

## Midterm Conference of the EU funded Project INCORD on the 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2005 in Keila / Estonia

In the frame of the conference "Integrated Regional Development in Central and Eastern Europe" the eleven partners of the EU funded INTERREG IIIC-project INCORD – "Integrated Concepts for Regional Development" – presented their midterm results. At the moment there are concepts developed for five Eastern European pilot-regions within a bilateral cooperation with Eastern German regions. Their outputs and experiences have now been presented in Keila.

*The Mayor of the City of Keila, Ago Kokser, emphasized: „To enforce the cross-bordering transfer of knowhow was of high value for the project development on site.”*

The pilot-regions Olomouc and Ostrava from the Czech Republic as well as Malopolska from Poland deal with the conversion of military and old industrial derelict land; whereas the region of Drawsko in Poland and the City of Keila in Estonia work out touristic development concepts for river regions.

The focus of the conference was laid on the following questions:

- Which challenges do the pilot-regions face regarding their regional development in the coming years?
- What kind of structures and institutions have to be set up in order to guarantee an effective regional development?
- What new approaches are necessary to encounter the challenges of the transformation process?

„The knowhow transfer and the exchange of experiences is referred to as extremely profitable for all project partners. After the first project phase following cross-border activities and business connections will arise “ – as Roman Petrussek, Director of the Association of the State Development and Real Estate Companies says.

The Association of the State Development and Real Estate Companies acts as the Lead Partner of the project, the German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development as thematic coordinator.

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