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**EMBRACING SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
IN DISADVANTAGEOUS AREAS
THROUGH INFORMATION & KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY**

**The EMBRACE II Project Consortium
is honored to invite you to its closing conference entitled:**

**Embracing Socioeconomic Development in
Disadvantageous Areas
through Information and Knowledge Society:
Experience and Results of the EMBRACE II Project**

**that will take place on
Thursday, 17th of January 2008, 09:00 am
at TITANIA Hotel**

52 Panepistimiou Ave., Athens

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The EMBRACE II Consortium



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PROGRAMME

- 09:00 – 09:30** Arrival and Registration
- 09:30 – 09:50** Welcome Address
Mr. Dinos Papapolyzos, TREK Consulting SA
- 09:50 – 10:20** Overview, Main Results and Achievements of EMBRACE II
Mrs. Melina Lazaropoulou, TREK Consulting SA
- 10:20 – 11:00** ▪ SMEs Experience, Evaluation and Feedback on the EMBRACE Portal
▪ Policy Makers' Evaluation and Feedback on the SMEs Observatory
▪ Follow-up Strategy
Mrs. Mina Torou, TREK Consulting SA
- 11:00 – 13:30** Regional Competitiveness, Information Society and Entrepreneurship in the New Programming Period 2007-2013
Moderator: Mrs. Melina Lazaropoulou, TREK Consulting SA
- Mr. Kostas Kokkinoplitis, Head of Management & Implementation of NSRF 2007-2013, Ministry of Economy & Finance – Greece*
 - Prof. Giancarlo Raffaldi, Consultant of CESTEC – Italy
 - Mr. Alberto Mazin, Vice-Mayor of the Municipality of Piran – Slovenia
 - Mr. Gejza Legen, Vice Director of the RDA Kosice – Slovakia
 - Mr. Aleksandar Tonkov, Executive Director of RDA Plovdiv & Member of the Council for Development of South-Central Region – Bulgaria
 - Mr. Bashkim Sykja, Director in the Directorate of Business Promotion, Ministry of Economy, Trade & Energy – Albania
 - Mr. Zoran Vukcevic, Director of SMEDA – Montenegro
 - Ms. Marija Nikolic, Manager of Centre for Women Entrepreneurship – Serbia
- 13:30** Buffet



Venue: TITANIA Hotel (52 Panepistimiou Ave., Athens)



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