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PAVING THE WAY FOR A MORE TERRITORIAL COHESION POLICY AFTER 2020

#futurecohesion

The **Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)**
and its associations invite you to debate the future of cohesion policy.
We look forward to debating with you!

Agenda

Opening session (09:30 – 10:00)

Welcoming words by CEMR Vice-President, **Petr Kulhánek**

Keynote speaker: **Jyrki Katainen**, Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, European Commission

Cohesion policy under threat: what purpose for the future? (10:00 – 11:00)

Exchange of views and political debate

1. **Jan Olbrycht**, Member of the European Parliament, Regional Development (REGI) and Budget committees
2. **Carola Gunnarsson**, Mayor of Sala, CEMR spokesperson on cohesion policy (Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions)
3. **Michiel Rijsberman**, Regional Minister of Flevoland (Association of Provinces of the Netherlands)
4. **Jean Claude Dardelet**, Vice-President of Toulouse Metropolis (French Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions)

Debate with the audience

Networking coffee break (11:00 – 11:30)

Every territory counts: the future of cohesion policy is inclusive (11:30 – 13:00)

1. **Petr Kulhánek**, Mayor of Karlovy Vary (Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic), CEMR Vice-President
2. **Carlos Martínez Mínguez**, Mayor of Soria (Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces), CEMR Vice-President
3. **Sabina De Luca**, Director of the Department of European Projects, City of Rome, Eurocities
4. **Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann**, Director, DG Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), Rural development programmes II, European Commission
5. **Judit Torokne Rozsa**, Head of Unit “Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development”, DG for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), European Commission

Lunch buffet offered by CEMR (13:00 – 14:00)

What shape should cohesion policy have in the future? Prospective reflections (14:00 – 15:30)

1. **Charles Spapens**, Alderman for the revitalisation of neighbourhoods, employment, economic development and social economy, Forest (Association of the City and Municipalities of Brussels)
 2. **Kerstin Westphal**, Member of the European Parliament, own-opinion rapporteur on the future of cohesion policy, Regional Development committee (REGI)
 3. **Ruud van Raak**, Programme Manager of the ERDF Programme for the West of the Netherlands (Association of Netherlands Municipalities)
 4. **Andriana Sukova-Tosheva**, Director of Unit F (Investment), DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), European Commission
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Closing session – A new opportunity for Europe to take citizens’ input on board (15:30 – 17:00)

Link with the debate on the future of Europe

1. **Carola Gunnarsson**, Mayor of Sala, CEMR spokesperson on cohesion policy (Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions)
2. **Lambert Van Nistelrooij**, Member of the European Parliament, Regional Development committee (REGI)
3. **Olgierd Geblewicz**, President of Westpomerania Region (Poland) and Member of the Committee of Regions
4. **Nicola De Michelis**, Head of Cabinet, Commissioner for Regional Policy Corina Crețu

Closing statement by CEMR Vice-President, **Carlos Martínez Mínguez**

Moderators

- **Angelika Poth-Mögele**, CEMR Executive Director European Affairs
 - **David Rinaldi**, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
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