Renate Weber , Member of the European Parliament Mr Blaž Golob , Chairman of Forum on Europe
9:45-10:30	Session II. Good governance enabling 2020 SEE 2020 Strategy enabling prosperity of South East Europe Multisectoral Cooperation and Territorial Planning Regional Foresight 2.0 Experiences and the Future of Business Organizations (Cooperatives vs. other models) Involving citizens in decision making with eParticipation - the SEE perspective	Chair: Mr Boris Cizelj , prof.dr., Director, SBRA Slovenian Business & Research Association - Brussels Ms Lidija Topić , Senior Adviser, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Mr Hendrik van der Kamp , Head, School of Spatial Planning and Transport, Dublin Institute of Technology and President, European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP-CEU) Mr Ibon Zugasti , President, European Regional Foresight College (ERFC) Mr Simon Delakorda , Director, Institute for Electronic Participation (INePA)
10:45-11:30	Session III. Water and Transport EU territorial cohesion policy and South-East Europe Identified transboundary projects of European relevance Opportunities of Danube Strategy mechanism for macro regional development River development projects - integrating renewable energies and transport to boost regional development	Chair: Mr Diogo Pinto , Secretary General, European Movement International Mr Miran Gajšek , Head of Sector for Spatial planning and Land management, City of Ljubljana, and Co-Chairman of Ljubljana Forum Mr Dejan Komatina , Secretary General, International Sava River Basin Commission Mr Kurt Puchinger , PhD, Priority Area Coordinator, EU Strategy for the Danube Region Mr Kacper Nosarzewski , Partner and Business development manager - 4CF - Foresight in Business
11:30-12:15	Session IV. Regional City EU Urban Agenda - opportunities for cities The case of DemoPolis - integrating municipal service delivery in the city of tomorrow Open education - supporting prosperity of cities & building of knowledge based Europe Cities as partners for smart, inclusive and sustainable development Industry solutions supporting creation of smarter cities	Chair: Mr Frane Šesnić , Zagreb Forum Ms Aša Rogelj , Undersecretary, Ministry of Infrastructure & Spatial Planning, Slovenia Mr Alexander Prosser , prof.dr., Associate Professor, University of Business & Economics, WU University, Vienna Mr Mitja Jermol , Head of the Centre for knowledge Transfer, Jozef Stefan Institute Ms Dorthe Nielsen , Eurocities Ms Sylvie Spalmacin-Roma , Vice President, Smarter Cities, Europe
12:15-13:00	Session V. Europe beyond 2020 Europe facing global competition - a stress test for the Innovation Union Enabling Europe beyond 2020 with new way of governance EU accountability in sharing values & prosperity out of EU Safeguarding a just World in Europe throughout NGO projects	Chair: Ms Hélène von Reibnitz , CEO, Scenarios & Visions Consulting Ms Barbara Haering , Co-chair European Research & Innovation Area Board (ERIAB), econcept Zürich Mr An Krumberger , World University Consortium Mr Karlheinz Steinmüller , PhD, Scientific Director and Founding Partner, Z_punkt GmbH, The Foresight Company Ms Anneloes Dijkstra , President, ELSA International - European Law Students' Association
13:00	Conclusions & presentation of 15th Forum on Europe declaration "Enabling Prosperity & A Just World for Europe Beyond 2020"	

About the highlights



Session I

Presentation and discussion of key challenges and development strategies for SEE Region.

Key question: *Do we need a development vision for South-East Europe?*

Session II

Good governance is of major importance in overcoming major development challenges.

Key question: *How to enable the design & delivery of proper strategies co-created by various stakeholders?*

Session III

Good water quality & sustainable development of transport systems are major challenges for creating future prosperity.

Key question: *Does EU have a proper strategy and does South East Europe have a proper response?*

Session IV

Since majority of people already live in cities, cities are key promoters of development.

Key question: *How can cities enable future sustainable, smart & inclusive development?*

Session V

Europe has already demonstrated to be able to move ahead from current economic challenges.

Key question: *How to meet citizens' and businesses' expectations in a long run?*

Session I:

European Parliament introduction

Ms Tanja Fajon, MSc, Member, European Parliament, Mr Andrej Plenković, MSc, Member, European Parliament, and Mr Blaž Golob, Chairman, Forum on Europe, Slovenia



MEP Ms Tanja Fajon (S&D/SD) opened 15th Forum on Europe and stressed the fact that South-East Europe faces enormous challenges related to the development, economic growth and stability:

"Europe is developing, but responses to current events are not sufficient. Cross-border projects, cooperation and careful spending of EU funds will be essential for sustainable development."

