MEDIA PROGRAMME

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Monday 10 October 2022

09:30 **Security check at the European Commission's Berlaymont building**
Rue de la Loi 200

10:30 – 11:00 **Welcome Session**
Berlaymont, press room

- ***Monika Hencsey,*** Director for Communication, European Commission's Directorate for Regional and Urban Policy
- ***Ian Barber,*** Director for Communication of the European Committee of the Regions

11:00 – 12:00 **Press conference**
Berlaymont, press room

- ***Elisa Ferreira,*** Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
- ***Vasco Alves Cordeiro,*** President of the European Committee of the Regions

12:30- 13:15 **Lunch break**
Berlaymont, Hall 3rd floor

14:30 – 16:00 **Political Opening**
Hemicycle of the European Parliament – Session webstreamed on SwapCard

- ***Roberta Metsola,*** President of the European Parliament
- ***Elisa Ferreira,*** Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
- ***Vasco Cordeiro,*** President of the European Committee of the Regions

16:15-17:30 **Interview slots with Commissioner Elisa Ferreira and CoR President Vasco Alves Cordeiro**
European Parliament

17:30 – 18:30 **Workshop 1 - Cohesion policy and reforms: Priorities for the new programming period 2021-27 and achievements of the 2014-2020 period**
European Parliament, (room 7C50)

- ***Emil Boc,*** Chair of the CoR Commission for territorial cohesion policy and EU budget, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca (RO)
- ***Nathalie Sarrabezolles,*** CoR rapporteur on the 8th Cohesion report, Councillor of the Finistère Departmental Council (FR)
- ***Mario Nava,*** Director General, European Commission's Directorate for Structural Reform Support
- ***Marc Lemaitre,*** Director General, European Commission's Directorate for Regional and Urban policy
- Moderated by ***Pierluigi Boda,*** Head of Sector, Press and relations with media at the CoR

Tuesday 11 October 2022

09:00 – 10:00 **Meeting with European Commission country experts on EU Cohesion policy**
SQUARE Convention centre, Hall 400
On background

9:30 – 11:00 **REGI-COTER commissions joint meeting**
European Committee of the Regions (room JDE52, 5th floor)

10:30 – 11:30 **Workshop 2 - Regions and cities helping refugees from Ukraine**
SQUARE Convention centre, Panoramic room

- ***Patrick Molinoz,*** Member of the CoR Working group on Ukraine, Vice-President of the Bourgogne- Franche-Comté region (FR)
- ***Hanna Zdanowska,*** Member of the Committee of the Regions, Mayor of Łódź (PL)
- ***Mykhailyna Skoryk-Shkarivska,*** Deputy-Mayor of Bucha (Ukraine) - via Zoom -
- ***Kadri Uustal,*** Head of Unit Coordination of programmes, European Commission's department for regional and urban policy
- Moderated by ***Karolina Kottova,*** Head of Communication Unit, European Commission's Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy

12:00 **Lunch break**
SQUARE Convention centre, Hall 400

13:00 – 14:00 **Technical briefing on the EU Annual Report on the State of Regions and Cities**
SQUARE Convention centre, Panoramic room

- Moderated by ***Michele Cercone,*** Deputy-Director for Communication of the CoR

Transfer possibility by public transport from SQUARE to Charlemagne building

15:00 – 16:15 **Plenary of the European Committee of the Regions: presentation of the EU Annual Report on the State of Regions and Cities**
Charlemagne building
Interview possibilities with CoR members in the margins of the Plenary

Transfer possibility by public transport from Charlemagne building to SQUARE

17:00 – 18:00 **Workshop 3 - Fighting youth unemployment: the role of regions and cities**
SQUARE Convention centre, Panoramic room

- ***Tine Radinja,*** CoR rapporteur of the future of youth policy in the EU, Mayor of Škofja Loka (SI)
- ***Vytautas Grubliauskas,*** Mayor of Klaipèda (LT), European Youth Capital 2021
- ***Alexandros Paschalis,*** member of the CoR Young Elected Politicians programme, Deputy Mayor of Edessa (GR)
- ***Andrea Glorioso,*** Policy Officer Future of Work and Youth Employment, European Commission
- Moderated by ***Miguel Hernandez Littlewood,*** Policy Officer European Commission

19:00 – 20:00 **Citizens' Dialogue**
SQUARE Convention Centre, Gold Hall – Session webstreamed on SwapCard

- ***Elisa Ferreira,*** European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms

20:00 **Cocktail reception**
SQUARE Convention Centre, Magritte Foyer

Wednesday 12 October 2022

08:30 **Transfer by bus to project visits**

Pick up point: SQUARE Conference Centre, main entrance

09:00 – 13:30 **Project visits and lunch**

As the two visits will take place at the same time, journalists can choose only one project to visit.

