



MONDAY, 26 June 2017

09.00 - 14.00	Registrations open
12.30-14.00	Welcome lunch
14.00 -14.30	OPENING SESSION <i>Room: Gasperi</i>
	Welcome and setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy
	Opening remarks/Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President for Growth, Jobs, Investment and Competitiveness, European Commission
14.30 - 16.30	1st PANEL DEBATE – Cohesion, investment and structural reforms <i>Room: Gasperi</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pierre Moscovici, European Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs• Peter Pellegrini, Deputy Prime Minister, Slovakia• Dana Reizniece-Ozola, Minister of Finance, Latvia• Claudio De Vincenti, Minister for Territorial cohesion and Mezzogiorno, Italy• Philippe Richert, President of Association of French regions and President of Region GrandEst, France
16.30-16.50	KEYNOTE SPEECH <i>Room: Gasperi</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Günther Oettinger, European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources
16:50–17:00	Comfort break



17.00 - 18.30 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS – The views from the other institutions		
<p>WS 1: Addressing divides: regions, cities, and rural areas</p> <p><i>Chair: Constanze Krehl, Member of the European Parliament</i></p> <p><i>Room: Gasperi</i></p> <p>Introductory speech: Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary General of the OECD • Michael Schneider, Committee of the Regions, Member of the Committee of the Regions and State Secretary, Representative of the Land of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany • Yordanka Fandakova, Mayor of Sofia, Bulgaria. • Paul Soto, Team Leader of the Contact Point of the European Network for Rural Development 	<p>WS 2: Creating resilience: social inclusion and innovation</p> <p><i>Chair: Lambert Van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament</i></p> <p><i>Room: Jenkins</i></p> <p>Introductory speech: Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georges Dassis, President of the European Economic and Social Committee • Patrizio Bianchi, Regional Minister for Coordination of European Policies for Growth, Education, Vocational training, University, Research and Employment of Emilia-Romagna, Italy • Mrs Mariya Voyvodova, Deputy Mayor of Gothenburg, Sweden • Sorcha Edwards, Secretary General of Housing Europe 	<p>WS 3: Making the most of public investment: governance and cooperation</p> <p><i>Chair: Iskra Mihaylova, Member of the European Parliament</i></p> <p><i>Room: Mansholt</i></p> <p>Introductory speech: Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vazil Hudák, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank • Karla Šlechtová, Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic • Beate Merk, Minister of State for European Affairs and Regional Relations of the Free State of Bavaria, Germany • Rosa Quintana Carballo, Regional Minister for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of Galicia, Spain
<p>19.00 - 21.00</p>	<p>RECEPTION, Berlaymont Piazza</p> <p>Welcoming by Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy and Aaron Farrugia, Parliamentary Secretary for European Funds and Social Dialogue, Malta.</p>	



TUESDAY, 27 June 2017

08.30 - 09.30	Welcome coffee
09.30-10.00	KEYNOTE SPEECHES <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament • Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission • Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister, Malta
10.00 - 12.00	2nd PANEL DEBATE – Globalization and technological change: a European response <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions • Pedro Marques, Minister of Planning and Infrastructure, Portugal • Jacques Mézard, Minister of territorial cohesion, France • Enrico Rossi, President of Tuscany and Vice-President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
12.00 - 12.20	KEYNOTE SPEECH <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility
12.20 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.30	KEYNOTE SPEECH: EU cohesion policy, a forward looking perspective <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabrizio Barca, Author of 'An agenda for a reformed cohesion policy'
14.30 - 16.15	3rd PANEL DEBATE – Simple, more effective rules: a blueprint <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabrijela Žalac, Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia • Kerstin Westphal, Member of the European Parliament • Paweł Choraży, Undersecretary of State for Economic Development, Poland. • Siim Kallas, Chair of the High Level Group on Simplification • John Bachtler, Professor of European Policy Studies and Director of the European Policies Research Centre
16.15 - 16.45	CLOSING SESSION <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy