

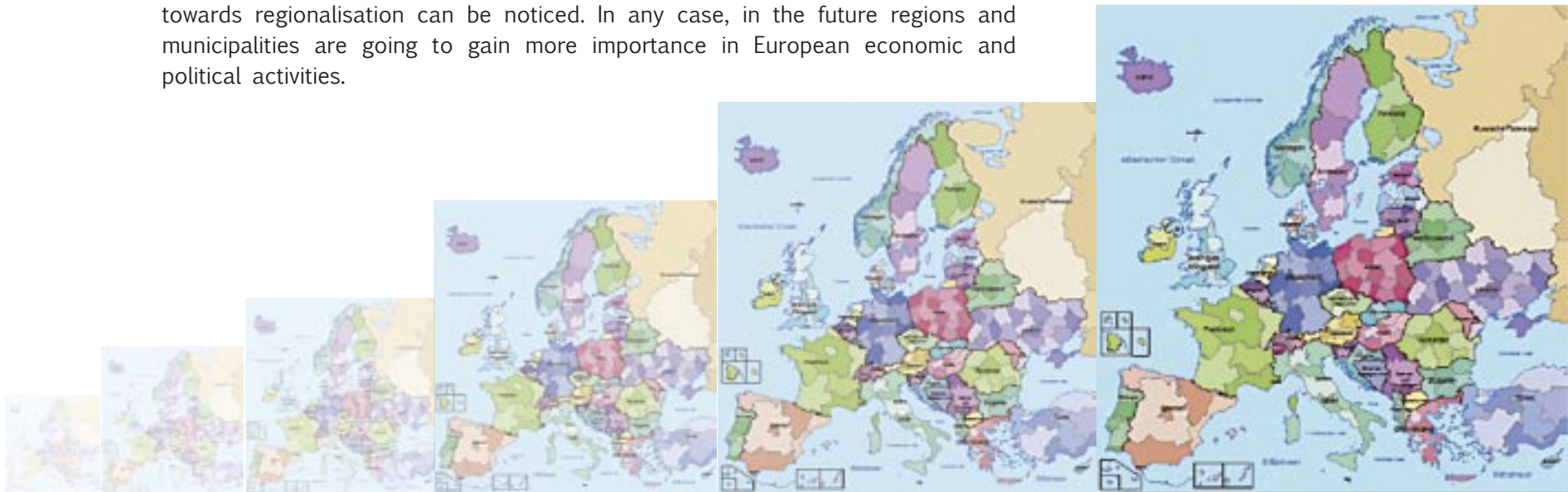


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institut der **regionen europas**

The idea: A Europe of Regions

In Europe there are about 350 political regions. Together with cities and municipalities they play an ever more important role in the process of European integration. In order to make our common Europe last for the future we must build it from a grassroots level instead of issuing decrees and regulations from above. The strengthening of the regional and municipal self-administration is a successful strategy for fighting the mounting scepticism concerning Europe.

The constitutional treaty, which was established and adopted by the heads of government of the EU member states in 2004, foresees a strengthening of the regional and municipal levels of the EU. All across Europe a clear tendency towards regionalisation can be noticed. In any case, in the future regions and municipalities are going to gain more importance in European economic and political activities.



The Foundation of the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE)

On 21 December 2004, the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE) was founded as a non-profit private foundation with the support of the Austrian government, several regions of European countries, several companies and private persons. The IRE was officially inaugurated on 4 May 2005 at the Austrian Federal Chancellery by Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel, Austrian Federal Chancellor.

The aim of the IRE is to strengthen the political and economic position of the regions of Europe by supporting the creation of networks and co-operations. The IRE organises events that offer political representatives of the regions and municipalities the opportunity to meet with representatives of the EU, the economic sector, investors and other experts. The selection of the topics for these events is - first and foremost - adjusted to the demands and needs of the member regions. Moreover, the members of the IRE are kept up-to-date on matters important to them in the scope of European integration.



Activities of the IRE

The Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE) is a European, supra-regional and politically independent organization for all European regions within and outside the European Union. It serves as a communication platform for regions, towns, companies, investors, science and administration and works on the creation of networks in order to be able to push through regional and local interests.

