



# Harnessing Talent Platform

*A new boost for EU Regions*



**Launch Event**  
**23 November 2023**

# Agenda

Live Streaming 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 – diversification opportunities in regions

- **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
- **Dragoş Pişlaru**, Chair of Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, European Parliament
- **Domagoj Mikulić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia
- **Fokion Zaimis**, Deputy Governor of Entrepreneurship, Research and Innovation, Western Greece Region
- **Ron Boschma**, Professor in Regional Economics, Utrecht University

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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 REFORM, European Commission
- **Virginie Laye**, Managing Director, PwC Luxembourg
- **Jan Kramer**, Head of EU-Services, Prognos

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## 17:30 – 18:00 Closing Remarks

- **Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
- **Peter Berkowitz**, Director for Policy, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission