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Fig. 1. Lo scenario della Coesione territoriale

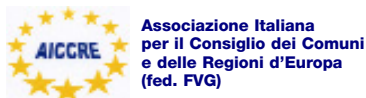
# INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON THE POLYCENTRIC EUROREGION TOWARDS A MORE COHESIVE AND COMPETITIVE ALPINE-ADRIATIC-DANUBIAN SYSTEM

**JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2009, AT 14.30**  
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**Chairman:**  
**prof. Margherita Chang,**  
DIRECTOR DIEA AND OF THE DOCTORATE IN ECONOMY,  
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**h. 14.30**  
**Welcome and opening**

**prof. Cristiana Compagno**  
RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF UDINE

**Mr. Lodovico Nevio Puntin**  
SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA CONSIGLIO  
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**Dr. Giovanni Da Pozzo**  
PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF UDINE

**h. 14.50**  
**General Introduction**

*The objectives of the meeting*  
**prof. Sandro Fabbro**  
DIEA, UNIVERSITY OF UDINE

*Urban polycentrism in Eu and Usa: performances and perspectives*  
**prof. Rolf Pendall**  
DEPARTMENT OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING,  
CORNELL UNIVERSITY, US

**h. 15.30**  
**The Polycentric Euroregion.  
A possible strategy?**

*Geopolitical definitions of the  
Alpine-Adriatic-Danubian Euroregion*  
**prof. Mauro Pascolini**  
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*Urban polycentrism in the Euroregion*  
**dr. Miran Gajšek**  
HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR URBAN PLANNING,  
MUNICIPALITY OF LJUBLJANA AND  
VICE PRESIDENT ECTP - CEU

*Urban and rural partnership in the  
Euroregion: the "Conspace" findings*  
**dr. Christian Seidenberger**  
OFFICE OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF CARINTHIA,  
DEPARTMENT FOR SPATIAL PLANNING

*Mobility infrastructures integration  
in the Euroregion*  
**dr. Dario Danese**  
CENTRAL DIRECTOR OF "MOBILITY, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT  
INFRASTRUCTURE" OF THE REGIONE AUTONOMA  
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

*Euroregional polycentric systems and  
the connections with the global networks*  
**arch. Franco Migliorini**  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF  
THE ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI URBANISTICA (INU)

**h. 16,45**  
**Coffee break**

**h. 17.00**  
**What kind of planning  
towards the Euroregion?**

*The Euroregional governance:  
EGTC for what?*  
**prof. Claudio Cressati  
and dott. Daniel Spizzo**  
UNIVERSITY OF UDINE

*A comparison between the existing regional  
(national) territorial planning systems*  
**dipl. ing. Beatrix Haselsberger**  
UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA (VISITING DOCTORATE STUDENT  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UDINE, TUTOR: PROF. S. FABBRO)

*From hierarchies to polycentric networking  
in territorial planning and governance*  
**dr. Mauro Pascoli**  
TERRITORIAL PLANNING SERVICE OF THE REGIONE  
AUTONOMA FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA  
**dr. Gianfranco Macchi**  
REGIONAL PLANNING CONSULTANT

*Urban Polycentrism between Localism and  
Global Networks in Recent Veneto Plans*  
**arch. Franco Alberti**  
HEAD URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT, VENETO REGION  
**prof. Igor Jogan**  
REGIONAL PLANNING CONSULTANT

*What kind of planning for the Euroregion?*  
MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SPATIAL PLANNING,  
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

**h. 18.15**  
**Discussion**

**h. 18.45**  
**Conclusions**

*The outcomes of the meeting and the next  
steps*  
**prof. Sandro Fabbro**  
UNIVERSITY OF UDINE

*The appointments of the Regione  
Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia towards  
the Euroregion*  
**dott. Renzo Tondo**  
PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONE AUTONOMA FRIULI VENEZIA  
GIULIA

