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**CECICN highly represented at CoR Summit 2012**

**The Conference of European Cross-Border and Interregional City Networks (CECICN) is highly represented at the 5th European Summit of Regions and Cities, to be organised by the Committee of the Regions (CoR) in cooperation with the** [**City of Copenhagen**](http://www.copenhagen.com/) **and the** [**Capital Region of Denmark**](http://www.regionh.dk/English/English.htm) **on 22 and 23 March 2012. CECICN has been officially invited to a CoR Summit for the first time.**

The 5th European Summit of Regions and Cities sets out to address the urban issue and to promote it as a crucial dimension in the debate on the future of European Union policies. The idea of an “urban fabric” takes account of the long-standing capacity of European cities and regions to re-invent themselves as places to live, with enhanced intellectual, cultural, economic and social exchanges thanks to innovative urban planning and architectural projects.

The Conference of European Cross-border and interregional City Networks (CECICN) was created in 2010. Its objective is to boost territorial cooperation among border cities in Europe and to reinforce the message concerning the importance of territorial cooperation. CECICN gathers six cooperating networks that represent more than 500 cities in border regions and 37% of European population.

CECICN is highly represented at the Summit by the President of the [Mision Opérationelle Transfrontalière](http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/) (MOT) Michel Delebarre, as a member of CECICN and Wolfgang Schmidt, member of the CECICN Executive Board.

The President of CECICN, Per Bødker Andersen sees great opportunities in the Summit: “The fact that the CoR invited CECICN officially for the first time to the Summit shows clearly that we are a strong, visible and trustworthy leader for cities in Europe.”

The CoR Summit gives Mayors of cities and Presidents of regions the opportunity to voice their views on the many challenges they face and to present some of their practical solutions and innovative approaches on best urban development practices.

CECICN President Per Bødker Andersen points out that it will present a possibility to make clear towards Mercedes Bresso, President of CoR and Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, what this European network has to offer for Europe 2020: “In a globalising world, regional cooperation between cities makes us all stronger and better equipped to deal with future challenges. In a Europe where macro-regions play a growing role, cooperation is essential to achieve common goals.”