

# From the Periphery to the Centre

## Universities as Engines of European Border Regions

Europe is growing together most notably at its borders. The proceeding Europeanisation of formerly national policies provides border regions with increasing opportunities to step from national periphery into the European centre. At the same time, border regions serve as testing laboratories for the future of European integration.



Flensburg, close to the border of Denmark

Thematically, the conference encompasses the whole spectre of the so-called “knowledge triangle” Education-Research-Innovation with regard to cross-border cooperation of European higher education institutions. Within this framework, the issues “Mobility” and “Social and Economic Development of Border Regions” will be focussed on.

We expect about 200 representatives from higher education institutions situated in border regions within the EU or, respectively, on both sides of the EU’s external border; actors involved in regional policy, regional planning and business in European border regions.

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## Conference Programme

### Thursday, 14 June 2007

#### Arrival of participants in Flensburg or Sønderborg

**Venue:** New Campus of the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) in Sønderborg, Denmark

16.00 h

#### Welcome Addresses to the Plenary

Prof. Dr. Jens Oddershede, Rector of SDU and President of the Danish Rectors’ Conference

Prof. Dr. Klaus Dicke, Rector of the University of Jena and Vice-President of the German Rectors’ Conference

16.20 h

#### Keynote Speeches

Dirk Ahner, General Director for Regional Policy of the EU Commission (tbc.)

Prof. Dr. Georg Winckler, President of the European University Association (EUA) and Rector of the University of Vienna (tbc.)

18.15 h

#### Concert

19.30 h

#### Official Dinner

**Dinner Speech:** Jørgen Mads Clausen, President and CEO of Danfoss Group, Nordborg, Denmark

#### Transfer of the participants to the hotels

### Friday, 15 June 2007

**Venue:** Campus of the University of Flensburg and the University of Applied Sciences Flensburg, Germany

09.00 h

#### Start of the Workshops

09.00 – 10.45 h **Parallel Workshops**

Cross-border Cooperation and the Knowledge Triangle (Education, Research and Innovation)

1. The Bologna Process, Joint Degrees and the Experience of Inter-University Cooperation in Border Regions
2. Research Training in Border Regions
3. From Idea to Product – Research, Development and Innovation in Border Regions

10.45 – 11.15 h **Coffee Break**

11.15 – 13.00 h **Continuation of Parallel Workshops**

4. Lifelong Learning on the Vocational Training and the University Level in Border Regions
5. Research on Border Regions in Border Regions
6. Innovation by Companies in Border Regions (in cooperation and close contact with universities)

## Conference Programme

**13.00 – 14.30 h Lunch-Bufferet and Project Poster Exhibition and Competition**

**14.30 h Start of Plenary Meeting**

**14.30 – 15.00 h Conclusions from the Workshops:**  
How do Universities Become Engines of Regional Development? The Best Ideas of the Workshops

**15.00 – 16.30 h Panel Debate:**  
Financing Cooperation in Border Areas

**16.30 – 16.45 h Closing Speeches**

**19.00 h Dinner on Invitation of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Flensburg City (IHK Flensburg)**

**Dinner Speech:** Heinz Maurus, Head of the Prime Minister's Office of Schleswig-Holstein, who will award the Prize for the Best Project Poster

**Saturday, 16 June 2007**

### Cultural Programme

Boat trip on the Flensburg Fjord and visit of Glücksburg Castle

**Departure of participants**

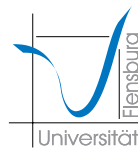
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