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In the spring of 2010, EUobserver will organise a half-day conference in Brussels putting EU enlargement and neighborhood policy into a regional perspective.

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The event will look at the current institutional overhaul of the EU's external policy and where the new competences lie when it comes to concrete projects and funding. Is the Eastern Partnership just a buzz word or is there already some initiatives going on? What are some of the regional success stories in EU candidate countries that are helping to put neglected issues on the enlargement agenda?

The main goal of the conference is to discuss the effects of the enlargement process on non-EU regions and cities and to take a look at how these regions and cities are contributing to the enlargement processes of their respective countries.

The event will consist of two parts. The first will focus on the discussion among EU decision makers and regional and city officials on the impact of regional cooperation on the enlargement process. The second part will focus on concrete experiences and hurdles encountered by regional and city officials from countries in line for EU membership, as well as from states in the eastern neighborhood.

## POTENTIAL SPEAKERS

- / Representatives from the European Commission, enlargement and regional DGs
- / MEPs from the Committee on regional development
- / A representative from the Committee of the Regions
- / A representative from the Assembly of European Regions
- / Representatives from various non-EU regions and cities