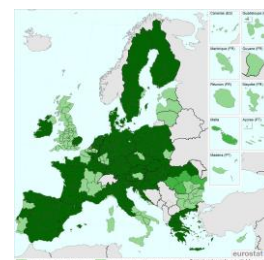


A STRONG RENEWED REGIONAL POLICY FOR ALL REGIONS POST 2020

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Programme



Wednesday, 28 September

- from 10.15 Arrival at the Committee of the Regions, Registration procedures
Location: CoR, Rue Belliard 99–101, 1040 Brussels
- from 11.00 **Webstreaming** of the conference for participants
Location: CoR, Atrium 5, 5th floor, Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussel
- 11.00 Start of the **conference: “The contribution of EU Regional Policy to manage future challenges”**
- Welcome speech by **Markku Markkula**, President of the Committee of the Regions
 - Opening speech by **Erwin Pröll**, Governor of Lower Austria and initiator and patron of the “Initiative of Regions”
 - Moderator **Michael Schneider**, State Secretary of Saxony-Anhalt and President of the EPP-group and rapporteur of the Committee of the Regions for the Future of EU-Cohesion Policy
 - Regional presidents/representatives:
 - **Paul Magnette**, Minister president of Wallonia (Belgium)
 - **Sergio Chiamparino**, President of Piemonte (Italy)
 - **Francina Armengol i Socías**, President of the Balearic Islands Government (Spain)
 - **Renaud Muselier**, Deputy President and First Vice-President of the region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, President of the Europe Commission of the French Regions Association (France)
 - **Benjamin Immanuel Hoff**, Minister for Cultural, Federal and European Affairs of Thuringia (Germany)
 - **Witold Stępień**, Marshal of Lodzkie (Poland)
 - **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**, Chairman of the Regional Assembly of Ostrobothnia, Pohjanmaa (Finland)
 - **Raffaele Cattaneo**, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)

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12.30-13.30 Light lunch
on the invitation of Governor Erwin Pröll
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13.30-15.00 Continuation of the **conference**

- Moderator **Michael Schneider**, State Secretary of Saxony-Anhalt and President of the EPP-group and rapporteur of the Committee of the Regions for the Future of EU-Cohesion Policy
- Regional presidents/representatives:
 - **Robert Uitto**, Regional Commissioner and Chairman of Jämtland Härjedalen (Sweden)
 - **Martin Hyský**, Member of the Regional Council of Vysocina (Czech Republic)
 - **Lilijana Madjar**, President of the Development Council of the Western Slovenia Cohesion Region (Slovenia, shared speaking time)
 - **Ivan Žagar**, President of the Development Council of Eastern Slovenia Cohesion Region (Slovenia, shared speaking time)
 - **Henrik Ringbæk Madsen**, Member of the Regional Council of North Jutland (Denmark)
 - **Michiel Rijsberman**, Regional Minister of Flevoland (Netherlands)
 - **Sorin Mihai Grindeanu**, President of Timiș County Council (Romania)
- Presidents/representatives of Interregional Organisations:
 - **Hande Özsan Bozatli**, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER)
 - **Pavol Frešo**, President of the Working Community of the Danube Countries and President of Bratislava Self-Governing Region (Slovakia)
 - **Eleni Marianou**, General Secretary of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CPMR/CRPM)

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at 15.00 **Joint walk** to the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria

Location: Representation of the Free State of Bavaria, Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels

15.00-15.30 Pre-Reception with drinks and finger food

15.30 **Ceremony of handing-over the books of signatures to the high representatives of the EU institutions**

- Welcome address, **Barbara Schretter**, Director of the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU
- Welcome speech, **Beate Merk**, Bavarian State Minister for European and international affairs by video message

- Interview with **Erwin Pröll**, Governor of Lower Austria and initiator and patron of the “Initiative of Regions”

15.50 **Handing-over ceremony of the books of signatures** by Governor Erwin Pröll to President Markku Markkula, Commissioner Corina Crețu, MEP Iskra Mihaylova and Ambassador Peter Javorcik, Permanent Representative, on behalf of the Slovakian EU-Presidency

afterwards

Statements

- **Markku Markkula**, President of the Committee of the Regions
- **Corina Crețu**, EU-Commissioner for Regional Policy
- **Iskra Mihaylova**, MEP and Chair of the Committee of Regional Development of the European Parliament
- Ambassador **Peter Javorcik**, Permanent Representative, on behalf of the Slovakian EU-Presidency

Group photo of all politicians

afterwards

Reception

on the invitation of Minister of State Beate Merk

Location: Representation of the Free State of Bavaria, Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels

17.00

Official end of the event