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**Dear friends!**

I have already informed you about our activities in connection with the Conference of European Cross-Border and Interregional City Networks – CECICN. This network of networks involves six cooperation networks that represent more than 500 cities and border regions and 37% of European population. As you might know, I was elected unanimously as President of CECICN.

**Today, I warmly invite you to the 1st Congress on Smart Cooperation: “Territorial Cooperation fostering European integration: Cities and Regions linking across borders” will be held in A Coruña, on June 25 and 26, 2012**

In a context of crisis, it is of major importance to discuss what the benefits of cooperation are, what opportunities it represents and how, through cooperation, Europe can overcome the challenges it faces in the near future. The objective of the Congress is to discuss key messages about why cooperation is the key to achieve Europe 2020 and Single Market goals. Organized by the CECICN, the event will bring together senior representatives of European institutions and stakeholders from all European borders.

**Find more detailed information on the conference website:** [**http://cecicn.eu**](http://cecicn.eu)

I thank you in advance for any communication and publicity that you might be able to provide for this event (on your websites, in your newsletters, etc.).

Yours sincerely

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