MEP Mr Andrej Plenković (EPP) highlighted the importance for Western Balkan early integration into the European Union and the importance of regional development strategies and institutions in enhancing regional cooperation.

The Chairman of Forum on Europe **Mr Blaž Golob** opened the Forum discussion on key issue of 15th Forum on Europe:

"We have the Danube strategy, the Adriatic-Ionian strategy and the South East Europe 2020 strategy. The key question is how to synchronize and implement European strategies more effectively on the ground?"



Ms Tanja Fajon, MSc, Member, European Parliament, Mr Andrej Plenković, MSc, Member, European Parliament, and Mr Blaž Golob, Chairman, Forum on Europe, Slovenia

Towards building a development vision for South-East Europe

Danube Strategy

www.danube-region.eu

The EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) is a united response to challenges affecting an area which stretches from the Black Forest to the Black Sea, including over 100 million inhabitants. Many of the region's problems know no borders: flooding, transport and energy links, environmental protection and challenges to security all demand a united approach. The 14 countries in the region, with the support of the European Commission, are cooperating to develop projects and actions that meet these challenges and build prosperity in the Danube region.



Adriatic-Ionian Strategy

www.ai-macroregion.eu

A new EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) will be presented by the European Commission before the end of 2014. Its preliminary scope and objectives:

- General objective: promote sustainable economic and social prosperity of the Adriatic and Ionian region through growth and jobs creation, by improving its attractiveness, competitiveness and connectivity while at the same time preserving the environment and ensuring healthy and balanced marine and coastal ecosystems.
- Scope: the strategy should focus on areas of (Macro) regional mutual interest with high relevance for the Adriatic and Ionian countries. Main priority areas and objectives of the Action Plan should emerge as shared aspirations and sustainable solutions to common challenges.

Its main pillars are: Driving innovative maritime and marine growth; Connecting the region; Preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment; and Increasing regional attractiveness.



SEE 2020 Strategy

www.rcc.int

The goal of the SEE 2020 Strategy is to improve living conditions in the region and enhance competitiveness and development, closely following the vision of the EU strategy Europe 2020. The Strategy pursues a holistic pattern of development for the region and seeks to stimulate the key long-term drivers of growth such as innovation, skills and the integration of trade. SEE 2020 is focused on a set of interlinked development pillars all of which are central to the socio-economic policies of each SEE country and are also critical elements of the EU accession process. It stresses out the shared vision of the SEE economies to open up to 1 million new jobs by 2020, by enabling employment growth from 39% to 44%, increase of total regional trade turnover by more than double from 94 to 210 billion euro, the rise of the region's GDP per capita from current 36% to 44% of the EU average, and the addition of 300,000 highly qualified people to the workforce.

South East Europe 2020 Strategy



Source: Ms Lidija Topić, SEE 2020 Strategy enabling prosperity of South East Europe, presentation at 15th Forum on Europe, March 25th, EU Parliament, Brussels.

Session II: Good governance enabling 2020

Mr Ibon Zugasti, President, European Regional Foresight College (ERFC), Spain, Mr Hendrik van der Kamp, Head, School of Spatial Planning and Transport, Dublin, Institute of Technology and President, European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP-CEU), Mr Boris Cizelj, prof.dr., Director, Slovenian Business & Research Association in Brussels (SBRA), Slovenia, Ms Lidija Topić, Senior Adviser, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Mr Simon Delakorda, MSc, Director, Institute for Electronic Participation (INePA), Slovenia.



The session addressed the importance of good governance enabling the development vision of Europe 2020. Participants discussed how to enable the design and delivery of proper strategies co-created by various stakeholders.

The session stressed that development visions can be implemented if politics follows principles of good governance. The RCC's development of SEE 2020 Strategy is a good example of how a regional strategy can be successfully designed and implemented by using good governance model, which enabled consensus among countries in the SEE region on key areas of development. The importance for stronger polycentric development, integrated visions for urban and rural areas, strengthened regional cooperation, the need for territorial foresight in regional development strategies, and strengthened e-participation development were also highlighted as crucial factors for delivering efficient regional development strategies.



