



**Decentralised Cooperation**  
Local and Regional Authorities for Development



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**Programme**

## Tuesday 09 April 2013

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### 14h30-15h00: Opening Session

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Mr Gerhard Stahl,  
Mr Klaus Rudischhauser,

Secretary General, Committee of the Regions  
Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation  
EuropeAid, European Commission

**Room: JDE 52**

**Listening room: JDE 51 & JDE 53**

**Languages: EN, ES, FR, IT, DE, PT**

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### 15h00-15h30: Coffee break

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### 15h30-18h30: Thematic round tables

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#### **RT 1 : Cross-Border and interregional cooperation, decentralised cooperation in support of regional integration**

##### Speakers

Mr Roberto Grilo,  
Mr Roger Gurdian,  
Mrs Lotta Häkansson Harju,

Vice-President for Cooperation Affairs, Region of Alentejo, Portugal  
Mayor of the city of León, Nicaragua  
Member of the Järfälla Municipal Council, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Sweden

Mrs Oumou Sall Seck,  
Mr Jaroslaw Sloma,  
Ms Thi Thu Thuy Nguyen,  
Mr Lambert van Nistelrooij,  
Mr Ronald Hall,

Mayor of Goundam, Mali  
Vice-president of Warmia-Masuria Province, Poland  
President of the Popular Committee of the Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam  
Member of Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament  
Principal Adviser, Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission

##### Rapporteur

Mr Abdoulaye Sene,

Member of the Regional Council of Fatick, President of the Global Local Forum, Senegal

##### Moderator

Mr Erik Nyindu,

Editor in Chief, VoxAfrica

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#### **RT 2 : Local and regional authorities and the international agenda on development post-2015**

##### Speakers

Ms Mercedes Bresso,  
Mr Paul Carrasco,  
Ms Moraig Henderson,  
Mr Carles Llorens,  
Ms Fatimetou Mint Abdel Malick,

Councillor for Piedmont Region, First Vice-President, Committee of the Regions, Italy  
Prefect, Azuay Province, President of ORU-FOGAR, Equator  
Deputy Director, Brussels UNDP office  
Director General of cooperation for development, Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain  
Mayor of Teveragh-Zeina, President of Network of Local Elected Women of Africa (REFELA), Mauritania

Mr Chris Vanden Bilcke,  
Mr Santiago Fisas Aixela,  
Mr Patrick Rabe,

Head of Liaison Office to the EU, UNEP  
Member of the Deve Committee, European Parliament  
Policy Co-ordinator, Unit AI Policy coherence, DG Devco–EuropeAid, European Commission

##### Rapporteur

Mr Hubert Julien Laferrière,

City councillor of Lyon, France

##### Moderator

Mr James Mackie,

Senior Adviser, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), The Netherlands

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### RT 3 : Decentralised cooperation as a tool for addressing the challenges of decentralisation in developing countries

#### Speakers

Mr Boubacar Bah,	Mayor of Bamako IV Commune, President of Association of Mali Municipalities, 2nd Vice-President of the Council of Local Communities of the WAEMU Mali
Mr Mircea Cosma,	President of Prahova County Council, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Romania
Mr Marin Casimir Ilboudo,	Mayor of Ouagadougou, President of Burkina Faso Association of Municipalities, Burkina Faso
Ms Arame Ndoye,	Minister for Territorial Affairs and local government, Sénégal
Mr André Viola,	President of the Aude General Council, President of ADF international relations and decentralised cooperation commission, President of Arc Latin, France
Mr Francisco Toajas Mellado,	Mayor of Las Cabezas de San Juan, Spain
Mr Luis Radhamés Minier Perez,	Mayor of the City of Comendador, Dominican Republic
Mr Jorge Rodriguez Bilbao,	Administrator, Unit B2- Civil Society, Local Authorities, DG Devco-EuropeAid, European Commission

#### Rapporteur

Mr Dorin Chirtoaca,	Mayor of Chisinau, Co-chair of the Conference of Regional and Local Authorities for the Eastern Partnership (CORLEAP), Moldova
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#### Moderator

