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## How Can the EU Strengthen Regional Cohesion in its Neighbourhood?

### A Policy Workshop in Brussels: February 5, 2013

**The European Union's relations with its southern and eastern neighbours will be the focus of a half-day policy workshop in Brussels on February 5th. Organized by the EU-funded research project SEARCH<sup>1</sup>, the workshop is open to attendance by all interested parties.**

The SEARCH consortium is exploring the integration process between the EU and its Neighbourhood Countries (which include non-EU states in Eastern Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa). Representatives of the consortium will be presenting their preliminary findings at the workshop, highlighting policy-relevant insights gained during the project's first 16 months of investigation.

Bringing together 17 partners from a variety of relevant countries, SEARCH is working to improve implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy. While paying special attention to the cohesive potential of the European Research Neighbourhood, the project is aimed above all at 'strengthening the integration process between the EU and the Neighbouring Countries'.

SEARCH's February 5 workshop will feature presentations and discussions on topics that will include:

- Technological activities and innovation diffusion
- The institutional environment.
- People mobility and human capital
- Implications of merging trade patterns

The workshop will be held between 09:00 and 13:30 in Room JDE51 of the Jacques Delors Building (Committee of the Regions). The address is Rue Belliard 99-101, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium.

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<sup>1</sup> Sharing Knowledge Assets: InteRregionally Cohesive NeighBorhoods (SEARCH)