**h. 19.15**  
**End of the meeting**

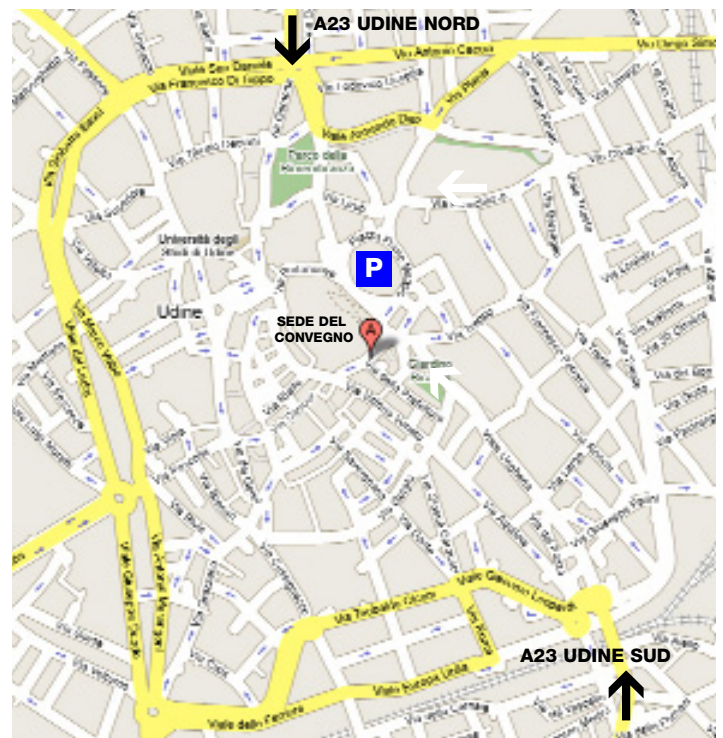
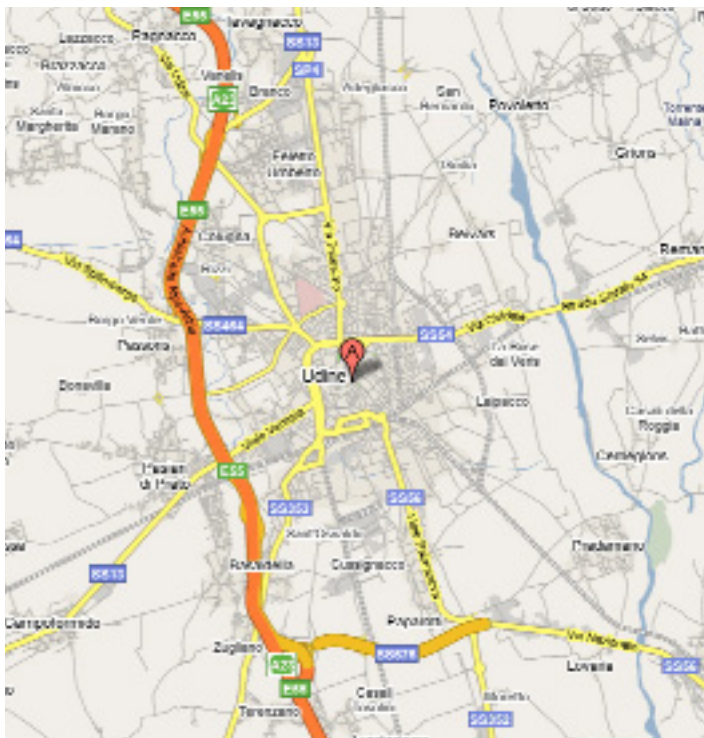
A buffet open to all participants  
and offered by Insiel, will follow  
at the "Caffè Contarena" (Piazza Libertà),

Official languages: Italian and English.  
A simultaneous translation in both  
the languages will be provided

#### Scientific coordination and organization of the meeting

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The future of the Alpine-Adriatic-Danubian area, in the next decades, does not seem so positive. A recent ESPON study\* combining expert analyses drawing together economists, geographers, transport experts, and spatial planners from the best European Universities, suggests three possible scenarios for this macro-region to 2030: the “Trend scenario”; the “Competitiveness-oriented scenario” and the “Cohesion-oriented scenario”. The Alpine-Adriatic-Danubian area, to which Slovenia, Carinthia, Veneto, Friuli Venezia Giulia and the other interested regions belong:

