



Harnessing Talent Platform

A new boost for EU Regions



Launch Event
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Agenda

Livestreaming link: <https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/harnessing-talent-platform-2023-11-23>

09:30 – 10:00 Opening speeches

- **Dubravka Šuica**, Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography
- **Elisa Ferreira**, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote speech– Regional Attractiveness

- **Ron Boschma**, Professor in Regional Economics, Utrecht University

10:30 – 11:30 High Level Debate: Demographic change and regional prosperity

- **Normunds Popens**, Deputy Director-General for Implementation – DG REGIO, European Commission
- **Dragoș Pîslaru**, Chair of Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, European Parliament
- **Šime Erlić**, Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia
- **Nektarios Farmakis**, Governor of Western Greece Region, Committee of the Regions member

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11:50 – 13:00 Panel discussion: Territorial dimension of demographic challenges

- **Mihail Dumitru**, Deputy Director-General, DG AGRI, European Commission
- **Kristi Grišakov**, Head of unit, Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture of Estonia
- **Anna Torelli**, Managing Director – Territorial cooperation and S3, Marche Region
- **Lewis Dijkstra**, Team Leader Urban and Territorial Analysis, JRC, European Commission
- **Arthur Corazza**, Policy Officer – Demography Toolbox, Secretariat-General, European Commission

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14:00 – 15:30 Panel discussion: Addressing talent development disparities through socio economic policies

- **Andriana Sukova**, Deputy Director-General – Funds, Fair Transition and Analysis, DG EMPL, European Commission
- **Ramón Asensio**, Director of the Office of Castilla-La Mancha before the EU
- **Isabel de la Mata Barranco**, Principal Adviser – Health and crisis management, DG SANTE, European Commission
- **Tiago Teotónio Pereira**, Member of the Board of the Managing Authority – Alentejo Regional Programme
- **Rehana Schwinniger-Ladak**, Head of Unit – Interactive Technologies, Digital for Culture and Education, DG CNECT, European Commission
- **Catherine Wendt**, Head of Unit, Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO, European Commission

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15:50 – 17:30 Info session: Direct support through Talent Booster Mechanism and Harnessing Talent Platform

- **Marek Teplansky**, Head of Unit – Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, DG REGIO, European Commission
- **Rudiger Ahrend**, Head of Division, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions & Cities
- **Raluca Painter**, Head of Unit – Labour Market, Health and Social Services, DG REGORM, European Commission
- **Virginie Laye**, Managing Director, PwC Luxembourg

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17:30 – 18:00 Closing Remarks

- **Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
- **Themis Christophidou**, Director General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission