



XXIIIrd European Days of State territorial Representatives

«**Regionomics: the role of the STR in fostering innovation and sustainable growth**»

Noord-Brabant & Limburg – 21 to 23 April 2016

Program

Those who study the role of regions in fostering economic growth and an innovative economy have discovered the importance of the so-called 'triple-helix approach'. This is the approach where governments, knowledge institutes and entrepreneurs closely work together in developing smart specialization strategies. These strategies go beyond the simplicity of dual state-market schemes, in which governments were often seen as a hindrance to economic success. Successful strategies that foster economic growth and innovation seem to blossom especially at a regional level, the level that seems to be especially successful in enabling effective co-operation, fueled by shared identities, practical proximities and mutual trust.

During the XXIIIrd European Days, we shall meet in the provinces of Noord-Brabant and Limburg, located in the South of The Netherlands. They work closely together in the 'Brainport 2020' area, an area in which important industries have committed themselves to many urgent societal endeavors, such as a sustainable agri- and food sector, smart mobility, renewable energy and healthy ageing. We will meet in 's-Hertogenbosch, Eindhoven and Maastricht, to see how the STR is involved in fostering economic co-operation and innovation. We convene in the year that commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Treaty of Maastricht and in which The Netherlands will hold the EU-presidency. We will be inspired by lectures of prominent key-note speakers, interesting excursions and, as always, by our mutual discussions and interactions.

Thursday 21 April

Province Noord Brabant: Den Bosch

12h00

Departure to Provinciehuis Noord-Brabant

12h30 – 14h00

Lunch (Bois le Duc)

14h00 – 15h30

Opening Session (Statenzaal)

- ❖ **Opening by Mr. Wim van de Donk**, Kings Commissioner in Noord-Brabant, president of EASTR/AERTE
- ❖ **Mr. Pierre-Etienne Bisch**, Secretary General of EASTR/AERTE
- ❖ **Mr. Titus Livius**, Director Public Administration, Democracy and Finances at the Ministry of Interior & Kingdom Relations, the Netherlands
- ❖ **Mr. Martijn Groenleer**, Professor dr. Regional Law and Governance, Tilburg University. Analysis of survey 'innovation'.

Pause

16h00 – 16h30

- ❖ **Discussion session survey results** STR's in discussion with Prof. Dr. Martijn Groenleer

16h30 – 18h00

Round Table I – Refugees in Europe: what's the role for STR's and how to deal with the refugee crisis (Statenzaal)

Introduction by:

- ❖ **Mr. Robert Visser**, Secretary-general, Dutch Council of State, and former Director of European Asylum Support Office (EASO, Malta)
- ❖ **Mr. Saffet Arikan Bedük**, Governor, President of the Association of Turkish Governors (TID)
- ❖ **Mr. Jean-François Carencu**, Regional prefect of Ile de France – Président of the ACPHFMI

Moderator: M. Ignazio Portelli, Prefect, General Secretary of the ANFACI

18h00 – 18h40

Short break with drinks and a little snack

18h40 - 19h00

Departure to Noord-Brabants Museum

19h00 - 19h45

Start of walking dinner

19h45 - 20h15

Welcome by mayor Ton Rombouts of 's-Hertogenbosch, Museum Director Charles de Mooij and Jheronimus Bosch expert Matthijs IIsink

20h15 - 21h15

Tour Jheronimus Bosch exhibition

21h15 – 23h00

Continuation walking dinner

23h00

Departure to Hotel Ruwenberg

SPOUSES PROGRAMME

13h50 Departure to center of Den Bosch

14h15 Walking tour Jheronimus Bosch Experience Route

15h15 Boat trip Jheronimus Bosch

16h15 Continue walking tour Jheronimus Bosch Experience Route and drinks

17h30 Departure to Hotel De Ruwenberg

Friday 22 April

Province Noord Brabant: Den Bosch

8h30

Departure to High Tech Campus (HTC) Eindhoven

9h15 – 12h00

Visit HTC

Introduction to the excursions:

