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**AGENDA OF THE RESEARCH MISSION TO HUNGARY  
JUNE 14-16**

**15TH OF JUNE (THURSDAY)**

**9.00 – 9.45** Introduction and general discussion on main objective of the 'Research Mission' in Hungary for the Ukrainian experts

Speakers: Dr. Tibor Frank, Lead International Expert  
Dr. Péter Szegvári, Deputy General Director, Regional Development Holding Ltd.

**10.00 – 10.45** Presentation about the main objective of Hungarian regional development policy, the responsibilities of National Governments and a the regulatory and institutional framework of regional development institutions.

Speaker: Dr. Györgyi Nyikos, Vice-President, Regional Development Office of Hungary

**11.00 – 11.45** Presentation on the role and function of regional institutions in the Hungarian and European regional policy implementation, focusing on the cross-boarder and interregional cooperation between Hungarian and other regions.

Speakers: Mr. Varga Laszlo, Program Director, Regional Development Agency of North Hungary (NORDA)  
Mr. Kornel Kalocsai, Program Manager, Regional Development Agency of North Hungary (NORDA)

*12.30 – 14.00 Working Lunch*

**14.30 – 15.30** Presentation on regional financial instruments and fiscal decentralization, regarding the local taxation and regional credit-market.

Speaker: Dr. Izabella Barati-Stec, Adjunct Professor of Budapest Corvinus University of Economy

**15.45- 17.00** Presentation on the role of special financial institutions in the regional development affairs for strengthening the absorption capacity of SMEs and local governments, as beneficiaries to access the European and domestic development sources.

Speaker: Dr. Péter Szegvári, Deputy General Director, Regional Development Holding Ltd.

**16TH OF JUNE (FRIDAY)**

**9.00 - 9.45** Presentation about the European Interreg Programs and its implementation in the Hungarian circumstances, focusing on the boarder regions near Ukraine.

Speaker: Mr. Mihály Galovicz, PAO of INTERREG Programs in Hungary

**10.00-10.45**      **Presentation on the role and function of sub-regional development councils, regarding the fiscal decentralization and development affairs of municipalities**

Speaker: Mr. Tamás Hetényi, Mayor of Tata City Hall

**11.00-12.00**      **Conclusions and lessons learnt from the EU 15 countries' experiences regarding the operational management of EU regional policy with domestic institutions, especially pre-accession period of Hungary to join the EU**

Speaker: Miss Beáta Molnár, Special Expert for South-Pannonian Regional Centre of Hungarian Scientific Academy

**12.15-13.00**      **Final discussion on the 'Research Mission' in Hungary and closing remarks**

Speakers: Dr. Tibor Frank, Lead International Expert

Dr. Péter Szegvári, Deputy General Director, Regional Development Holding Ltd.