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**ACTORE, the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence of the University of Antwerp and  
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**kindly invite you to an outreach workshop:**

## **Regions in EU policy making**

**Hosted by the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), room JDE 70**

**Friday, 3 February 2017, 12.30-14.30**

This event will present and discuss research findings with respect to mobilization and influence of regions in EU policy-making. Target audiences include CoR members, EU institutions officials, regional information offices in Brussels, interest groups, civil society and academics.

## Programme:

- Welcome by **Wolfgang Petzold** (CoR, Directorate for Communication)
- Introduction by **Luc Van den Brande** (CoR- member)
- Introductory presentation of ACIM research on territorial politics in the EU by **Prof. Peter Bursens** (ACIM).

Presentation and discussion of two major themes of recent ACIM research:

- **Theme 1: Mobilization of Regions**

Key findings from research on regional mobilization in the EU will be highlighted. What determines the organizational form of regional representation in Brussels? What explains varying levels of regional mobilization? Which policy issues are important for regional representatives? And which advocacy tactics and networks do regional representations adopt when seeking to influence EU policies?

**Presentation** by **Prof. Jan Beyers** (ACIM), **discussion** by **Prof. Simona Piattoni** (University of Trento), **Mr. Amadeo Altafaj** (Catalan representation to the EU) and **Ms. Judit Törökné Rózsa** (DG REGIO, European Commission)

- **Theme 2: Policy influence of regions**

The influence of regions in EU policy-making dossiers will be addressed. What are the policy preferences of regions? How do regions influence EU policy-making and what determines their success? What is the role of power, strategies and policy alignment in maximizing influence?

**Presentation** by **dr. Matti Van Hecke** (ACIM), **discussion** by **Prof. Simona Piattoni** (University of Trento), **Mr. Mathieu Mori** (Assembly of the European Regions) and **Mr. Philipp Holzheid** (Bavarian representation to the EU)

- Concluding Q&A with the audience and all panel speakers

**Participation is free but registration is required before Tuesday January 10, 2017 via <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/rg/actore/news-and-events/outreach-workshop--r/>**