



International Meeting

European integration, knowledge, innovations and democratic governance of development

*The strategic role of decentralized cooperation in economics, environment, services and
capacity building*

Tirana, 13 - 14 January 2011

Preliminary Program

13 January 2011

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| 8:30 | Registration |
| 9:00 | Opening remarks |
| 9:30 | Process of European integration and contribution from decentralized cooperation actors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support from UNDP ART GOLD2 Albania to the process of European integration• The role of European Regions and partnerships for democratic governance for development in Albania and in the Balkans• Closing remarks |
| 11:00 | Knowledge, innovation and governance for development with regard to MDGs and European integration: good practices and contributions from decentralized cooperation.
The Albanian experience, with the support of ART GOLD2 and decentralized cooperation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• good governance for territorial development and the role of LEDAs• Shkodra's experience• Vlora's experience• human development laboratories• other experiences• closing remarks |
| 14:30 | Decentralized cooperation: towards a concerted strategy for the Balkans <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Representatives from Italian and European Regions and Local Administrations• Closing remarks |

- 16:00 The quality of development and decentralized cooperation: from fragmented experiences to strategic and innovative projects and human development laboratories. Workshops:
- Good governance for development and the role of different actors: international organizations, national governments and civil society actors
 - Strategic innovations in the fields of human development: economics, environment, health, social protection, culture, education.
 - Forming development professionals: towards the International School for Human Development
- 19:00 Closing remarks of the first day
- 21:00 Concert organized by a cultural association

14 January 2011

- 9:00 Workshop reports
- presentation by each working group
- 9:45 Ideas and proposals for the future
- Results of the Cairo Forum and Mediterranean University of Crafts and Trades
 - Towards an international network for strategic decentralized cooperation in Albania and the Balkans
 - Towards an International School of Human Development and Cooperation
 - Remarks from authorities from Italian and European Regions, Local Administrations, NGOs and Universities
- 11:45 Round table
- Chair and conclusions by a high level authority from the Albania Government and the UNDP Resident Representative
 - Discussants: Representatives from the European Union, Cultural Council of the Union for Mediterranean, Italian Government, Greek Government, Council of Europe, Committee of European Regions and Austrian Government.
- 13:30 Closing remarks