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European Cohesion policy: *A KEY TOOL TO MAKE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BECOME REALITY THROUGHOUT EU'S REGIONS*

Date: 7 February 2019 from 14.30 to 18.30 + Cocktail afterwards

Place: European Parliament (Rooms ASP 3G2 + ASP 5G305 + ASP 1G369)

Languages : FR DE IT EN ES PL

Draft Programme

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14.30 – 15.15 - Opening Session (Webstreamed)

Sustainable Development: how territories are leading the way

Room ASP 3G2

Moderator: Anna Lisa Boni, Secretary General of EUROCITIES

-) **Opening Address:** Jeffrey D. Sachs, professor of economics at Columbia University (US), leader in sustainable development, senior UN advisor
-) **Keynote speech:** Giorgios Kaminis, Mayor of Athens (GR), Member of the European Committee of Regions
-) **Welcoming speeches / EU at a crossroad. Territories as frontrunners of sustainable development policies**
 - Udo Bullmann (DE), President S&D Group
 - Catuscia Marini (IT), President PES Group CoR, President of Umbria

15.30 – 17.00

Three Interactive workshops running in parallel

-) For each workshop, one moderator, one rapporteur, 3 speakers
-) Mixing representatives of regional/local authorities, MEPs, NGOs, Trade Unions
-) Moderator to lead the debate in a dynamic, interactive way (including with audience) 'ping pong style'

Workshop 1: Implementing Just transition at local level

(Room ASP 1 G 369) – IN ENGLISH ONLY

Moderator: Daniel Termont (BE), former Mayor of Ghent, former President of Eurocities

Speakers

-) Benjamin Denis (FR), Adviser ETUC Secretariat, in charge of climate change notably
-) Beata Maciejewska (PL), Special Envoy of the Mayor of Slupsk for Sustainable Development
-) Kata Tütt (HU), Local councilor, District 12 Budapest, Member of European Committee of the Regions, CoR rapporteur on energy poverty

Rapporteur: Sanjeev Kumar (UK), CEO & Founding Director of Change Partnership

Workshop 2: Repowering people at the local level - Strengthening the partnership principle within EU cohesion policy

(Room ASP 5G305 – ENGLISH ONLY)

Moderator: Carol Thomas (UK), Adviser *Governance and Institutional Relations* (Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CCRE/CEMR))

Speakers

-) Teresa Laespada (ES), *Diputada Foral* (Councillor) in charge of social policies, Province of Bizkaia
-) Olga Zrihen (BE), Member of Wallonia's parliament, Member of the European Committee of Regions
-) John Bachtler (UK), European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, and TU Delft

Rapporteur: Mercedes Bresso (IT), S&D Vice-President in charge of economic and social issues, Member of the European Parliament

Workshop 3: Convergence between and within European territories - Time to deliver!

Room ASP 3G2 (EN, FR, ES, DE,PL, IT) / Webstreamed

Moderator: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose (ES), member of the Independent Commission on Sustainable Equality (Progressive Society initiative), Professor of Economic Geography, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Speakers

-) Juan Espadas Cejas (ES), Mayor of Seville, Member of the European Committee of Regions
-) Margit Tago / Kristina Avdonina (EE), coordinators youth policies JMK Johannes Mihkelsoni Keskus (Tallin and Hartju)
-) Ulrike Hiller (DE), Secretary of State Federal and European Affairs and Development cooperation, Free Hanseatic City of Bremen , Member of the European Committee of Regions

Rapporteur: Eric Andrieu (FR), S&D Vice-President, in charge of budget, agriculture and cohesion, Member of the European Parliament

17.15 – 18.30 - Plenary debate (webstreamed)

Room ASP 3G2

Will cohesion policy 2021-2027 be fit for purpose?

Moderator: Anna Lisa Boni, Secretary General of EUROCITIES

-) Rapporteur Workshop 1: Sanjeev Kumar (UK), CEO & Founding Director of Change Partnership
-) Rapporteur Workshop 2: Mercedes Bresso (IT), S&D Vice-President, European Parliament
-) Rapporteur Workshop 3: Eric Andrieu (FR), S&D Vice-President , European Parliament

High-level political discussion on issues raised in the 3 workshops

Isabelle Boudineau (FR), President of COTER Commission in the European Committee of Regions, Vice-President Nouvelle Aquitaine Region

Andrea Cozzolino (IT), S-D Vice-President of the REGI committee, Member of the European Parliament

Constanze Krehl (DE), S&D Coordinator REGI committee, Member of the European Parliament

Karl-Heinz Lambertz (BE), President of the European Committee of Regions

Conclusion: Proclamation of the Appeal of the Progressive family “No territory and no place left behind”

Family Photo and cocktail