

CONCLUSIONS FROM THE MEETING OF DEPUTY MINISTERS

Regional Development – Basis of Economic Prosperity

High Level Meeting – Strategy of Spatial and Regional Development of the V4 + 4 Countries

held in Demänovská dolina, Slovak Republic, on the 17th June 2015

We, the representatives of ministries responsible for spatial planning and regional development of the governments of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Republic of Serbia, Ukraine and the Slovak Republic

welcome the ongoing coordination of spatial planning and its extending to the field of regional development of our countries, for which the meeting of the deputy ministers held in Slovakia on the 17th June 2015 was an important milestone.

State that systematic cooperation in the field of spatial planning and regional development contributes to an effective coordination of sustainable development of our countries.

Acknowledge common challenges of spatial planning and regional development, such as strengthening of competitiveness, cohesion and reducing disparities among our countries.

Express our will to continue the cooperation in the future and recognize the value of territorial partnerships in order to face together the common challenges and potentials in the process of developing our territories.

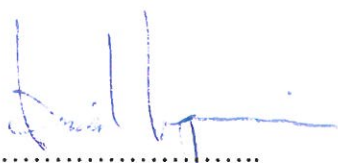
Appreciate the invitation from the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic for the meeting of the deputy ministers.

With regard to the above-stated declarations, we have agreed on the following conclusions:

1. We will make use of the knowledge, findings and experience obtained on the basis of the common cooperation in order to incorporate the actual results and development needs into relevant national spatial planning and regional development documents. We will also continue with mutual exchange of information on changes in the national documents.
2. We consider beneficial to extend the existing cooperation within V4 + 2 countries to the field of regional development in order to ensure the comprehensive approach within the identification of the common issues and opportunities.
3. We express our wish to start negotiations with Ukraine and Serbia about their involvement in the countries cooperation in the field of spatial planning and regional development.
4. We consider promising to strengthen and enhance the cooperation in cross-border areas in order to reduce disparities within our countries.

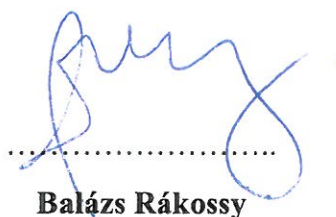
5. We will ensure the implementation of jointly adopted conclusions, which will result from the ongoing exchange of information and experience into the spatial planning and regional development policies.
6. Cooperation in the Carpathian region and neighbouring regions represents a great chance for the bonding of countries at different stages of development while ensuring a mutual benefit for all parties. We acknowledge the added value of the EU Danube Macro-regional Strategy to the Carpathian region to enhance the further development of countries involved.

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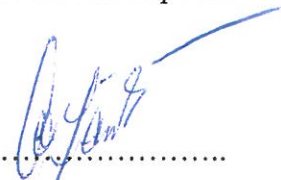
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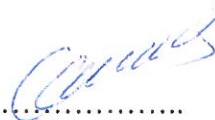
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