



PROGRAMME

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*SEMINAR ON
CIVIL PROTECTION AND CROSSBORDER COOPERATION – A GREATER ROLE
FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES*

UDINE, ITALY

THURSDAY 26 MAY 2005

8.30 p.m. Welcoming dinner at Udine (venue to be confirmed)

FRIDAY 27 MAY 2005

9 a.m. Registration of participants

9.30 a.m. Opening of the Seminar

- **Mr Olivier Bertrand**, Chairman of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the Committee of the Regions
- **Professor Sergio Cecotti**, Mayor of Udine
- **Professor Marzio Strassoldo**, President of the Province of Udine

9.40 a.m.

Session 1: EU policy in the field of Civil protection and cross-border cooperation

This session will be chaired by **Mr Isidoro Gottardo**, member of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Council, member of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the Committee of the Regions and rapporteur on Civil Protection

- **Mr Guy Bley**, EU Presidency, Head of the Civil Protection Division, Ministry



of Internal Affairs – *Civil protection under the Luxemburg Presidency*

- **Mr Alfonso Andria**, Member of the European Parliament – *The European Parliament's view on Civil Protection and cross-border cooperation*
- **Mr Gilles Vincent**, European Commission, DG Environment – *Presentation of the new legislative proposals for a Rapid Response and Preparedness Instrument for Major Emergencies and the EU Solidarity Fund*
- **Mrs Claudia FILIPPONE**, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe - *The main civil protection challenges for regional and local authorities - the approach of the Congress*
- **Debate**

10.55 a.m.

Session 2: Regional developments in the field of Civil protection and cross-border cooperation in the border regions between Italy, Austria and Slovenia

This session will be chaired by **Assessore Franco Iacop**, Regional minister for international affairs in the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region

- **Mr Guglielmo Berlasso**, Director at the Civil Protection Ministry in the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region – *The experience of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region*
- **Mr Egon Rauter**, Managing Director of Society of National Defense and Security Politics in Carinzia - *The Austrian experience*
- **Mr Branko Dervodel**, Deputy Director General of the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief - *The Slovenian experience*

11.45 a.m.

Pause

11.55 a.m.

Launch of the national evacuation exercise for schools to be broadcasted by the RAI radio from the seminar at 12 noon

12.15 p.m.

Continuation of Session 2: Debate and conclusions

- **Mr Gianfranco Moretton**, Regional minister for Civil Protection in the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region
- **Mr Guido Bertolaso**, Head of the Italian Department for Civil Protection



1 p.m. Lunch at Casa della Contadinanza, Udine

2.30 p.m. Continuation of the Seminar

Session 3: Case studies of cross-border cooperation

This session will be chaired by **Mr Olivier Bertrand**, Chairman of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the Committee of the Regions

- **Mr Wim van Gelder**, Queen's Commissioner of the Province of Zeeland (Netherlands) and Vice Chairman of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the Committee of the Regions – *Examples of civil protection cooperation between the Netherlands, the UK, Belgium and Germany*
- **Mr Christos Chatzopolous**, President of the region Dievrimenis N.A. Evrou-Rodopis (Greece) and member of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the Committee of the Regions – *Flood prevention cooperation between Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey*
- **Mr Ferenc Benkő**, Mayor of Tiszaladány (Hungary) and member of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the Committee of the Regions - *Flood prevention cooperation between Hungary, Romania and Ukraine*
- **Ms Sabine Lackner**, Head of Division International Operations, German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) *Crossborder operation of relief organisations (to be confirmed)*
- **Debate**

3.45 p.m. Conclusions of the Seminar by Mr Olivier Bertrand, Chairman of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the Committee of the Regions

4 p.m. Bus departure to visit the fair “Emergenze 2005” on Civil Protection in Pordenone

4.45 p.m.–6 p.m. Visit to the fair

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SATURDAY 28 MAY 2005

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Guided tour of the city of Udine
