



European Week of  
Regions and Cities

Brussels

10-13 October 2016

# MEDIA PROGRAMME

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## Monday 10 October 2016

Registration & distribution of badges opens on 10 October at 10 am

European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard, 101, 1040 Brussels (Metro: Maelbeek – Etterbeek exit)

### 12:00 – 12:30 Introduction: EU Regional Policy and Challenges Ahead (EN only)

**Ian Barber**, Director for Communication, European Committee of the Regions

**Ana-Paula Laissy**, Head of Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission

Light sandwich lunch – Press officers are available to answer questions in different languages

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, 5th floor, Atrium

### 12:30 – 13:30 Roundtable with journalists

**Corina Crețu**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

**Markku Markkula**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Moderated by Jakub Adamowicz, Spokesperson for Regional Policy, European Commission

Interpretation: FR, EN, IT, PL, RO, FI - Webstreaming available

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, JDE 52, 5<sup>th</sup> floor

### 14:30 – 16:30 Opening Session of the European Week of Regions and Cities

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso**, Vice President of the European Parliament

**Corina Crețu**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

**Markku Markkula**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

**Anton Marcinič**, Plenipotentiary of the Slovak government for support of least developed regions

Moderator Karen Coleman

Interpretation: all EU languages

Webstreaming available

**Venue:** European Parliament, Hemicycle

### 17:00 – 19:00 Networking reception and exhibition of RegioStars Awards projects

**Interview possibilities with the finalists**

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions

### 14:30 – 18:00 EP Studio TV Debates

**Venue:** Vox Box 3th floor

# Tuesday 11 October 2016

## 09:30 – 11:00 How do EU funds deliver in your country?

Meeting with country experts from the European Commission (off-the-record background briefings). Possibility to speak in your own language

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, Self-service restaurant, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

## 11:30 – 13:00 Cohesion Policy at work: past and future

Presentations:

- 'Eurostat Regional Yearbook 2016' by Åsa Önerfors and Oliver Müller, Regional statistics and geographical information unit, Eurostat
- 'OECD Regional Outlook 2016: Productive Regions for Inclusive Societies', Joaquim Oliveira-Martins, Head of the OECD Regional Development Policy Division
- 'Ex-Post-Evaluation of Cohesion Policy programmes 2007-2013' by Mariana Hristcheva, Head of Unit Evaluation and European Semester, DG REGIO & Terry Ward from Applica
- 'Shaping the future cohesion policy', Karl-Heinz Lambertz, First Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions

Moderated by Peter Fischer, Communications Unit, DG REGIO

Interpretation: FR, DE, EN, IT, ES, PL

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions - room VM3 - Van Maerlant Building

## 13:00 – 14:00 Networking lunch among journalists

**Venue:** Committee of the Regions (foyer in front of room VM3)

## 14:00 – 14:30 Presentation of the winners of "Europe in my region"/Photo Competition 2016

with Jakub Adamowicz, Spokesperson for Regional Policy

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions (foyer in front of room VM3)

## 14:30 – 16:00 Measuring the performance of European cities

- 'The European Cities Report' jointly prepared by the European Commission and UN Habitat for the HABITAT III conference in Quito on 17-20 October 2016 & "Presentation of the Urban Data Platform", by Lewis Dijkstra
- "Urban Europe – statistics on cities, towns and suburbs", Iuliana Lupu and Gunter Schäfer – Eurostat, Regional statistics and geographical information unit, Eurostat
- "Concrete steps to implement the EU Urban Agenda", Hella Dunger-Löper, State Secretary of the Land Berlin and CoR rapporteur of the Urban Agenda

Moderated by Jakub Adamowicz – Spokesperson for Regional Policy

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions - room VM3 - Van Maerlant Building

## 17:30 – 18:00 Presentation of the winners of RegioStars

**Lambert Van Nistelrooij**, MEP and President of the RegioStars Jury

followed by presentations from the 4 winning projects

Moderated by Jakub Adamowicz, Spokesperson for Regional Policy

**Venue:** BOZAR, Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

**18:00 – 18:30 Possibility of interviews with RegioStars Winners and finalists**

**Venue:** BOZAR, Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

**18:00 – 18:45 Pre-Ceremony Cocktail**

**Venue:** BOZAR, Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

**19:00 – 22:30 RegioStars Awards Ceremony – EWRC Official reception**

**Venue:** BOZAR, Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

## Wednesday 12 October 2016

**08:30 – 13:45** A [guided tour for journalists to Molenbeek](#) including a welcome word by  
Mr Rudi Vervoort, Minister-President of the Brussels Region  
Mrs. Schepmans, the Mayor of Molenbeek

**Venue:** Meeting in the **reception of the Thon Hotel** at **08:30** to take the bus

**14:00 – 17:30 High Level Event on Urban Agenda for Europe**

Welcome speech by **Corina Crețu**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Keynote speech by **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice President

**Markku Markkula**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Panel of Mayors

Moderated by Ruben Maes

**Venue:** Charlemagne Building

**14:30 – 17:00 Joint REGI/COTER meeting on**

**“[Achieving better performance in Cohesion Policy](#)”**

**Raffaele Cattaneo**, Chairman of the CoR Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget

**Iskra Mihaylova**, Chairwoman of the Committee on Regional Development of the European Parliament

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, room JDE 62

Journalists are invited to attend the [EWRC seminars](#), the **CoR Plenary Session (interview opportunities available with CoR members)** or events by **regional offices**

# Contacts

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A map indicating the main venues of the media programme will be provided with badges

A Media Centre is available in the Committee of the Regions, 101 Rue Belliard (6th floor)

Audio-visual facilities include editing facilities (contact: Stephanie PAILLET: +32 2 282 2532)

The editing stations are in the VIP room, 5<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Regions, 101 Rue Belliard (5<sup>th</sup> floor)

Interview corner is in the Committee of the Regions, 101 Rue Belliard (5<sup>th</sup> floor)

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