



Group of high-level specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy

Agenda – 23 May 2023

Fourth meeting

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Topic

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Time

23.05.2023

Public and web-streamed session: 09h30 – 12h45

Internal session: 12h45 – 16h00

Place

European Commission building

Meeting Room 4.B (ALBERT BORSCHETTE)

Brussels

Introduction to the topic

The place-based approach involving beyond the territorial angle local engagement, ownership and inclusive partnerships are core to the policy. It represents the added value of cohesion policy interventions. Coping with asymmetric development challenges needs a differentiated approach and place-based policies, complementing national structural policies. Effective partnerships, place-based strategies engaging local actors also help address pressure on democracy by increasing ownership of European policies. They may also lead to the positive and active engagement of local, regional and or national public authorities. Ensuring sustainable territorial development (territorial cohesion) is key to the success of the policy and the development of regions. Territorial cooperation creates new communities of common interest across borders and a larger number of Member States - showcasing a different mode for delivery of public goods. Addressing structural bottlenecks and obstacles to territorial cooperation will require new solutions.

Public and web-streamed session

09:00	<i>Arrival & registration</i>	
09:30	Welcome Speech	Elisa Ferreira - Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
09:40	Introduction of the topic	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose – Professor, London School of Economics
	Block A – Academic inputs	
09:45	Presentation	Tony Venables – Professor of Economics, University of Manchester; Senior Research Fellow, University of Oxford
10:00	Discussion	
10:40	Presentation	Raquel Ortega-Argiles – Professor Chair, Regional Economic Development, Alliance Manchester Business School
10:55	Discussion	
11:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
	Block B – Institutional inputs	
11:45	Presentation	Vasco Alves Cordeiro – President, European Committee of the Regions
11:55	Presentation	André Sobczak – Secretary General, Eurocities
12:05	Discussion	
12:35	Concluding remarks	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
12:45	<i>End of public session & webstreaming</i>	

Internal session

12:45	Recap of the summary of the last meeting	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
13:15	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:00	Discussion among high-level specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
16:00	Concluding remarks	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose

List of Reflection Group Meetings

First meeting	31 January 2023	Developing the European Growth Model
Second meeting	09 March 2023	Enhancing resilience of regions against emerging challenges
Third meeting	27 April 2023	Tailored support / flexibility to support different development needs of regions
Fourth meeting	23 May 2023	Role of place-based policies and development strategies
Fifth meeting	04 July 2023	Reinforcing territorial cooperation and addressing challenges on European integration
Sixth meeting	14 September 2023	Anchoring financial support from the policy in reforms, in the context of European Semester and in synergy with other EU policies
Seventh meeting	10 October 2023	Increasing the policy effectiveness through renewed conditionality mechanisms
Eighth meeting	14 November 2023	Revisiting the delivery mode/ mechanics taking into account priorities
Ninth meeting	14 December 2023	Enhancing the policy capacity to respond to sudden shocks and crises