

## MEDIA PROGRAMME

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### Monday 9 October 2017

Registration & distribution of badges opens on 9 October at 09:00 am

European Commission, Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170, Brussel (Metro: Schuman) or  
European Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors building, Rue Belliard n°101 (Metro: Maelbeek or Schuman)

#### 11:30 – 12:00 Press conference on the 7<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Report and the European Week of Regions and Cities 2017

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

**Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Interpretation in and webstreaming available.

**Venue:** European Commission, Berlaymont building, Rue de la Loi 200, Brussels - Press Room

#### 12:30 – 14:00 Welcome session for journalists (EN only)

Light sandwich lunch – Press officers will be available to answer questions in different languages. An introduction to EU regional policy and information on the European Week of Regions and Cities 2017 will be provided by:

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

**Agnès Monfret**, Head of the Communication Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, 101 Rue Belliard, Brussels - Atrium, 5th floor

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

**Iskra Mihaylova**, Chair of Committee of Regional Development, European Parliament

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

**Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Moderated by Daniela Vincenti, Editor-in-chief of Euractiv

Interpretation: all EU languages

Webstreaming available

**Venue:** European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels - Hemicycle

#### 16:30 – 19:00 Networking and exhibition of RegioStars Awards projects Interview opportunities with the finalists

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, 101 Rue Belliard, Brussels, Atrium 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

#### 14:30 – 18:00 TV Debates

**Venue:** European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels, Vox Box TV Studio, ASP Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

# Tuesday 10 October 2017

## 09:00 – 10:30 How do EU funds deliver in your country?

Meeting with country experts from the European Commission (background discussion). Possibility to speak in your own language

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, 101 Rue Belliard, Brussels, Self-service restaurant, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

## 10:45 – 11:00 Meeting of the European Parliament's REGI Committee with the COTER Commission of the European Committee of the Regions on the 7<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Report

Press point and bilateral interviews with local leaders and MEPs

**Venue:** European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels, Room PHS 1A002

## 11:30 – 13:00 Cohesion Policy at work: main achievements and next steps

- 7<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Report, by Lewis Dijkstra, Deputy Head of Unit, Policy development and economic analysis unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- Eurostat Regional Yearbook 2017 by Gunter Schäfer and Teodora Brandmüller, Regional statistics and geographical information unit, Eurostat, European Commission
- The Contribution of Regional Policy to Inclusive Growth, Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director of the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Local Development and Tourism
- Future of cohesion policy post 2020 - Michael Schneider, State Secretary of the Land of Saxony-Anhalt to the Federal Government and Member of the European Committee of the Regions (TBC)

Moderated by Alex Ferstl, Head of sector, Communication unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

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

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, Van Maerlant Building, 2 rue Van Maerlant, Brussels - room VM2 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

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

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, Van Maerlant Building, 2 rue Van Maerlant, Brussels - VM2 Foyer (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

## 14:00 – 14:30 Presentation of the winners of "Europe in my region" photo competition 2017

**Awards** presented to the winners by Dana Spinant, Director for Budget, Communication and General Affairs, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Introduction by Matteo Salvai, Campaign Coordinator, Communication unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

**Venue:** European Committee of the Regions, Van Maerlant Building, 2 rue Van Maerlant – Room VM2 - Foyer (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

## 15:00 – 16:00 State of the European Union: the view of regions and cities - address by the President of the European Committee of the Regions, Karl-Heinz Lambertz

**Venue:** European Commission, Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi - 1000 Brussels **Follow:** #SOTREG

## 16:30 Bus transfer from Hotel Silken Berlaymont to Square Conference Centre

## 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 5 winning projects  
Moderated by Johannes Bahrke, Spokesperson for Regional Policy

**Venue:** Square Conference Centre, Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels

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

**Venue:** Square Conference Centre, Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels

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

Venue: Square Conference Centre, Mont des Arts , 1000 Brussels

## Wednesday 11 October 2017

**08:30 – 13:45 Project visit**

A guided tour to selected [projects on social inclusion and collaborative & cooperative entrepreneurship](#) funded by European Structural and Investment Funds

**Meeting point:** Reception of the Hotel Berlaymont at 08:30 to take the bus

**17:00 – 18:30** Building the Cohesion Alliance - new ideas and next steps – harvesting from #EURegionsWeek 2017–

Chair: Sally Hardy, CEO Regional Studies Association

Speakers:

**Michael Schneider**, CoR rapporteur on the Future of Cohesion policy beyond 2020

**Stefano Bonaccini**, President of CEMR and President of Emilia Romagna Region

**Daniël Termont**, President of Eurocities and Mayor of Ghent

**Enrico Rossi**, Vice-President of the CPMR and President of Tuscany Region

**Magnus Berntsson**, President of AER and President of the Regional Council of Västra Götaland

**Pavel Branda**, Vice-President of AEER and Vice-Mayor of Rádlo municipality

**Georges Dassis**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee

**Ugo Fratesi**, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

**Marc Lemaître**, Director-General, European Commission, Regional and Urban Policy DG

Venue: European Committee of the Regions, 101 Rue Belliard, Brussels, Room JDE62

## Thursday 12 October 2017

**14:30 – 16:30 Disaster Risk Management in European Regions - Towards reducing the number of affected people – Opening session:**

**Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

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

**Robert Glasser**, UNISDR, Special Representative of the Secretary General

Check the [full programme](#)

Venue: European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 101, Brussels, room JDE 51

Journalists are invited to attend the workshops, the **CoR Plenary Session (interview opportunities available with CoR members)** or events by **regional offices**

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