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Thursday 16th November

Mini-seminar:

Functional territories as a basis for Interreg A post 2020. European, The Ireland–Northern Ireland (UK) and Scandinavian perspectives

Venue: The Market Place Theatre and Arts Centre, Armagh

09.00 Registration

09:15 *Opening of the seminar* by the Lord Mayor of Armagh

09:30 *What is a functional region?* Dr. Eduardo Medeiros, University of Lisbon

10:00 European social, economic and territorial cohesion – *cross border regions as political arenas* where different social interests meet and new ideas emerge. Mr. Martin Guillermo Ramirez, General Secretary, Association of European Border Regions

10:30 *Cross border functional regions in Ireland-Northern Ireland: the case of the North West.* Mr Garry Martin, Head of Finance and Director of Emergency Services & Information Systems, Donegal County Council

11:00 *Functional Territories in the Eastern Norway-Western Sweden Region.* Mr Sæther, Eastern Norway Research Institute

11:30 Q & A. Plenary discussion

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Exchange of gifts between delegation and Lord Mayor of Armagh and representatives of the local authority-led cross-border networks

13.20 Presentation on cross border cooperation between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland – past, present and future

13:40 SEUPB, Ms Gina McIntyre, Chief Executive.

14:00 East Border Region. Ms. Pamela Arthurs, Chief Executive.

14:20 Irish Central Border Area Network, Mr Shane Campbell, Chief Executive.

14:40 Centre for Cross Border Studies, Ms Ruth Taillon, Director.

15:00 Discussion

15:30 End of Session