- ❖ **Mr. Cees Admiraal**, Director Business Development High Tech Campus Eindhoven
- ❖ **Mr. Wim van de Donk** (about innovations)

Visit to companies

- ❖ NXP Semiconductors
- ❖ Holst Centre

❖ Solliance Solar Research

12h00 – 12h45

Departure to Provinciehuis Noord-Brabant

12h45 – 14h00

Lunch (Bois Le Duc)

Including Boardmeeting (Statenzaal) (12.45 - 13.15, after that the board members will join for lunch)

14h00 – 15h15

Round Table II : Sustainable Energy (Statenzaal)

Introduction by:

- ❖ **Mr. Ronald Hopman**, Director Business Development Veolia
- ❖ **Mr. Christoph Hillenbrand**, Regierungspraesident of Ober Bayern (München)
- ❖ **Mrs. Anne-Marie Spierings**, Minister Sustainable Energy of the Province of Noord-Brabant

Moderator : **Mrs Marta Cimas-Hernando**, Director of international relations at the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP)

15h15-15h30

Pause

15h30 – 16h45

Round Table III – Smart Mobility (Statenzaal)

Introduction by :

- ❖ **Mr. Lodewijk De Witte**, Governor of Flemish-Brabant
- ❖ **Mr. Menno Kleingeld**, Director VDL Enabling Transport Solutions
- ❖ **Mr. Herald Ruijters**, Head of Unit, DG Move, European Commission

Moderator : **M. Stéphane Fratacci**, Regional Prefect (Alsace-Lorraine Champagne-Ardenne)

16h45 – 17h00

Synthesis of the STR's reflections

- ❖ **Mr. Jean-Michel Bricault**, Professor at the University of Reims Champagne Ardennes

17h00-18h00

Closing session, including

- ❖ **Mr. Ronald Plasterk**, Minister of the Interior & Kingdom Relations
Netherlands
- ❖ **Mr. Pierre-Etienne Bisch**, Secretary General of EASTR/AERTE
- ❖ **Mr. Wim van de Donk**, Kings Commissioner in Noord-Brabant,
president of EASTR/AERTE
- ❖ **Mrs. Terttu Savolainen**, Director General for the Regional State
Administrative Agency for Northern Finland

18h00

Departure to Hotel De Ruwenberg

19h30

Departure to dinner location at Provinciehuis of Noord-Brabant

20h00 - 23h45

Gala dinner

23h45

Departure to Hotel De Ruwenberg

SPOUSES PROGRAMME

09h45 Departure to Cityhall of Den Bosch

10h00 Tour through Cityhall of Den Bosch

10h45 Coffee/tea with Den Bosch special cake

11h30 Visit the Zwanenbroedershuis

12h30 Departure to Provinciehuis of Noord-Brabant

12h45 Lunch at Provinciehuis of Noord-Brabant

14h00-19h30 Spare time

Saturday 23 April

Province Limburg: Maastricht

Until 9h00

Check-out guests (optional) and departure to Maastricht

10h30-11h00

Arrival at Gouvernement Maastricht. Welcome by governor **Mr. Theo Bovens**, governor of the Province of Limburg
Coffee/thee and pastry

11h00-12h00

Program in the States plenary Hall because of the Maastricht Treaty (25 years existence of this treaty).

Key note speech on innovation and sustainability by:

- ❖ **Mrs. Maria van der Hoeven**, Former minister of Economic Affairs (NL), former minister of Education, Culture and Sciences and former Director of the International Energy Agency.

12h00 - 13h30

Lunch

13h30 - 13h45

Departure to two locations for parallel program

13h45 - 15h15

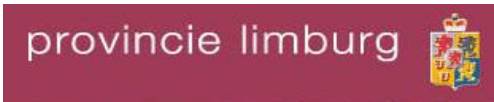
1. Winetasting at Chateau Neercanne
or
2. Visit to Cannerberg (former-NATO headquarter)

15h15 - 16h30

Closing drinks at Chateau Neercanne

16h30

End of program – Return to hotels, stations or airports



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