



The first information session in Kharkov

06-05-2013

The session was attended by six representatives of the Russian Federation and nine from Ukraine. They represented various institutions such as:

- Diatykovo Chamber of Commerce
- Aleksandrovsk Chamber of Commerce
- Kharkov Chamber of Commerce
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- Sumy Chamber of Commerce
- Kramatorsk Chamber of Commerce
- Kharkov National University
- Temryuk Chamber of Commerce
- Volgograd Chamber of Commerce
- Bryansk Chamber of Commerce
- National University of Technology. Centre for Research and International Relations, Faculty of International Relations Development
- Local administration from Kharkov
- Local administration from Kherson
- National Metallurgical Academy – Dnepropetrovsk
- Regional Foundation for Support of Entrepreneurship from Poltava

The first day was devoted to the presentation of the structural framework in which cross-border cooperation in the European Union is carried out. Mr. Robert Khorolsky – Head of International Legal Practice – presented objectives of the Cross-Border Co-operation and its correlation to general policy aims.

During the second day participants discussed the issues of CSOs partnerships across borders with Maria Karasińska-Fendler – Senior Expert of European Institute, Lodz, Poland – and the problems of horizontal co-operation of SMEs in the scope of cross-border co-operation with Iwona Adamkiewicz – Senior Expert Research and Innovation Centre Pro-Akademia.

Mr. Marek Kozak – Professor of Warsaw University, Centre for European Regional and Local Studies EUROREG – shared his experience in Managing cross-border co-operation programmes in practice and Building people-to-people relations by joint tackling societal challenges.

The fourth day was devoted to discussing European experience in the scope of management of natural resources and developing innovations.

Ewa Kochanska – President of Research and Innovation Centre Pro-Akademia – presented projects solving problems in the most effective way

During the last day the group learned about possibilities of improving access to transport and communication networks through developing joint use of infrastructure. Jana Pieriegud – Associate Professor of Warsaw School of Economics – presented key infrastructural problems at the EU borders and within its neighborhood and implemented solutions.

In the afternoon Ewa Kochanska ran workshop on preparing joint reports of participants describing the lessons learned, good practices and the relevance of European experience to overcome obstacles identified in the local border area.