EURADA, the European Association of Economic Development Agencies, was established in 1992. It is an inclusive, Europe-wide network of people working on economic development. It exists to serve the needs of its members: identifying and promoting best practice in economic development, representing members’ interests with the European Commission and the key organisations within it or associated with it, helping its members to work more effectively by brokering partnerships and helping to foster cross-border business, and maintaining strong international links outside the European Union to bring global best practice to further enhance the capabilities of its members.

EURADA seeks to

- Encourage exchanges of experience between members and promote “best practice” in the field of local and regional economic development;
- Promote the recognition of the development agencies as specific mechanisms and economic development entities;
- Participate in the development and delivery of territorial development programmes and/or support programmes for companies and in particular small and medium sized enterprises;
- Reinforce and better organise technical cooperation both with the European Commission and other Community institutions;
- Assist the development agencies newly set up in the non-European Union countries;
- Promote the emergence of cooperation projects between development agencies of several countries.

We do this through

- the exchange of information on the regional development strategies, the assistance to enterprises and the training of development agency executives;
- the analysis of Community Policy impact;
- the development of cooperation projects between different development agencies;
- the promotion of innovative and transferable techniques in the field of local and regional economic development;
- the dissemination of relevant information insofar as that concerns Community policies as much as best practice;
- a relevant forum open to new forms of know-how exchange between development agencies;
- the management of a participation in co-operation projects co-financed by the European Commission;
- reflections on new management methods for regional development or development agencies.
WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

For IVACE, as Valencian regional innovation agency, being active members of the EURADA network has enabled us to form close partnerships with other European agencies and institutions, often in a leadership role. We've learned a lot from what other people do; and Valencian firms, technological institutes and universities are now well known for their achievements. EURADA is also an excellent learning space innovation and competitiveness in the regions. Finally, it is a bridge of cooperation with entities from other continents in a global environment.

Mevlüt ÖZEN, Middle Black Sea Development Agency / Turkey

For Middle Black Sea Development Agency, being an actor that brings the best experiences to develop our region with a tailor-made perspective is the first and the most important aim. In our daily work, we work with that conscious and it is very important for us to create close linkages to get these best experiences. EURADA has been an intensive study ecosystem which grows and lets the roots of Regional Development Agencies grow globally.

EURADA is the major network that enables us to get familiar with European concepts such as Smart Specialization Strategies, to transfer that knowledge into action in our region, to think innovative for economic development, to be aware of the global improvements and to have close partnerships for international projects. Being a part of the EURADA family means being a pioneer in the region, within its network.

Rafael Escamilla D., Valencian Institute for Business / Spain
WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

Andrea Novaković, City of Dubrovnik Development Agency / Croatia

It is our first year within EURADA and, as a local development agency, we already feel great benefit out of the membership. In just a few months, we have spread our network with other colleagues across Europe and initiated joint projects. DURA also got a chance to participate in certain calls which were not available to us previously. Moreover, EURADA has made us more visible on the EU level and the next step is to host EURADA’s event in our city which is also a fantastic opportunity for others to share knowledge and ideas with the wider European community.

Henri Janssens, Oost NV The Netherlands

One of the tasks of Oost NV is to help entrepreneurs in East Netherlands benefit from business opportunities throughout the EU. We support them for instance to participate in EU programmes. Our EURADA membership is very beneficial in this process. Through EURADA we have identified partners with whom we team up and match our companies to interesting partners in their regions. This way Eurada has worked as a very valuable matchmaker for us.

Another benefit we greatly value is the interface with the European Commission which EURADA provides to us. Through Eurada, we have a channel through which our ideas reach the innovation policy makers in the EU institutions. They take our feedback as practitioners of innovation seriously, because they take EURADA seriously.

Finally, Eurada is a wonderful platform for meeting with fellow development agencies, exchanging views and learning from each other.
The Region of Upper Austria is highly networked in terms of export – some two thirds of the regional value added stem from export activities. Business Upper Austria, the regional Business Agency, runs several Clusters and Networks and offers a 360 degree view on promoting innovation in companies.

In doing this, Business Upper Austria benefits from the EURADA Network, especially from good relationships to other regions in Europe and beyond. We share this advantage with our customers, which are globally leading companies as well innovative SMEs, and thus help them to improve their individual competitiveness.

Antonio González Marin
Agencia IDEA / Spain

The Agency of Innovation and Development of Andalusia, has been a member of EURADA from the early stages of the Association.

Being a member of EURADA means to IDEA Agency being part of a consolidated and influential actor, with a recognised weight with regards to European Institutions. EURADA acts as a real loudspeaker for RDAs in Europe, making our presence in the European Arena on innovation and regional development possible.

The excellent and solid work developed by EURADA, its commitment with their members and enthusiasm with every action undertaken, has been essential for enhancing interregional collaboration and mutual learning, elements which distinguish the great added value that EURADA provides to its members.
EURADA is the European Association of Regional Development Agencies, composed by 74 members from 22 countries, established in 1992.

We promote our members’ initiatives and policies but we also inform and help them with anything related to EU policies and ways of funding.
Name of the agency: ________________________________

Name of the person empowered to act for the agency: ________________________________

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☐ declare herewith that they wish to become a member of the non-profit making association called EURADA and agree to the articles of association and to any future rules of procedure,

☐ undertake to transfer the 2019 membership fee into EURADA’s bank account N° 310-1260451-22 open in the Bruxelles-Arts Branch of the ING Bank,

☐ understand that membership will only be effective after the membership fee has been paid.

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