Mr Ibon Zugasti, President, European Regional Foresight College (ERFC), Spain

"Strategy, created by using a top-down approach would never be implemented successfully in the SEE Region. In order to reach the consensus among countries included, RCC used the bottom-up approach and successfully created the sense of ownership of the common strategy among all stakeholders included."

Ms Lidija Topić, Senior Adviser, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Bosnia and Herzegovina

"Macro-regional strategies must be based on two important principles: integrated sectoral policies, in order to avoid conflicts and maximize synergies, and coordination between actors at different levels of governance to avoid wasteful competition and ensure the delivery of strategic objectives."

Mr Hendrik van der Kamp, Head, School of Spatial Planning and Transport, Dublin, Institute of Technology and President, European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP-CEU)

"We recognize that Europe has high level of foresight capabilities. It is important to use foresight and create a long-term vision for SEE Region, in order to create a successful strategy for the future development of this Region."

Mr Ibon Zugasti, President, European Regional Foresight College (ERFC), Spain

"SEE region is lacking behind in terms of development of e-participation and should, therefore, address e-participation as a part of development vision in the region. EU should give more attention to "non-technological" aspects of open Government development and rising public awareness by involving civil society as an equal partner."

Mr Simon Delakorda, MSc, Director, Institute for Electronic Participation (INePA), Slovenia

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Good governance is:

- good management,
- clear and realistic visions,
- rule of law,
- transparency,
- public participation,
- democracy,
- successful sustainable development,
- integrity and efficiency of public services,
- open management of public affairs,
- sustainability in financial viability,
- social responsibility,
- accountability of public office holders,
- continuous innovation,
- improvement, and
- human resources development.

Session III:

Water and Transport

Mr Dejan Komatina, PhD, Secretary General, International Sava River Basin Commission, Croatia, Mr Miran Gajšek, MSc, Head of Sector for Spatial planning and Land management, City of Ljubljana, and Co-Chairman of Ljubljana Forum, Slovenia, Mr Diogo Pinto, Secretary General, European Movement International, Portugal, Mr Kurt Puchinger, PhD, Priority Area Coordinator, EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Germany, and Mr Kacper Nosarzewski, Partner and Business development manager, 4CF - Foresight in Business, Poland



The session stressed the importance of public infrastructure development for future prosperity. Participants discussed key public infrastructure development strategies of EU and SEE region and highlighted necessary changes for their greater efficiency.

Investments in public infrastructure are important drivers for future economic development and job creation. Speakers highlighted the concept of macro-regional development as one of the most fascinating and challenging initiatives in regional development policy and cohesion policy of the EU. Therefore, it is important to concentrate development to fewer key territorial cohesion projects. In order to implement cross-border infrastructure projects successfully, high level of synergy among all stakeholders included is needed. As such, the Integrated Spatial Development Concept for the Sava River Basin was presented as an example of a very cohesive, integrated and innovative project. Applying the foresight holistic approach into planning was also recommended.



Mr Kurt Puchinger, PhD, Priority Area Coordinator,
EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Austria

“To answer the question whether economic growth leads to transport development or vice versa, we need to know which territory we are managing, planning for and investing into; is it public and/or private, who is the manager, the planner, and the investor.”

Mr Miran Gajšek, MSc, Head of Sector for Spatial planning and Land management, City of Ljubljana, and Co-Chairman of Ljubljana Forum, Slovenia

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“When managing natural resources, a well-balanced approach is necessary. As such, the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB), has been created as the only transboundary water cooperation framework.”

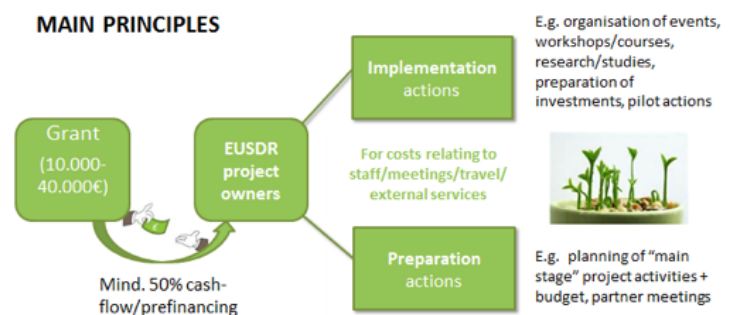
Mr Dejan Komatina, PhD, Secretary General, International Sava River Basin Commission, Croatia

“I agree that a significant investment in human resources and organizational changes should take place in the DG of the Commission which have overall responsibility for cohesion policy and associated Funds.”

