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UNIDEM Campus Trieste Seminar
"MODELS OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT"

Trieste, Italy

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SYNOPSIS

1. The UNIDEM Campus Trieste programme is the Venice Commission's "Training for Trainers" programme for civil servants from 16 countries¹. The participants in UniDem Campus seminars are expected to pass on the knowledge and skills they acquired to their colleagues. To this end, they are requested to organise a follow-up event after attending the seminar.
2. The programme is financed by the Region Friuli-Venezia Giulia.
3. The second seminar of the year 2008 took place in Trieste from 21 – 24 April 2008. Its subject was:

"Models of Regional Development"
4. The participants were 19 high-level civil servants involved in the co-ordination of regional development at the national or regional level.
5. The seminar began with an introductory lesson on regionalism and continued with lectures on good governance, democratic participation at the regional level and transfrontier co-operation. Lectures on the Adriatic Euroregion and the "AMAMO" project ("Across Seas and Mountains") gave the participants concrete examples of transfrontier co-operation. The participants also heard lectures on regionalism as seen from the national perspective. The given examples were France, Spain and Belgium. Another lecture and a workshop were dedicated to the European Grouping of Territorial Co-operation (EGTC).
6. The participants contributed to the seminar by giving presentations on regional development in their home countries.
7. At the conclusion of the seminar, the participants attended the workshop "Training the Trainers" dedicated to the organisation of follow-up events. The participants discussed the most effective ways to organise such events and developed concrete plans for the organisation. Furthermore, each of them received a training manual to that effect prepared by the Council of Europe.
8. The participants were very motivated and contributed actively to the discussions and workshops. The workshop "Training the Trainers" raised their awareness on the importance of the programme's follow-up aspect and provided them with the necessary tools to organise such events. This will enable them to pass on the knowledge and skills acquired during the seminar to a large number of colleagues. Both the participants and their colleagues will apply that knowledge and those skills in their daily work.
9. The lecturers' reports will be put on the Venice Commission's website shortly and may serve as a basis for the preparation of follow-up events.

¹ Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Romania, the Russian Federation, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Ukraine.