- **Brussels** - The Zinneke project

Zinneke is a non-profit socio-cultural organisation, best known for organising the Zinneke Parade, the biennial event that celebrates the multicultural richness of Brussels' neighbourhoods. For years, Zinneke has had no fixed base, until 2013, when it moved into a former state printing workshop. The renovation of the complex, financed also by cohesion policy's resources, was based on the reuse of the building materials and represents in that sense a valuable large-scale pilot project for circular economy in architecture. Today, the place is an incubator for socio-artistic initiatives that facilitates collaboration between residents, associations, artists and other social, cultural, economic and environmental actors, thus fostering social inclusion in Brussels and beyond.

- **Mons** - **FOREM Environment**

The Forem Environmental Competence Centre is active in the sector of environmental, waste and energy management, and the rational use of renewable energies. Financed also by cohesion policy's resources, it offers training to students, workers, teachers and business owners, allowing them to develop their skills in areas such as environmental auditing, construction and industrial waste, soil revitalisation, heating technology, biomass energy, ventilation, wind and solar energy generation.

15:00 – 16:00 **Workshop 4 – Cohesion policy helping the energy transition in Europe**

European Committee of the Regions (room JDE62, 6th floor)

- ***Kata Tüttő,*** Member of the CoR Green Deal Working Group, Deputy Mayor of Budapest (HU)
- ***Linda Gaasch,*** CoR rapporteur on the new European urban mobility framework, member of the Luxembourg City municipal council (LU)
- ***Mathieu Fichter,*** Policy Officer Energy, European Commission's department for regional and
- urban policy
- ***Monica Peña Sastre,*** Senior Policy Adviser, Climate and Energy, European Investment Bank
- Moderated by ***Chris Jones,*** Head of Unit, Press and relations with media at the CoR

19:00 – 20:00 **Megalizzi-Niedzielski Prize – Awards Ceremony**

SQUARE Convention Centre, Gold Hall - Session webstreamed on SwapCard

- ***Elisa Ferreira,*** European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
- ***Younous Omarjee,*** Chair of the Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament
- Moderated by ***Stefan de Keersmaecker,*** Coordinating spokesperson for the European Green Deal

20:00 **Cocktail reception**

SQUARE Convention Centre, Magritte Foyer

Thursday 13 October 2022

10:00 – 11:00 **Feedback and brainstorming session: How to communicate cohesion policy?**
SQUARE Convention Centre, Panoramic room

- With staff of the communication units of DG REGIO and the Committee of the Regions

11- 12:30 **Workshop 5 – Discover what the EU does in your region: Kohesio and the Open Data Platform**
SQUARE Convention Centre, Panoramic room

- ***John Walsh,*** Policy Officer, European Commission's department for Regional and Urban Policy
- ***Roberto Musmesci,*** Information and Communication Officer, European Commission's department for Regional and Urban Policy

12:30 **Lunch break**
SQUARE Convention Centre, Hall 400

14:30 – 15:30 **Closing ceremony**
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- ***Elisa Ferreira,*** European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
- ***Vasco Alves Cordeiro,*** President of the European Committee of the Regions

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A media room is available at the SQUARE (Panoramic room) from Tuesday 11October.

Free Wi-Fi will be available throughout the SQUARE venue:

- Wi-Fi network name: **EUREGIONSWEEK**
- Password: **EU2022**

Audiovisual

During the European Week of Regions and Cities, facilities are available for TV and radio journalists.

Those facilities include:

- Cutaways and images: part of the programme will be broadcasted on EbS (Europe by Satellite). TV journalists can download broadcast images to edit their news reports.

- ENG crews (cameraman + soundman): can be booked for specific recordings (parts of the programme NOT covered by EbS) or interviews.

- Editing facilities: an editing room and technicians can be booked for editing at the SQUARE (room 311, 3rd floor).

- Radio studio: available at the SQUARE; can be booked for interviews.

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Pictures:

- high resolution pictures will be available for download on the Flickr gallery of the European Week of Regions and Cities.