Mr Kurt Puchinger, PhD, Priority Area Coordinator, EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Austria

START – Danube Region Project Fund

MAIN PRINCIPLES



Recommendation:

START means **SEED MONEY**. It only makes sense as long as **pre-financing** is possible!

“Some regions are lacking identity projects. That is how infrastructure development projects can become a stepping stone to move from identity of underdeveloped regions to a dimension of pride.”

Mr Kacper Nosarzewski, Partner and Business development manager, 4CF - Foresight in Business, Poland

Source: Mr Kurt Puchinger, PhD, Opportunities of Danube Strategy mechanism for macro regional development, presentation at 15th Forum on Europe, March 25th, EU Parliament, Brussels.

Session IV:

Regional City

Ms Sylvie Spalmacin-Roma, Vice President, Smarter Cities, Europe, IBM, France, Ms Dorthe Nielsen, MSc, Senior policy advisor, EUROCITIES, Belgium, Mr Frane Šesnić, Chairman, Zagreb Forum, Croatia, Ms Aša Rogelj, Undersecretary, Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Slovenia, Mr Mitja Jermol, Head of the Centre for knowledge Transfer, Jozef Stefan Institute, Slovenia



The session addressed the issues and opportunities of a regional city in enabling future sustainable, smart and inclusive development – Europe 2020.

Participants agreed that cities and their development determine the future economic, social and territorial development in Europe. Cities are key drivers of European economy and of innovation and citizens want to live in cities that offer good quality of life and economic opportunity. To achieve the ambitions of Europe 2020, a set of proper political framework - EU urban agenda - needs to be created and investments in cities' capacities need to be enhanced. The importance to create a strong knowledge based and innovative networking of cities in SEE Region, based on open education, for strengthening cities' development opportunities was also highlighted. Innovation and taking advantage of new technologies are also important for empowering city leaders and citizens in building a smarter, more inclusive, and sustainable societies. In order to achieve such changes, proper training of future public service officials will be needed.

“Network of strong and competitive cities represents a potential for the development of the whole SEE region. Their strength and opportunities lie mainly in cooperation networks, exchange of knowledge and experience, strengthened transport networks, joint management of natural resources, innovation and smart specialization.”

Ms Aša Rogelj, Undersecretary, Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Slovenia

“There are several factors that make a city smart. One of these is smart governance which is transparent and participatory, offers high quality standards and cost-efficient service delivery. The Demopolis project provides a training course to enable future public sector to cope with such changes.”

Mr Alexander Prosser, prof.dr., Associate Professor, University of Business & Economics, WU University, Vienna, Austria

“Cities are knowledge hubs. Open education and unlimited knowledge exchange are vital constituents of knowledge based society. In order to open up the rigid educational system, Slovenia has set its course towards the open education by introducing OpeningUpSlovenia initiative.”

Mr Mitja Jermol, Head of the Centre for knowledge Transfer, Jozef Stefan Institute, Slovenia

“It is people that make cities and the dense concentration of people that generates innovation, dynamism, and the creative spark that makes a city successful.”

Ms Dorthe Nielsen, MSc, Senior policy advisor, EUROCIITIES, Belgium

“The technology for smart cities is ready. IBM Smarter Cities solutions available today can transform and improve any functional area of the city, but they all essentially provide capabilities that enable all leaders to leverage information to make better decisions, anticipate problems to resolve them proactively, and coordinate resources and processes to operate effectively.”

Ms Sylvie Spalacini-Roma, Vice President, Smarter Cities, Europe, IBM, France

Mr Ludvik Toplak, President, AMEU – ECM, Slovenia and Ms Tanja Fajon, MSc, Member, European Parliament



South-East European city Network



Ms Aša Rogelj, EU Urban Agenda – Opportunities for cities, presentation at 15th Forum on Europe, March 25th, EU Parliament, Brussels.



Ms Sylvie Spalacini-Roma, Vice President IBM

Smarter Government for Smarter Cities and Communities



Cities are key drivers of future European sustainable economic growth and of innovation. Citizens want to live in cities that offer good quality of life and economic opportunity.

