



The Future of Industry in Europe

Challenges and Instruments for Local and Regional Authorities

European Committee of the Regions, 101 Rue Belliard, Brussels

2 May 2017, 14:30-18:00, room JDE 52

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Member states and the Commission are showing renewed interest in charting a strategic vision for European industry. Regions are key stakeholders in this debate. By developing and expanding its knowledge-intensive and technologically advanced manufacturing sectors and boosting digitalisation, Europe can enhance its international competitiveness and generate badly-needed new sources of growth and jobs. Regional eco-systems are crucial in this. This workshop will debate the main challenges and instruments for industrial modernisation from a regional and local perspective and aim to identify the key gaps and opportunities on which policy could focus.

14:00-14:30 **Registration**

14:30-14:45 **Welcome and introduction**

Markus Töns (DE/PES), Member of the CoR ECON Commission

14:45-15:15 **Setting the scene**

Presentation of the CoR Study on *The Future of Industry*

Pietro Celotti & Michele Alessandrini, t33 Srl

15:15-16:30 **Panel 1: Challenges and opportunities in the industrial modernisation process**

Chairperson **Heinz Lehmann** (DE/EPP), Member of the CoR ECON Commission

Panellists **Carsten Bermig**, Expert in the Cabinet of Commissioner Bieńkowska

Claire Dhéret, Senior Policy Analyst and FutureLab Europe Programme Leader,
European Policy Centre

Isolde Ries (DE/PES), CoR ECON Member, First Vice-President of the Saarland Regional
Parliament, rapporteur of the CoR opinion on the steel industry (tbc)

Daniel Collet, Inspector General of the Competitiveness and Innovation Department
for the Wallonia Region, and Member of the Executive Board of the European
Chemical Regions Network (ECRN)



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16:30-16:45 **Coffee break**

16:45-18:00 **Panel 2: Instruments to support industrial modernisation and development – the importance of networking**

Chairperson **Thomas Wobben**, Director, Legislative Work (ECON, COTER, SEDEC commissions), CoR

Panellists **Mark Nicklas**, Head of Unit, European Commission DG GROW

The Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform on Industrial Modernization

Piotr Gołębiowski, Head of Unit for Single Market, EU Affairs Department, Polish Ministry of Development, Poland

Friends of Industry group

Alexander Arriola, Director General for Economic Development, Basque Government, ERRIN

The Basque experience

Erwin Siweris, Programme Director, Interreg Europe

Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platforms

17:45-18:00 **Close**

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