POLITICAL DEBATE REGIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES IN ACTION: TACKLING UNCERTAINTY THROUGH PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS, AND PROTECTION IN EUROPEAN CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES.

Time: Wednesday, 15/10/25, 11:30 – 13:00 CET

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Sumary: In times of uncertainty, the role of regions and cities becomes more crucial than ever. Being closest to citizens, they can offer a framework of security and trust. This is particularly relevant in cross-border areas, due to their specific challenges which are further intensified by current trends. We aim to address civil protection in a cross-border context, showcasing the efforts carried out on the ground and their key contribution to building a safer and resilient European Union. Our political representatives and project managers will present initiatives in areas like natural disaster prevention and management, communication and preparedness, and coordination with different organisations.

Structure of the Seminar:

11:30 Welcome words and some words about the AEBR.

11:35. Panel 1.

Adamantios Papadopoulos, Mayor of Orestiada, Greece

Kamilla Thue, Mayor of Eidskog, Norway.

Riccardo Riccardi, Regional Minister of Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, Italy

Juan Carlos Suárez-Quiñones, Regional Minister of Castilla y León, Spain.

Q&A

12:15 Video Testimonial Maramures Region

12:20 Panel 2

Nerea Pérez Adriano, Policy Officer, Municipality of Verin, Spain

Triantafyllia Kazakou, Advisor to the Regional Governor and the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, Greece.

Markus Leimegger, Head of Unit, City of Bolzano and South Tyrol Region, Italy.

Rosalind Cook, Head of Unit, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Q&A

Conclusions of the Political Debate, by Martin Guillermo Ramírez (AEBR).