To achieve the ambitions of Europe 2020 and work towards creating smarter cities and communities in Europe, smart solutions such as applied innovation, better planning, a more participatory approach, higher energy efficiency, better transport solutions, intelligent use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), etc., is needed.

However, as demands grow and budgets tighten, city leaders need to have proper tools, in order to make smart decisions for improving urban life through more sustainable integrated solutions.

Here, ICT is a key enabler for achieving Smart Governments for Smart Cities and Communities.

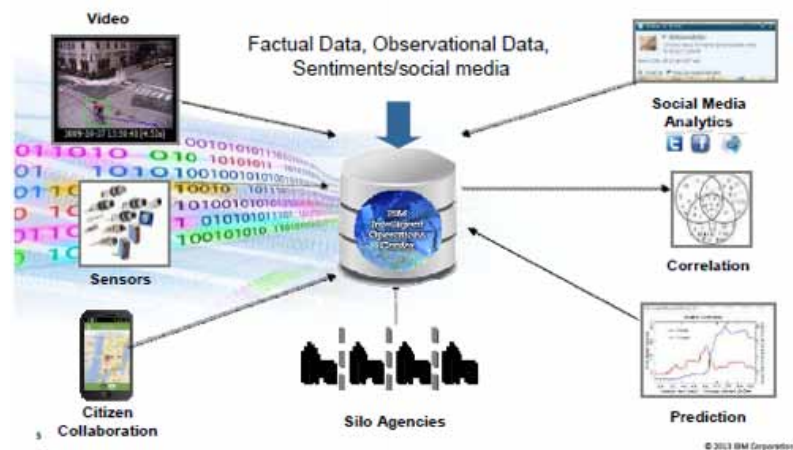
By collecting and analyzing the extensive data generated every second of every day, tools such as the **IBM® Intelligent Operations Center** coordinate and share data in a single view creating the big picture for the decision makers and responders who support the smarter city. It allows city leaders to analyze data for better decisions, anticipate problems to resolve them proactively and coordinate resources to operate effectively.



ICT for Smart Cities

IBM® Intelligent Operations Center provides an executive dashboard to help city leaders gain insight into various aspects of city management. The executive dashboard spans agencies and enables drill-down capability into underlying agencies, such as emergency management, public safety, social services, transportation, or water. IBM Intelligent Operations Center enables cities to manage large complex environments, communicate more effectively with citizens, understand the state of the city and collaborate between departments. Intelligent Operations Center saves cities money by reducing staff needed to make decisions and by more effectively deploying resources.

For more, please visit: <http://www-03.ibm.com/software/products/en/intelligent-operations-center>



Source: Ms Sylvie Spalmacin-Roma, Data...the natural resource for Smarter Cities & Smarter Government,, presentation at 15th Forum on Europe, March 25th, EU Parliament, Brussels.

IBM Smarter Sustainability References: Energy & Water

Malta
Build an integrated distribution network for water and electricity, based on 250,000 interactive meters that can monitor electricity usage close to real time, identify water leaks and electricity losses, set variable rates, and reward customers who consume less power.



ECOGRID
Powering 2000 Electric Vehicles by wind energy, demonstrating the efficiency of power distribution with high penetration of many and variable renewable energy resources. More than 50 % electricity consumption from renewable energy production.



RIDER (Research for IT Driven Energy efficiency)
Improve energy efficiency by analyzing and increasing data knowledge through the use of sensors data and applying it to Municipal buildings, theaters ...



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IBM Smarter Transportation



Facts:
Cities are stuck with traffic congestion. 59 metropolitan areas have populations above 5 millions. Every year, traffic congestion costs €100B. In France this cost is €6B and time lost is one million hours each year.



Benefits:
Smart transportation systems reduce congestion, shrink fuel use, cut CO2 and raise citizen's quality of life.



References:
Urban tolling: Stockholm, Sweden
Free flow toll: Brisbane, Australia
Traffic Prediction: Singapore, Dublin, Lyon
Journey Planner: Veolia Transdev



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Europe beyond 2020

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The session addressed the issue of solving various challenges that occurred in Europe during the economic crisis and will not be solved instantly by economic recovery.

