Discussion paper
for stakeholder consultation to be held on Wednesday 15 March, 14h00-16h00
at the premises of the Committee of the Regions (Rue Van Maerlant 2, B-1040 Brussels), Room VMA 8/45

Preparation of the CoR opinion

People-to-people and small scale projects in cross-border cooperation programmes

1. Definition of small projects
   - What should be the maximum size for the project to be considered people-to-people? How should such projects be defined as far as content is concerned?
   - What should be the maximum size of small scale (infrastructure) projects?
   - Should there be a minimum size set for such projects?

2. Past and current situation – overview of the use of P2P and small projects in CBC programmes
   - What are your experiences with financing people-to-people and small scale projects in the past and in the current programming period?
   - How did the implementation of such projects evolved? (positive and negative changes)

3. Added value of people-to-people and small scale projects
   - What is the added value of people-to-people projects and small scale projects that you see in your region?
   - Can you provide specific examples as supporting evidence?

4. Advantages of decentralized implementation
   - What are the advantages of decentralized implementation of people-to-people and small scale projects that you see in your region?
   - Can you provide specific examples as supporting evidence?

5. Role of euroregions and similar cross-border structures
   - What is the role of euroregions and similar cross-border structures (incl. EGTCs) in the decentralized implementation of people-to-people and small scale projects in your region?
   - What would be the ideal role of such structures in the future CBC programmes?

6. Simplification as a prerequisite for successful implementation of small projects
   - What are the biggest administrative burdens faced by P2P and small scale projects in your region?
   - What simplification mechanisms are used for such projects in your region?
   - What further simplification measures should be introduced in the future generation of cross-border programmes?

7. Recommendations for the future CBC programmes 2020+
   - What are your recommendations for the future CBC programmes in this respect?