



**European Committee
of the Regions**



Ministero per la Coesione territoriale e il Mezzogiorno

Briefing on the future of Cohesion Policy beyond 2020

Tuesday 30 January 2018, 11.15 – 12.45

**at the European Committee of the Regions
room JDE 52
Rue Belliard 99-101**

Cohesion policy is the main European investment policy to achieve the EU Treaty objective of economic, social and territorial cohesion. In doing so, cohesion policy has a clear added value in creating jobs, sustainable growth and modern infrastructure, overcoming structural barriers, boosting human capital and improving the quality of life for all citizens across the EU.

Within the context of the ongoing debate on the future of cohesion policy beyond 2020, numerous important actors have already expressed their view on this important matter. The position of Italy on cohesion policy post 2020 was recently adopted on 9 November 2017. The European Committee of the Regions took its position with the adoption of its opinion on "The future of Cohesion Policy beyond 2020" on 11 May 2017, which was prepared by rapporteur Michael Schneider, State Secretary and Representative of the Land of Saxony-Anhalt to the Federal Government.

The briefing session will provide an opportunity to present both the position of the Italian Government and the European Committee of the Regions and to discuss them with an interested audience in Brussels. This forms part of the activities of the European Committee of the Regions promoting the #CohesionAlliance for a strong, effective and more visible cohesion policy beyond 2020.

Agenda:

Introduction by

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Enzo Bianco, Chair of the Italian Delegation at the European Committee of the Regions

- "Italy's position on post-2020 cohesion policy"
Prof. Claudio De Vincenti, Minister for Territorial Cohesion and Southern Italy, Republic of Italy
- "The views of the Italian regions towards the future of cohesion policy"
Catiuscia Marini, Coordinator of the Committee on European Affairs of the Italian Conference of Regions
- "The views of the European Committee of the Regions on the future of cohesion policy"
Dr. Michael Schneider, CoR rapporteur on "The future of Cohesion Policy beyond 2020"
- Discussion with the Participants

Interpretation will be provided in Italian, German and English.