Speakers highlighted that Europe's overall competitiveness has not yet substantially improved and Europe still appears too concerned about getting organized and is not yet prepared to cope with globalization. Issues of disparities in knowledge creation, crisis in innovation and heterogeneity of Europe's regions were highlighted. Speakers agreed that current governing structures are not efficient enough in solving major challenges. Therefore, for future prosperity Europe needs to: address its major challenges with smart and innovative strategies, increase research competitiveness and put excellence in the center of research and innovation, support economic competitiveness by attracting funds to Europe, enhance new models of education, promote strong cooperation networks of various stakeholders, create various scenarios of future development to be able to anticipate the future, and open to its neighbors.

“The innovation and knowledge divide represent a major problem for Europe. Comprehensive innovation strategies have to go beyond EU, they need to be global. Open, sharing and global is the new business model in science, the corporate sector and politics.”

Ms Barbara Haering, PhD, Director, econcept, Zürich, and Co-chair, European Research & Innovation Area Board (ERIAB), Switzerland

“Education is the base for good governance, active citizenship, mobility and jobs. We are not talking just about education. We are talking about the society and ask ourselves: What kind of people do we want to educate to be the future leaders?”

Mr An Krumberger, World University Consortium, Slovenia

“We need to work with scenarios and possible futures, when planning for the future. We must have an anticipatory government that predicts the future. In my opinion, the future is Europe without any borders.”

Mr Karlheinz Steinmüller, PhD, Scientific Director, Z_punkt GmbH, The Foresight Company, Germany

“Invest in students, they are the future. NGOs provide an informal platform where the students can develop themselves in a much broader area to build on their theoretical knowledge with practical skills.”

Ms Anneloes Dijkstra, President, ELSA International, European Law Students' Association, Netherlands

Ms Barbara Haering, PhD, Director, econcept, Zürich, and Co-chair, European Research & Innovation Area Board (ERIAB), Switzerland



Innovation strategies: Multiple challenges



Source: Ms Barbara Haering, PhD Europe facing global competition: Stress-test for the Innovation Union and the European Research Area, presentation at 15th Forum on Europe, March 25th, EU Parliament, Brussels.



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Conclusions

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Participants of 15th Forum on Europe agreed that long-term development vision is needed for Europe and for the countries of South Eastern Europe. This region is coping with development issues, environmental issues, underdeveloped public infrastructure, uncoordinated education, innovation, research, and shortcomings in safety and security. Here, EU as an independent actor is, therefore, in a good position to facilitate cooperation.

Today, Europe is moving forward, however, it is of major importance how we move forward: *Is development following citizens' expectations? Are people included in decision making?*

Participants agreed that the real challenge for future prosperity is good governance. We need to be aware that the development vision can be implemented, if politics follows principles of good governance: *good management, clear and realistic visions, rule of law, transparency, public participation, democracy, successful sustainable development, integrity and efficiency of public services, open management of public affairs, sustainability in financial viability, social responsibility, accountability of public office holders, continuous innovation, improvement, and human resources development.*

With concern to foster prosperity of Europe and its SEE region, 15th Forum on Europe Declaration with 7 key development areas was created.

15th Forum on Europe Declaration

We, the participants of XV. Forum on Europe in the year of European Parliamentary Elections 2014, call upon all relevant stakeholders to actively seek and develop ways to support the further development of Europe and the South-East European macro region.

With concern of previous impacts of the Bled Forum on Europe, that promotes sustainable development of prosperity, peace, and justice, which are:

- Foundation of International Criminal Court ICC at Rome Diplomatic Conference in 1998,
- Knowledge based Economy concept development for South East Europe,
- Renaissance for eGovernance in South East Europe,
- inclusion of Balkan countries and Turkey into the EU, and
- strengthening cooperation between European Union & African Union on equal basis,
- promoting the role of culture in the knowledge based economy,

we acknowledge that Europe is moving forward. However, today's governance systems still do not enable best responses to current situation.

We acknowledge the advantage of regional diversity in Europe and the importance of macro regional cooperation building towards creating a common development vision to promote consolidation of stability and prosperity.

Therefore, in the year of EU Parliament elections, we advocate the following 7 points:

I. Good governance models, which enable cooperative decision-making, should be incorporated in the EU decision-making processes both at the public sector (with a multi-level governance approach) and at the private sector (promoting corporate social responsibility).

II. Foresight approach should be used on regular basis in policy-making throughout EU programming period 2014-2020, in order to design alternative long term scenarios, clear common visions of future development and effective implementation strategies.

