

REFLECTING ON EUROPE: CITIES AND REGIONS AS CHANGE AGENTS

9th November 2017

Cortes de Aragón, Palacio de la Aljafería, Zaragoza

Thursday, 9th November 2017

Moring session

14:00 *Lunch at the Palacio de la Aljafería*

15:30 *Guided Tour of the Palacio de la Aljafería*

Second part: Citizens' Dialog on Innovation and local and regional Empowerment

16:30 Welcome

Violeta Barba, President of the Cortes de Aragón
Arantza Gracia Moreno, Local Development and Employment
Councillor, Town hall Zaragoza

16:40 Introduction

Javier Lambán, President of the Autonomous Community of
Aragón and CoR member

**17:00 Panel Discussion on Innovation & Empowerment at the local and
regional level**

Chair: Óscar López Lorente, Gerente Campus Iberus

“The regional and local dimension of Research and Innovation”

Richard Tuffs, ERRIN (t.b.c.)

“How much are EU policies useful for developing smart and cohesive cities: the case of Łódź”

Witold Stępień, President of Łódź and CoR member

“The impact of Research and Innovation on the urban development”

N.N. Ebropolis

“Cohesion Policy and regional and local Innovation”

Mario Kölling, Head of projects, FMGA

18:40 *Break*

18:45 Citizens' Dialog
Chair: **Mario Kölling**, Head of projects, FMGA

19:30 **Closing**
Fernando García Vicente, Aragón Ombudsman (t.b.c.)