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**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
THE CENTRAL EUROPE PROGRAMME
PARTNER SEARCH FORUM**

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Are you a regional development professional? Or active in enhancing competitiveness, innovation, accessibility or the environment? Then you should not miss the possibility to learn about the latest news and funding opportunities offered by the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme through its priorities and to meet Programme actors, exchange project ideas and find partners for your EU-funded cooperation projects simultaneously!

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme is a part of the European Territorial Cooperation programmes 2007-2013 and contributes to the achievement of the European Union's Lisbon and Gothenburg goals (sustainable growth and jobs, competitiveness and innovation).

As the new call for project proposals will be launched at the beginning of 2009 the event will be an excellent opportunity to improve your knowledge about the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme and its funding possibilities but also to exchange practices and ideas.

Please mark the date of our event in your calendar. The second announcement and a draft programme will be mailed to you in the coming weeks. Starting on 24 October 2008 you can register for the event on the CENTRAL EUROPE website www.central2013.eu.

Best wishes

The CENTRAL EUROPE Managing Authority -
Department for EU Strategy and Economic
Development
and the Joint Technical Secretariat

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The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme is a European Union Territorial Cooperation Programme that promotes economic, environmental and social development in the area of Central Europe.

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme offers 231 Mio. € ERDF funds during the period 2007-2013 to support cooperation projects among national, regional and local actors.

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme area includes the EU countries of Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia and backs cooperation with Ukraine.

The CENTRAL EUROPE Programme focuses on four thematic priorities:

- 1) Facilitating innovation
- 2) Improving accessibility
- 3) Using environment responsibly
- 4) Enhancing competitiveness and attractiveness of cities and regions