The IRE is a non-profit private foundation with a board of directors consisting of three people: Its president is also the organizational and scientific director of the institute. Discussions on the institute's thematic priorities take place in the advisory board and the working groups. The institute is financed by founders, membership fees and sponsoring. It has its seat in Salzburg/Austria and disposes of an administrative infrastructure in Vienna as well.



The annual Conference of European Regions (CER)



Every year during the Salzburg Festival, the Conference of European Regions (CER) that is organised by the IRE takes place in Salzburg/Austria.

The conference focuses on topics that are of importance to the European regions. It offers interesting lectures by representatives of the economic sector, investors, experts and politicians and provides political representatives, representatives of companies, European institutions and experts with the opportunity of getting to know each other, sharing experiences and establishing business relations. The social programme includes the opportunity to attend the Salzburg Festival as well as a gala dinner.

The title of the **1st CER in 2005** was “**Financing of Regional Infrastructure Projects**”, the **2nd CER in 2006** dealt with „**Tourism and European Regions - new developments**“. The 3rd CER will take place from August 26 to 28, 2007 and will focus on regional energy policy.



IRE Expert Conferences for in-depth discussion of specific issues

The IRE organizes expert conferences for issues which are of special importance for the European Regions. The main purpose of these conferences is to unite experts, businessmen, investors and representatives of European institutions on a regional and local level.

On 18 November 2005 the expert conference “The future of airports in Eastern Europe” was held in Ostrava/ Czech Republic. On 21 November 2006 the IRE organised the expert conference „European Loans and Subsidies for the Croatian regions“ in Varazdin/Croatia. Other expert conferences on the topics “Regional environment policies”, “Regional health policies”, “The future of regional universities” etc. are planned.



„Europe begins at Home“ – Subsidiarity conference 2006 in St. Pölten/Austria



The subsidiarity conference “Europe begins at home”, held on 18 and 19 April 2006 in St. Pölten, was hosted by the province of Lower Austria and the Austrian Presidency of the EU Council. It was partly organised and its topics were partly prepared by the IRE upon invitation of the Federal Chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel.

Delegates from all parts of Europe met to discuss the implementation of and the future compliance with the principle of subsidiarity in the European Union. In these discussions the decisive importance of the regions for ensuring good governance in Europe became clearly visible.

„Café d'Europe“

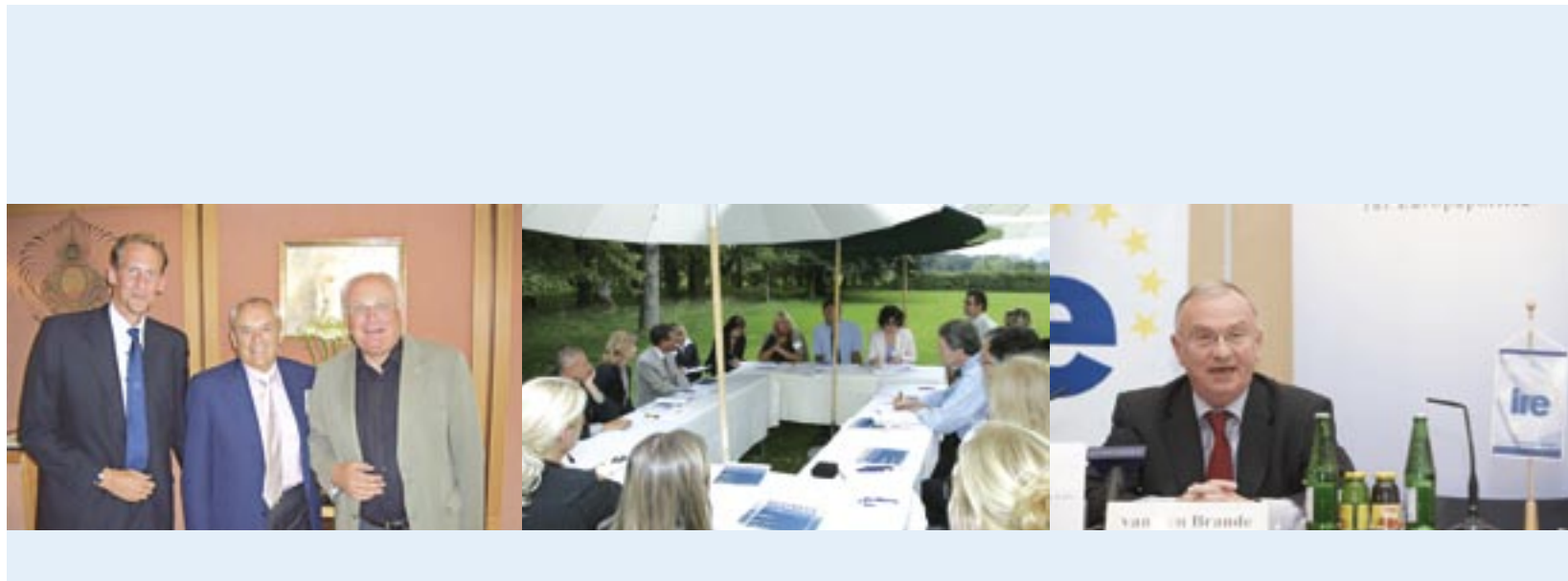
Upon suggestion of Federal Chancellor Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel and under the auspices of the Austrian Presidency of the European Council the IRE hosted the so-called “Café d'Europe” in all capitals of the 25 EU member states as well as in Sofia and Bukarest on 9 May 2006 (Day of Europe). In 27 typical and renowned Cafés politicians and experts were discussing in public with the visitors of the cafés - especially with the youth - current issues such as European Unification. Authors were reading texts especially written for that event and desserts typical for the respective country were being offered.

