



INTERREG III B - RePUS
Strategy for a Regional Polycentric Urban System in Central-Eastern Europe
Economic Integrating Zone

The project RePUS is focused on polycentric urban development in Central-Eastern Europe stressing in particular the role of Small and Medium Cities (SMC) and the urban-rural relations. The main target is to assess the potential for a more diffused urban type development that can contribute to strength the economic growth of this areas at large, counterbalancing the increasing urban and economic polarisation that is taken place since the 1990s with transition. Beyond the central role of the capital cities and the main urban poles, does exist a potential for the strengthening of the SMC and improve the rural areas accessibility and service provision. The economic, social and spatial implications will be analysed both from the empirical as well as policy point of views looking the aspects of integration and cooperation among the urban areas, in the territorial contiguity as well as at trans-national level.

1° RePUS Conference

TOWARDS A POLYCENTRIC EUROPE
Enhancing the role of *SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED CITIES*
For strengthening regional development

23-24 November 2006

Prague

Congress Centre

Hotel Masarykova kolej

Thursday 23 November

14.00 - Registration

Session 1

14.15 - *Welcome speeches*

by **Martin Tunka**, Czech Ministry of Regional Development, Prague

by **Ludovico Gherardi**, Head of European Policies Department, Region Emilia Romagna

Chairman: **Karel Maier**, Technical University, Prague

14.30 *Polycentric development and regional disparities*, by **Roberta Benini**, RePUS Scientific Project Director

14.50 *City-networks: a multi-layer concept for territorial development strategies*, by **Roberto Camagni**, Politecnico of Milan, Italy

15.10 *Towards polycentricity: the French experience*, by **Anna Geppert**, Institute of Territorial Planning and Environment (IATEUR), University of Reims

15.30 *Analysis of urban settlements in Slovakia*, by **Maros Finka**, Slovak University of Technology, Bratislava

15.50 *The role of Small and Medium Sized Cities in polycentric development: context of European and national policies*, by **Elisabeth Vajdovich Visy**, VATI, Budapest

16.10 - Discussion

16.30 - Coffee Break

- 16.40 *Evolution of Influence Cities in a Period of Systemic Transformation*, by **Andrzej Zborowski**, Institute of Geography and Spatial Management, Jagiellonian University
- 17.00 *The systems of indicators for regional and urban development – lessons from CONSPACE project*, by **Andrej Černe**, Faculty of Arts, Department of Geography, University of Ljubljana
- 17.20 *The importance of cross-border city cooperation and networking for potential European integration zones*, by **Natasha Pichler- Milanovic**, Department of Geography, University of Ljubljana
- 17.40 *From spatial planning to local development strategies: SMC networks in the district of Modena (region Emilia-Romagna)*, by **Maurizio Maletti**, Vice-President and Member of the Committee and **Stefano Trota**, Territorial Planning Department, Province of Modena
- 17.55 *Polycentric development and spatial planning of the Bologna metropolitan area*, by Ing. **Alessandro Delpiano**, Territorial Planning and Transport Department, Province of Bologna
- 18.10 - Discussion
- 18.30 *Closure of the Session 1*

Friday 24 November

Session 2

Chairman: **Ferencsik István**, VATI, Budapest

- 09.00 *Specificities of urban system changes in Slovenia*, by **Natasha Pichler- Milanovic** and **alias**, Department of Geography, University of Ljubljana
- 09.20 *Polycentric network of Small and Medium Sized Towns in the shadow of the capital*, by **Radvánszki Ádám** and **Sütő Attila**, VATI, Budapest
- 09.40 *The main features of the settlement system in Poland – Outcomes of Analysis*, by **Grazyna Korzeniak** and **Agnieszka Rozenau-Rybowicz**, Institute of Urban Development, Krakow
- 10.00 - Discussion
- 10.20 - Coffee Break**
- 10.35 *South eastern Austria's prerequisites in respect of transborder cooperation of small and medium sized cities*, by **Ursula Mollay**, OIR, Wien
- 10.55 *Analysis of Czech LLSs/FUAs and regions typology and development potentials*, by **Karel Maier**, Technical University, Prague and **Ondrej Mulicek**, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University in Brno
- 11.15 *Existing functional polycentricity in the Czech Republic and potentials for its development*, by **Karel Maier**, Technical University, Prague and **Ondrej Mulicek**, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University in Brno
- 11.35 *Regional urban settlement system in the Northern Italian regions*, by **Roberta Benini**, RePUS Scientific Project Director
- 11.55 - Discussion
- 12.30 *Closure of the Conference*, by **Roberta Benini**, Region Emilia Romagna