



# CETREGIO

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# VIP Trip to Germany, Czech Republic and Poland Regional Innovation and Competitiveness

09 – 16 November 2014

An event prepared for Delegates from NDRC

# **PROGRAMME**

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#### **Programme Description**

The training session will contain a relevant mix of workshops, lectures and field visits. On arrival in Europe, participants will undertake field visits to Germany, Czech Republic and Poland.

At this stage, GIZ has decided not to provide a detailed description of every topic, but just the main contents of the session as well as possible lecturers and regions to be involved. Detailed descriptions will be elaborated prior agreement with the DG Regional Policy on the final schedule.

#### Programme Overview

Day	General Issues	Cities / Regions
Day 1 – <b>Sunday,9</b> November 2014	Travel Day 00:50 – 04:40 Flight Beijing Amsterdam (CZ345) 09:55 – 11:15 Flight Amsterdam- Berlin (CZ7659 – by KLM) Cultural Programme in Berlin Accommodation in Berlin	Beijing (CN) – Berlin (DE)
Day 2 – <b>Monday,10</b> November 2014	Meetings in Berlin Visit of Adlershof Innovation Park Meeting with local authorities Accommodation in Berlin	Berlin (DE)
Day 3 - <b>Tuesday, 11</b> November 2014	Morning: Meetings in Berlin 14:44 – 19:27 Train trip to Prague Accommodation in Prague	Berlin – Prague (CZ)
Day 4- Wednesday, 12 November 2014	Meetings in Prague Accommodation in Prague	Prague (CZ)
Day 5 - <b>Thursday, 13</b> November 2014	Morning: Meetings in Prague 17:35-19:05 Flight Prague – Warsaw (Czech Airlines OK778) Accommodation in Warsaw	Prague – Warsaw (PL)
Day6 - <b>Friday, 14</b> November 2014	Meetings in Warsaw Accommodation in Warsaw	Warsaw (PL)
Day 7 – <b>Saturday, 15</b> November 2014	13:10 – 15:15 Flight Warsaw-Amsterdam (CZ7959 – by KLM) 17:40 – 09:55 (+1) Flight Amsterdam – Beijing (CZ768 – by KLM)	Warsaw (PL) – Beijing (CN)

#### **Programme Details**

#### Day 1 - Travel Day

#### Sunday, 09 November 2014 - Travel Day

00:50 – 04:40 Flight Beijing Amsterdam (CZ345)

09:55 – 11:15 Flight Amsterdam- Berlin (CZ7659 – by KLM)

11:30 - 12:00 Transfer to the Hotel

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

14:00 – 19:00 Cultural Programme in Berlin

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#### Day 2

### Monday, 10 November 2014

09:00 – 09:45 Transfer by bus to Berlin Adlershof

10:00 – 12:00 Visit of Berlin Adlershof

Description: Berlin Adlershof is one of the most successful high-tech locations in Germany. Embedded in an overall urban development concept, this integrated Science, Business and Media location has been growing on an area of 4.2 km2 since 1991. At the core of the concept is a Science and Technology Park with 425 companies, eleven non-university research institutes and six scientific institutes of the Humboldt University in Berlin. The companies and the non-university scientific institutes focus on: Photonics and Optics; Microsystems and Materials; IT- and Media; Bio Technology and Environment as well as Photovoltaics (preliminary quotation of the website). Adlershof has since been cofinanced by the European Funds for Regional Development (ERDF).

Lecturer: Representative of Adlershof Convent, WISTA Management Adlershof

12:00 – 13:00 Transfer back to Berlin Mitte

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Regional Operational Programme Berlin and Cooperation with Brandenburg

Description: Under the ROP Berlin, the city reinforces the capacity for innovation and adaptability and the productivity of private industry. This lecture will reflect on the regional cooperation, the incipient boundary migration and commuting relations, the convergence of economic and labour market region for parallel structural change and joint activities (innovation strategy, institutional cooperation, joint authorities).