Mr Mamadou Sembene,	Director of Decentralised cooperation House, AMBF, Burkina Faso
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**Language: EN - FR - ES & RO passive**



### RT 4 : Capacity building of local and regional authorities: a support for development

#### Speakers

Mr Soulé Alagbe,	Mayor of Parakou, Vice-President of the Council of Local Communities (CCT) of the WAEMU, Benin
Mr Sanjay Chauhan,	Mayor of Shimla, India
Mr Josep Oliva y Santiveri,	Provincial Councillor for Social Welfare, Public Health and Consumptions, Diputacio de Barcelona, Spain
Mr Moustapha El Moutaouakil,	President of Taroudant Municipal Council, Morocco
Ms Janina Sanchez Dunn,	Director of International Relations and Cooperation of La Paz, Bolivia
Mr Joel Riguelle,	Mayor, Berchem-Sainte-Agathe Municipality, Belgium
Mr Luc Van den Brande,	Chairman of the Flemish—European Liaison Agency, Member of Committee of the Regions
Mr Charles White,	Administrator, DG for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

#### Rapporteur

Mr Hani Abdalmasih Al-Hayek,	Mayor of Beit Sahour, Member of ARLEM, Palestine
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#### Moderator

Mr Gie Goris,	Editor in Chief, MO - mondiaal nieuws
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**Room: VMA I**

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### RT 5 : Towards a new European Commission Communication on Local Authorities in Development: the results of the consultation

#### Speakers

Mr Syed M. Asghar Shah Gillani,	President of Local Councils Association of the Punjab, Pakistan
Mr Mohamed Boudra,	President of the Region Taza-Al Hoceima-Taounate and Member of ARLEM, Morocco
Ms Marian Elorza,	Secretary-General of External Affairs, Basque Government, Spain,
Ms Gertrude Rose Gamwera,	Secretary-General, Uganda Local Governments Association, Uganda
Ms Milagros Navas Herrera,	Mayor of Antiguo Cuscatlán Municipality, Chairperson of Corporación de Municipalidades de El Salvador, Salvador
Mr Hans Janssen,	Mayor of Oisterwijk, Member of the Committee of the Regions, The Netherlands
Mr Alexander Osadci,	Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova, Moldova
Mr Pierre Shapira,	Deputy-Mayor of the City of Paris and Platforma Spokesperson, France
Mr Angelo Baglio,	Head of Unit, Unit B2-Civil Society, Local Authorities, DG Devco-EuropeAid, European Commission,

#### Rapporteur

Mr Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi,	General Secretary, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa
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#### Moderator

Mr Joshua Massarenti,	Afronline.org, Vita
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**18h30-20h30: Cocktail (JDE Atrium 5)**

## Wednesday 10 April 2013

### 10h00-13h30: Plenary session

Ms Mercedes Bresso,	Councillor for Piedmont Region, Italy First Vice-President, Committee of the Regions
Mr Kristian Schmidt,	Director, Human and Society Development Directorate, DG for Development and Cooperation-EuropeAid, European Commission
Mr Joseph Costello,	Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with responsibility for Trade and Development, Ireland
Ms Eva Joly,	President of the Deve Committee, European Parliament (tbc)
Mr Abdoulaye Sene,	Member of the Regional Council of Fatick, President of the Global Local Forum, Senegal
Mr Hubert Julien Laferrière,	City councillor of Lyon, France
Mr Dorin Chirtoaca,	Mayor of Chisinau, Co-chair of the Conference of Regional and Local Authorities for the Eastern Partnership, CORLEAP, Moldova
Mr Hani Abdalmasih Al-Hayek,	Mayor of Beit Sahour, Member of ARLEM, Palestine
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Mr Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso,	President of the Autonomous Community of Murcia, Spain President of Committee of the Regions
Mr Andris Piebalgs,	Member of the European Commission in charge of Development

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### 13h30-14h30: Buffet lunch (JDE Atrium 5 & 6)

