

Beyond compliance: how regions can help build a sustainable Europe

A toolkit for integrating the environment
into regional development

Logroño (La Rioja), Spain, 18-19 April 2007



We wish to invite you to our Conference '**Beyond compliance: how regions can help build a sustainable Europe**'. The conference is on **18-19 April 2007**. It is hosted by the La Rioja Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Territorial Policy in **Logroño** - the regional capital of La Rioja, Spain.

The conference will conclude the work of the GRDP (Greening Regional Development Programmes) partnership on the development of a '*Toolkit for integrating the environment into regional development*'. The different components of the toolkit address the issues that confront any local, regional or national authority faced with the challenges of balancing economic development and the environment.

Delegates will be able to *learn how to use the toolkit in practice*. Participants from outside the GRDP partnership are particularly encouraged to attend these workshops.

The event will also look at opportunities within the new EU funding cycle 2007-13. For example, you could join GRDP partners working on the *development of the follow-up proposal*. At the same time, other attendees can participate in the *practical proposal writing* or look at *Do's and Don'ts* of project development.

There will also be space for discussing your project ideas. We are inviting all interested participants to share new *project ideas for territorial co-operation projects* on 'Environment and Economy'. If you would like to submit a presentation and discuss it with others at the conference, please refer to the attached **Call for presentations** for further details.

More conference details are included in the attached **Conference Announcement, Draft Agenda** and **Logistical Note**.

Please let us know whether you wish to join us at our conference by completing the attached **Registration Form** by **9 March 2007**. For additional information, contact Angela Sorce (angela.sorce@environment-agency.gov.uk; phone: +44 1392 35 23 14).

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The conference is organised within the framework of the Greening Regional Development Programmes Project (GRDP). We are an EU-wide network funded by the Interreg IIIC programme. We are sharing good practice and developing advice on integrating the environment into regional development programmes.