

*Dr. Franz Schausberger
Former Governor*

Salzburg, 9th February 2007

*Dear Governors!
Dear Mayors!*

Due to Bulgaria's accession to the EU on 1st January 2007, all Bulgarian Regions (Oblasti) are going to take part actively in the further development of Europe as well as they will have to solve current problems. The regions and especially cross-border interregional cooperations will play an important role in the future of Europe.

For that reason, the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE), which was founded in December 2004 for the purpose of cross-linking the regions in Europe, would like to invite you for a shared lunch

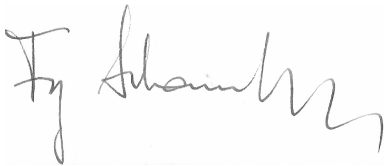
in Sofia, on Thursday, 8th March 2007 at 11:00 hrs

Venue: Central Military Club, Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd Nr. 7, 1000-Sofia

All Bulgarian regional governors and mayors of the main cities are warmly welcome. Ambassador Dr. Karl Diem as well as Deputy Foreign Minister Ms. Evgenia Marinova Koldanova will give a short address. I myself would like to inform you about the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE).

We would be very pleased if you followed our invitation and would like to ask you for registration via office@institut-ire.eu or fax +43 662 84 32 88 5050.

Kindest regards



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