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Workshop ”The draft JTDP in the light of EU territorial cohesion”.

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Summary and conclusion of discussion

- Fundamental that that the ERB Joint Transnational Development Programme (JTDP) really can add value to the member regions strategies. One important way at this stage is to enhance the options for EU funding.
- The draft JTDP priority areas was not questioned – but regarded as a right direction to follow in developing effective cooperation within the ERB. They meet well the EU cohesion policy aims.
- The draft JTDP suffers from weak analyses regarding EU-Russian dimensions and also regarding other EU policies like the internal market aspects of ERB cooperation
- The draft JTDP has to be developed concerning internal logic of proposals
- In depth analyses should be conducted on how ERB and the member regions can – an cannot- influence on different policy areas, as a basis for proposals to prioritize.
- The local dimension of ERB cooperation must be stressed
- Tourism should be highlighted, not as a new priority but as a key area for ERB measures within the field of business development activities
- Regarding measures enhancing labour market mobility within ERB, education as a mean to strengthen the labour market force should be highlighted like also the legal aspects.
- Measures enhancing communication within the ERB should be stressed for improved cooperation.