



Panel 3. Bottom-up governance in the cross-border contexts

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Governance in the cross-border context is a challenging issue, mainly due to “not in my backyard” approach. Nevertheless, it is the subject of top-down initiatives and projects, to mention only the most spectacular examples like Øresund Bridge between Malmö and Copenhagen, or Fehmarnbelt link between Denmark and Germany. On the other hand many bottom-up initiatives across Europe are supported with various European structural funds and are implemented in the extent of neighbouring districts, or cities located in euroregions.

The session aims to investigate different types of bottom-up initiatives in cross-border governance in regional and urban scale, learn from successful examples and analyze the reasons for failure ones, in particular, on the backdrop of emerging euroregions on the Eastern border of the EU and more advanced examples from Central Europe.

During the session, the specific focus will be put on the following aspects of cross-border bottom-up governance:

- (1) are the bottom-up governance initiatives successful to foster socio-economic development?
- (2) how to transfer the bottom-up governance outcomes into binding governance documents at regional and urban scale?
- (3) how to finance cross-border bottom-up governance?
- (4) how to encourage citizen to participate in bottom-up governance approaches?

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