III. Inclusion should be promoted through overcoming digital divide with information society development and e-participation development, in order to meet stakeholders' needs and expectations in a long run, building upon collective intelligence approaches.

IV. EU territorial cohesion policies and strategies should be strengthened, in order to obtain investments in the South East Europe Macro Region, having in mind objectives and ongoing processes of the EU Danube strategy and the newcomer, the EU Adriatic-Ionian Strategy. The EU member states have to include macroregional strategies and priority projects into Partnership agreements and Operational programmes.

V. Cross-border development projects should be encouraged with finances secured.

VI. EU new urban policy 2014-2020 should emphasize and support the role of cities bottom up initiatives and projects represented via various interest platforms such as EURO CITIES, EU CORE NET CITIES and LJUBLJANA FORUM.

VII. Industry solutions should be used to support the implementation of development strategies and for building various partnerships, such as Public - Private - NGO - University.

The participants of 15th Forum on Europe support and endorse the foundation of a permanent platform ***FORUM ON EUROPE*** which will identify, evaluate and address the relevant topics about Europe.

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Having impact on European topics from Bled Slovenia 1996 to Brussels 2014.

1st Bled Forum on Europe (1996) "Europe for a Just World"

- Celebrating 15th Anniversary of ELSA European Law Students Association 41 European countries, 24.000 members
- Advocating human rights, legal education and the future development of Europe

2nd Bled Forum on Europe (1998) "Europe and the Rule of Law in the 21st Century"

- Appeal for foundation of ICC- International Criminal Court to the UK presidency of the European Union, European Commission, EU Member States, EU Associated Countries and the European Parliament
- Foundation of the Slovenian Young Lawyers Association – SYLA / members of EYBA

3rd Bled Forum on Europe (1999) "International Public Law versus Sovereignty of the States"

- Strengthening the co-operation with the European Public Law Centre from Athens and Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office (ASO) Ljubljana

4th Bled Forum on Europe (2000) "Europe – Human Rights and the Rule of Law in the Information Age"

- Joint conference with the Annual General Meeting of EYBA (European Young Bar Association)
- Strengthening the co-operation with the Slovenian Association for International Relations

5th Bled Forum on Europe (2001) "Europe after Nice Summit & New ways of international co-operation in the 21st Century"

- Presentation of NUBA people in Sudan case and Fundraising project for NUBA people

6th Bled Forum on Europe (2002) "European Identity – Human Rights and the Rule of Law"

- Strengthening the co-operation with the European Commission - IPTS
- EU Enlargement Futures project – the role of new foreseeing EU member states
- Declaration on support to the international Criminal Court – ICC

7th Bled Forum on Europe (2006) "Foresight Conference on Global, European and Regional Governance"

- Foundation of the Bled Forum Futures Committee and Strengthening the co-operation with the Millennium Project

15th Bled Forum on Europe in the European Parliament in Brussels

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8th Bled Forum on Europe (2007) "Governing Futures"

- Promoting the use of foresight in EU and South East Europe countries
- Declaration on measures to support sustainable social and economic developments

9th Bled Forum on Europe (2008) "Climate Change – an unprecedented Threat to the Future of Mankind"

- Promotion of the understanding of impacts of climate change and call on Governments to adapt and implement relevant policies

10th Bled Forum on Europe (2009) "The Role of Culture in Knowledge Society"

- Strengthening the knowledge platform in cooperation with the Centre for eGovernance
- Development for South East Europe (CeGD)

11th Bled Forum on Europe (2010) "The Future of Information Society and Challenges for Good Governance"

- Establishment of the Renaissance model for eGovernance development
- Strengthening the co-operation with Central Eastern & South Eastern Europe countries

12th Bled Forum on Europe (2011) "Governance of Fear and Prosperity"

- Declaration on Governance of Fear & Prosperity
- Establishment of co-operation with GCC countries – Gulf Co-operation Council

13th Bled Forum on Europe (2012) "Europe beyond Smart – Inclusive – Sustainable throughout Cloud Computing decade"