- > in the “Trend scenario” is characterised by: a process of high industrial decline; a greater dependence on the major metropolitan areas; weak connections between the cities; cities playing an essentially regional-local role; tourism offering the only economic chance;
- > in the “Competitiveness-Oriented scenario”, in terms of flows of people, goods, information, capital and of higher added value activities, the region remains almost completely cut off from the core areas; natural risks, as well as the other risks associated with the depopulation of the mountain areas (notably hydro-geological), develop and threaten also the stability of lowland territories; only Ljubljana emerges (weakly) as a metropolitan area, whilst the Adriatic coast relies on tourism development. The whole region remains dependent for higher order urban functions on Milan, Munich (both on the European “pentagon”) or Vienna ;
- > finally, only in the “Cohesion-Oriented scenario”, does the situation improve: polycentric connections and cooperation develops and solidifies between the main cities as well as the main territories, leading to pan-regional territorial development. Venice, Trieste, Lubiana and Graz develop their metropolitan potentials, along with connections along Milan and Vienna axis (the macro territorial level) while Udine, Klagenfurt and Maribor, as well networked local hubs support a coherent and balanced territorial structure between the macro, the meso and the micro levels.

A first conclusion that can be derived from this ESPON study is that it is only the “Cohesion-oriented scenario”, based on a metropolitan polycentrism, that can connect the potentialities of the macro with the qualities of the micro territorial level (the so called “territorial capital”), thereby ensuring the most optimistic future for the whole Alpine-Adriatic-Danubian area. All other alternatives foresee a regional future as purely a peripheral hinterland to great cities elsewhere, the Milan, Munich or Vienna metropolitan areas.

In developing an “Alpine-Adriatic-Danubian Euroregional spatial strategy”, the only sensible starting

point is to move towards the third “Cohesion Oriented” scenario, and seek out ways to make real the most desirable probably end-point for this Euregion.

The meeting organized by the University of Udine (with the collaboration of the Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia, the Associazione Italiana dei Comuni e delle Regioni d’Europa, the Chamber of Commerce, the European Council of Spatial Planners and the Istituto Nazionale di Urbanistica) on the “Polycentric Alpine-Adriatic-Danubian Euroregion” has, as its first aim, that of exploring, and answering, these two main questions: is the “Polycentric vision of the Alpine-Adriatic-Danubian Euroregion” a possible and desirable strategy? And, if yes, how can this strategy be politically and technically shared and pursued? Or, in other words, is an “Alpine-Adriatic polycentric euroregional planning system” possible?

To achieve these goals, the Meeting begins with a general introduction on the main characteristics and performances of urban polycentric systems, by Rolf Pendall of Cornell University (US). Thereafter follow two sessions: the former is dedicated to exploring and answering, from different perspectives, the validity of the polycentric strategy. The latter is dedicated to exploring and answering, from different perspectives, the second question, namely the feasibility of an Euroregional planning system.

Finally, a synthesis of the outcomes of the two sessions will be provided.

To draw the meeting to close, the President of the Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia is invited to address his observations to the audience.

One potential forward step from this meeting could be the promotion of a scientific-technical board, eventually under the auspices of the ECTP, with the task of elaborating a proposal for a “Polycentric Alpine-Adriatic-Danubian vision”, to be taken to the political discussion of the institutions interested in the construction of the Alpine-Adriatic-Danubian Euroregion.

\* Espo project 3.2 Spatial Scenarios and Orientations in relation to the ESDP and Cohesion Policy, 2007  
web site: [http://www.espon.eu/mmp/online/website/content/projects/260/716/file\\_4015/fr-3.2\\_final-report\\_vol1.pdf](http://www.espon.eu/mmp/online/website/content/projects/260/716/file_4015/fr-3.2_final-report_vol1.pdf)

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