The IRE plans to organize the successful “Café d'Europe” event next year in cafés of the regional capitals, also in non-EU member states.



Lectures, Surveys, Round Tables, Media-Meetings

In support of the work of the regions of Europe, the IRE arranges lectures on regional politics held by important personalities, surveys, round tables and media meetings. Once every year the IRE organises a round table with the presidents of European institutions and associations of the regions. There each year they have the opportunity to exchange experiences and to coordinate their activities.



Visits to the Regions of Europe

In order to learn about the concerns and desires of the regions of Europe on-site the board members of the IRE make an effort to personally visit the regions as often as possible. Proposals made are then integrated in the elaboration of the working programme of the IRE.



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Born on 5 February 1950. Married, three children. University lecturer for Contemporary Austrian History at the University of Salzburg. 1979 - 1996 Member of Salzburg's Diet (Provincial Parliament). 1996 - 2004 Governor of Salzburg.



Since 1996 member of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) of the EU.
2004 - 2006 Chairman of the Committee of the Regions' Commission for Constitutional Affairs and European Governance.
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Born on 30 October 1944, married, three children. Business and marketing consultant. Mr. Popp became assistant of the managing director of Olivetti already in 1964 after having attended a commercial training. Later Mr. Popp occupied positions



like assistant of the sales department manager, marketing assistant, product manager and product group manager to marketing managers of international companies.
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From 1994 to 1998 studies of law, Spanish, Portuguese and French at the Universities of Salzburg und Salamanca. Mr Fritz did his PhD in 2000 with a comparison of the legal situation regarding the "Protection of victims in the Austrian and the Spanish Criminal Law" („Opferschutz in der österreichischen und spanischen Strafrechtsordnung"). From 2000 to summer 2005 Fritz worked as a jurist for the European Commission, for the College d'Europe and for the Salzburg – Europe Liaison Office in Brussels.