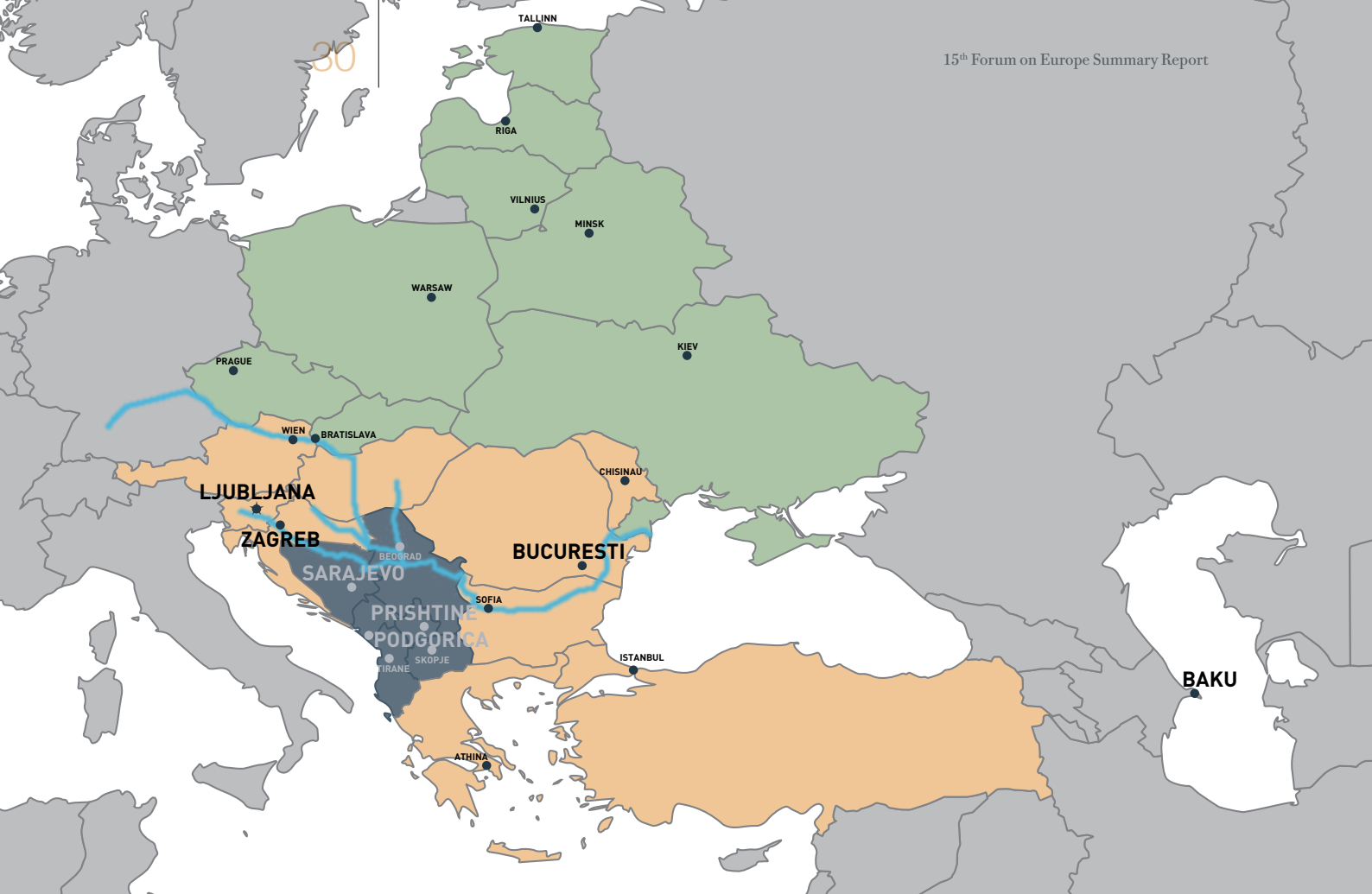
- Declaration on Europe: Beyond Smart – Inclusive – Sustainable
- Country Cloud Computing Model design – On the Sunny side of the Cloud

14th Bled Forum on Europe (2013) "Europe for Africa - Africa for World"

- Strengthening co-operation with African Union & 2nd African Day in Slovenia
- Establishment of co-operation platform between Africa and South East Europe

15th Bled Forum on Europe (2014) European Parliament in Brussels "New Renaissance for Europe from the South East Europe"

- Identification of seven key development areas on Future of Europe
- Endorsement to the permanent multi-stakeholders platform "Forum on Europe"



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