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#CoRplenary

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- Co-organised by the European Commission and the European Committee of the Regions, the Assises are a unique dialogue forum between regions and cities on cooperation for development. [Click here](#).

DAY 1 | Wednesday 12 July 2017 15:00-21:00 CoR PLENARY SESSION | European Parliament | Paul Henri Spaak building – Hemicycle | 60 Rue Wiertz | Bruxelles | [Agenda in all EU languages](#)

15:00-16:00 Opening of the session | Election of the new president of the CoR.

- End of term speech by outgoing CoR President Markku Markkula
- Speech by the newly-elected CoR President

16:00 Press point with newly elected CoR President Karl-Heinz Lambertz (BE/PSE)

After serving a two and a half year term as First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions, **Karl-Heinz Lambertz (BE/PSE)**, member of the Belgian Senate representing the German-speaking Community, is due to be elected as new President of the EU Assembly. Following the vote in plenary session, Mr Lambertz will present to the press the political priorities of his mandate.

Where: VIP-Salons 2 and 3 – European Parliament, PHS building, 2. Etage

When: 12 July, 16.00 | **Languages:** FR, DE, EN

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16:00-21:00 Statements & Opinions

- **Statement by Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation**
- **Christophe Clergeau (FR/PES)**, Member of the Pays-de-la-Loire Regional Council | Own-initiative opinion: [Local and Regional Dimension of Horizon 2020 and the New Framework Programme for Research and Innovation](#) *Debate with members*
- **Ulrike Hiller (DE/PES)**, Member of the Senate, Representative of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen to the Federal Government, with Responsibility for European Affairs | Own-initiative opinion: [Coordination of Social Security Systems](#)
- **Statement by Guillaume Balas, Member of the European Parliament (FR/S&D)**
- **Guillaume Cros (FR/PES)**, vice-President of the Regional Council of Occitania | Own-initiative opinion: [CAP post 2020](#)
- **Statement by Czesław Siekierski (PL/EPP), AGRI Chair of the European Parliament**
- **Franco Iacop (IT/PES)**, Regional Councilor and President of the Regional Council of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region | [Next steps for a sustainable European future - European action for sustainability](#)
- **Statement by Paul Koffi Koffi, Commissioner of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), responsible for the Department of Community Territorial Administration and Transport (DCTA), on the outcome of the 2017 edition of the Assises of Decentralised Cooperation**
- **Hans Janssen (NL/EPP)**, Mayor of Oisterwijk | [Migration on the Central Mediterranean route - Managing flows, saving lives](#)
- **Anthony Gerard Buchanan (UK/EA)**, Member of the East Renfrewshire Council | Own-initiative opinion: [International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans](#)
- **Pavel Branda (CZ/ECR)**, Vice-Mayor of Rádlo | Own-initiative opinion: [People-to-people and small scale projects in cross-border cooperation programs](#)
- **Tadeusz Truskolaski (PL/EA)**, Mayor of Białystok | [Europe's next leaders: the Start-up and Scale-up Initiative](#)
- **Christian Buchmann (AT/EPP)**, Member of the Stockholm County Council | Own-initiative opinion: [Smart Regulation for SMEs](#)

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- **European Entrepreneurial Region Awards ceremony | Press Point** [more information click here](#)
European Parliament - Yehudi Menuhin space, 1st Floor, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS)

DAY 2 | Thursday 13 July 2017 9:00-13:00: CoR PLENARY SESSION | European Parliament | Paul Henri Spaak building – Hemicycle | 60 Rue Wiertz | Brussels | [Agenda in all EU languages](#)

9:00-09:30 Opening of the session

- **Report on the impact of CoR opinions**
- **Mieczysław Struk (PL/EPP)**, Marshal of the Pomeranian Province | [Territorial classification and typologies](#)

09:30-13:00 Statements & Opinions

- **Statement by Matti Maasikas, Estonian Deputy Minister of European Affairs on behalf of the Estonian Presidency** | *Debate with members*
- **Daiva Matonienė (LT/ECR)**, Municipal Councilor of the City of Šiauliai | [The promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources \(recast\)](#)
- **Bruno Hranić (HR/EPP)**, Mayor of Vidovec | [Energy Union and clean energy](#)
- **Michiel Rijsberman (NL/ALDE)**, Member of the Executive Council of the Province of Flevoland | [Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency](#)
- **József Ribányi (HU/EPP)**, Vice-Chairman of the Tolna County Assembly | Own-initiative opinion: [A European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility](#)
- **Statement by Violeta Bulc, Commissioner for Transport** | *Debate with members*

12:30 Signature of a declaration for clean-buses fast deployment and press point with mayors, Violeta Bulc and Karl-Heinz Lambertz | outside EP Hemicycle

14:30 – POLITICO'S SPOTLIGHT | Cohesion in Europe post-2020: make or break?

With Karl-Heinz Lambertz and Günther Oettinger | [More information & Live web streaming](#) |

[All Opinions and working documents can be downloaded in all 23 EU official languages here](#) Interviews upon request

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