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**EMBRACING SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
IN DISADVANTAGEOUS AREAS
THROUGH INFORMATION & KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY**

The EMBRACE II Project Consortium
is honored to invite you to its closing conference entitled:

**Embracing Socioeconomic Development in
Disadvantageous Areas
through Information and Knowledge Society:
Experience and Results of the EMBRACE II Project**

that will take place on
Thursday, 17th of January 2008, 09:00 am
at TITANIA Hotel
52 Panepistimiou Ave., Athens

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09:00 – 09:30 **Arrival and Registration**

09:30 – 09:50 **Welcome Address**

Mr. Dinos Papapolyzos, TREK Consulting SA
Representative from the Managing Authority of CIP INTERREG*

09:50 – 10:20 **Overview, Main Results and Achievements of EMBRACE II**

Mrs. Melina Lazaropoulou, TREK Consulting SA

10:20 – 11:00

- **SMEs Experience, Evaluation and Feedback on the EMBRACE Portal**
- **Policy Makers' Evaluation and Feedback on the SMEs Observatory**
- **Follow-up Strategy**

Mrs. Mina Torou, TREK Consulting SA

11:00 – 13:30 **Regional Competitiveness, Information Society and Entrepreneurship in the New Programming Period 2007-2013**

Moderator: Mrs. Melina Lazaropoulou, TREK Consulting SA

- *Mr. Kostas Kokkinoplitis*, Head of Management & Implementation of NSRF 2007-2013, Ministry of Economy & Finance – Greece
- *Prof. Giancarlo Raffaldi*, Consultant of CESTEC – Italy
- *Mr. Alberto Mazin*, Vice-Mayor of the Municipality of Piran – Slovenia
- *Mr. Gejza Legen*, Vice Director of the RDA Kosice – Slovakia
- *Mr. Aleksandar Tonkov*, Executive Director of RDA Plovdiv & Member of the Council for Development of South-Central Region – Bulgaria
- *Mr. Bashkim Sykja*, Director in the Directorate of Business Promotion, Ministry of Economy, Trade & Energy – Albania
- *Mr. Zoran Vukcevic*, Director of SMEDA – Montenegro
- *Mrs. Marija Nicovij*, Manager of Centre for Women Entrepreneurship – Serbia

13:30

Buffet



Venue: TITANIA Hotel (52 Panepistimiou Ave., Athens)



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