

HERTOGENBOSCH

Conclusion speech of Pierre-Etienne BISCH

AERTE/EASTR's General Secretary

My Dear colleagues,

Some words of conclusion after our 2016's European Days.

First of all, a special thanks to our Noord-Brabant's hosts. Our colleague, M. Wim van de Donk has thrown his whole weight in the balance in order to make us enjoying an exceptional experience.

Exceptional by the interests of the visits and the interventions proposed, exceptional also by the luckiness that the historical Jheronimus BOSCH's exhibition and also for our meetings tomorrow I am sure in Limburg's province.

Our close collaborators, I think about Martijn Meuwissen and Nelly Semedo were really implicated and did the essential of the contacts' work and the organisation work for your service.

We are very thankful to them but also for those that I did not mentioned.

A few words about our work. The theme, in its link with the STR's profession, was not the easiest.

As was shown in the first Round Table dedicated to the refugees, our core competence is focused on the sovereign missions and the retention of the democratic institutions' framework, more than the research of new borders, whether in innovating in sciences and the techniques to the service of the economy or innovating in the field of the administration and social policies.

I do not mean that our function would be intrinsically conservatives, but there is a distribution of the roles within our societies and for us, the security of our citizens is the priority.

However, our social and political influence is certain, in all your countries and regions, condition to take realistic and timely initiatives. Innovation in a part of opportunities to take to encourage the dynamics and when it is possible, to give the example.

I would like to thank on your behalf, all the administrative sciences' organisations present with us. I am sure that they would not hesitate to extend our initiative by resuming the theme of innovation in their areas of work.

On that last point, as I have mentioned in our Board meeting, I would be personally prepared to take some initiatives by myself in those fields of ongoing training and administrative research. I have planned to consult you in the next week in a more precise way.

Indeed, many of you has national or regional network of ongoing training which could welcome trainees from EASTR's countries or regions in order to complete their knowledge on other territorial administrative organisations in Europe.

Naturally, each member would finance those trainings, but the mutualisation of our initiatives should encourage the moderation of our costs.

Another initiative could be to contact the European Union on the theme of the training of the public administration managers or the themes of administrative research, if they are eligible to the programs financed by the Union, for example to the 2020 horizon on the research.

I would those statements by telling you my happiness to be in charge of the General Secretariat of our EASTR for almost one year and to act for the service of our professional community.

Next year, we will go to Finland and our colleague, Terttu Savolainen who will take the presidency of our association for one year will tell us a few words of conclusion and will invite you for the works of the Board meeting planned in autumn in the city of Oulu.

Thank you for your attention.