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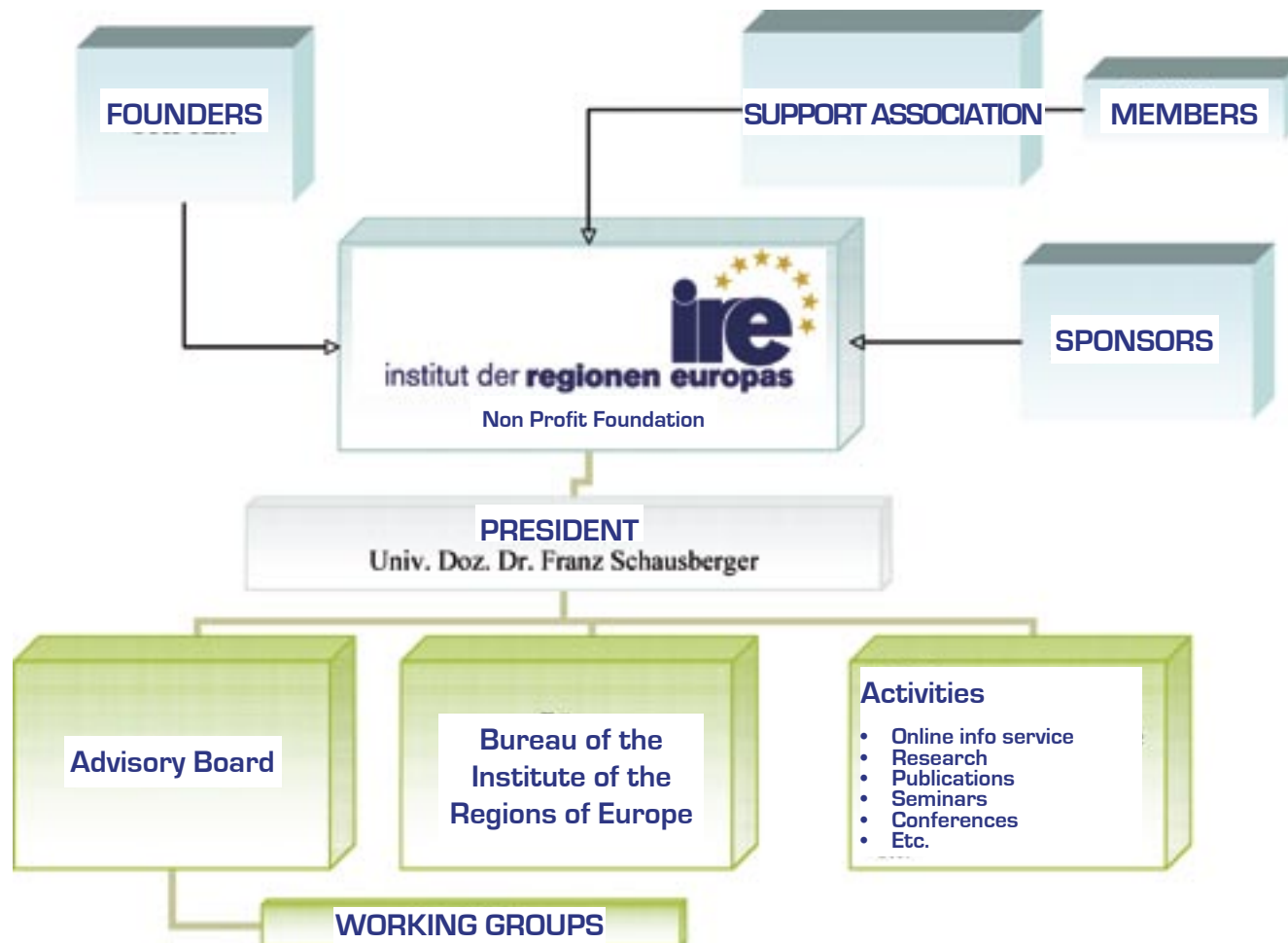


During an internship students and alumni of different fields of study get to know the institute's activities and conduct a survey about an issue that concerns the European Regions. At the end of the internship they get a certificate.

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Abridgement of the Deed of the Foundation from 21st december 2004:

§ 4 Aim of the Non-profit Foundation ‚Institute of the Regions of Europe‘

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persons may be granted support for research and scientific work including popular scientific papers as well as surveys.

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MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION

I/we hereby accede to
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With my/our accession I/we acknowledge the statutes (in accordance with a decision of the Federal Police Authority of Vienna, Office for Association, Assembly and Media Law Matters, Schottenring 7-9, A-1010 Vienna, Austria, dated 13 October 2004 and in accordance with Section 13 subsection 2 Vereinsgesetz (Clubs and Associations Act) 2002, Official Journal of Federal Law no. 66/2002). I/we hereby request acceptance as a member in the above-mentioned association. I/we support the purposes outlined in the above-mentioned statutes under II. and III. and the intended activities of the association with the annual fee of

- o 500 Euros (for local authorities)
- o 1,000 Euros (economic enterprises and other people)

Name of the county, town or company

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PRINCIPAL SUPPORTER DECLARATION

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