

Conclusions of the 3rd conference of the Network of the European Regions for a sustainable and competitive tourism

The conference gathered approximately one hundred participants. In addition, 23 regions signed the pre-adhesion form. The main conclusion points are summarised below:

⇒ Representation of the associated members in the executive committee

The conference gathered the opinions of the Regions and other stakeholders for the creation of an international non-profit organisation ("association sans but lucratif" - ASBL). The statutes will be modified in order to ensure a better representation of the associated members. The executive committee will be composed of 3 additional members with the below consultative roles:

- One representative of the « tourism businesses » (chambers of commerce, trade unions and other professional representatives...)
- One representative of the tourism industry's employees
- One representative of the academic group

The rules and conditions for the nomination / election of the associated member's representatives will be validated by the executive committee on proposal of concerned members.

⇒ Creation of a non-profit organisation (ASBL)

- The ASBL should be created at the beginning of 2009
- The organisations which « pre-subscribe » will be contacted as soon as possible in order to proceed to their effective adhesion
- Rights and obligations of each type of members will be defined in the internal rules
- The subscription fee will be €2000 for the full rights members (Regions) and of €500 for the associated members
- The network's website <http://www.necstour.eu> will be launched shortly

⇒ Working groups

Working groups have been initiated through the presentation of best practices which were mainly identified through the results of the call for contributions (launched prior to the conference) and the definition of the action plans. Each region coordinating the working groups will elaborate its action plan and priority actions.

⇒ Next conference

The Next conference will take place in the Region of South West England on 17 to 19 June 2009.