Lecturer: Administration for Economy, Technology and Research (MA of ROP Berlin)

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#### Day 3 - Travel Day

#### Tuesday, 11 November 2014

09:00 – 11:00 Meeting with GIZ representatives

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

14:44 – 19:27 Train trip to Prague

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#### Day 4

#### Wednesday, 12 November 2014

09:00 – 09:30 Welcoming words by CETREGIO and Introduction to EU Regional Policy

09:30 – 10:30 European Funds in the Czech Republic

Description: The National Coordination Authority (NCA) is an authority covering all operational programs in the Czech Republic financed from the structural funds and the Cohesion Fund of the European Union. It works within the Ministry for Regional Development of the Czech Republic that was appointed a central methodical and coordination authority of the economic and social cohesion policy in the period 2014-2020 and manages a total budget of 22 bn. Euro.

Lecturer: Mr Vladimír Kváča (Ph.D), Director, Partnership Agreement Evaluation and Strategy Department

10:30 – 11:00 Cross-border Cooperation between Poland and the Czech Republic

Description: The Operational Program Cross-Border Cooperation CR-Poland (OP CR-Poland) amounts approx. 220 mio. Euro, supplemented from Czech and Polish national public resources by 38.73 mi. Euro. It is focused on several axes including transport accessibility of the cross-border region, support of economic cooperation, support of cross-border infrastructure as well as tourism services development. As concerns the operational programs of cross-border cooperation, the cross-border effect of the project is important as both sides of the border must provably benefit from the project realization. In addition, the projects have to include beneficiaries from both countries that cooperate at least in two of the following ways: common preparation, common realization, common use of employees and common financing.

Lecturer: Mr. Vladimir Sourek, Department of Cross-border Cooperation, Ministry of Regional Development

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 City regions and polycentric territorial development in Czech Republic

Description: The focus on polycentric settlement systems is framed by the normative goal of sustainable spatially balanced territorial (see ESPON, Interreg IIIb IIIB programmes). The experience of the former socialist countries of Central Europe shows that issues of territorial development discussed under the concept of polycentricity have a long tradition in this region. Instead of a division of space into exclusive and closed territories with only one choice structure, which was operationalized under Communism, polycentricity now offers a plurality of choices for populations and firms within a networked system of centres.

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Ludek Sýkora, Charles University, Prague, Faculty of Science, Department of Social Geography & Regional Development

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch at the Hotel

Free afternoon

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#### Day 5 - Travel Day

#### Thursday, 13 November 2014

09:30 – 11:00 Field Visit organised by the Ministry for Regional Development

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch at the Hotel

17:35 – 19:05 Flight Prague-Warsaw

Accommodation in Warsaw

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#### Day 6

#### Friday, 14 November 2014

10:00 – 10:50 EU Support to Regional Policy in Poland, using the examples from Warsaw

Description: Warsaw is a capital and the largest city in Poland. At the same time it's a leader when it comes to the use of EU funds. During the past 7 years it has encountered a dynamic growth, to large extent fuelled by the European funding. Efficient implementation of the most significant investments in the history of the city is a merit of the European Funds and Economic Development Department of the City of Warsaw, which will share its experiences in the implementation of regional policy projects from EU funds.

Lecturer: NN, European Funds and Economic Development Department, City of Warsaw (tbc)

11:00 – 13:00 Field visit to the Copernicus Science Centre

Description: The Copernicus Science Centre is a complex of buildings with usable area of 17,660 square metres including exhibition halls, a planetarium, labs, cafeterias, restaurants, conference rooms, offices, warehouses and workshops. The centre is one of the largest investments in cultural infrastructure in Poland and Central Europe in recent years and has been financed under the Operational Programme Infrastructure and Environment, co-funded through ERDF.

Lecturer: Mr Przemysław Wielowiejski – Deputy Director, Copernicus Science Centre.

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Free afternoon

Accommodation in Warsaw

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## Day 7 - Travel Day

#### Saturday, 15 November 2014

13:10 – 15:15 Flight Warsaw-Amsterdam (CZ7959 – by KLM)

17:40 – 09:55 (+1) Flight Amsterdam – Beijing (CZ768 – by KLM)