



# Invitation

Founding Event  
of the European Semiconductor  
Regions Alliance (ESRA)

September 7th 2023

3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

European Committee of the Regions, Brussels

With the approval of the "European Chips Act" (ECA) by the EU Council of Ministers at the end of July 2023, Europe takes a significant step towards strengthening its semiconductor ecosystem. The signals are set green for increasing European competitiveness in the global context of this key technology. The ECA, which has also been significantly implemented through the support of representatives in the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), will create an attractive and reliable framework for investments in Europe and innovative, strong ecosystem structures. Europe's microelectronics locations need not shy away from international comparison with competing locations such as in Asia and in the US.

The Free State of Saxony initiated a process to establish the "European Semiconductor Regions Alliance" (ESRA) in spring this year. I am delighted that we have already been able to win over thirteen regions from nine Member States to participate, who expressed their willingness to cooperate in a joint declaration of intent. Further regions have joined the group or expressed their interest.

With this in mind I invite you, together with the European Committee of the Regions, to launch the "European Semiconductor Regions Alliance" on 7th September 2023 at the CoR premises in Brussels. In the presence of ESRA's European founding regions and together with high-level repre-

sentatives from the EU institutions in Brussels, we will adopt the founding document of ESRA.

Following the event, Flanders and the Free State of Saxony are pleased to invite you to an evening reception at the Microelectronics Research Centre imec in Leuven.

I look forward to welcoming you there!



  
Michael Kretschmer

# Program

## 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.:

Welcome and Exchange

## 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.:

Founding event of the European Semiconductor Regions Alliance (ESRA)

moderated by:

Jillian Deutsch, Bloomberg Brussels (tbc)

## 4:00 – 4:10 p.m.:

Welcome addresses by

- Michael Kretschmer  
Minister-President of the Free State of Saxony
- Vasco Alves Cordeiro (tbc)  
President of the European Committee of the Regions

## 4:10 – 4:30 p.m.:

Views on the European Chips Act (ECA)

- Key Note Roberto Viola (tbc)  
Director-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CNECT), European Commission
- Key Note Thomas Schmidt  
Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur for the ECA

## 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.:

Statements of high representatives of European semiconductor regions

## 5:15 – 5:30 p.m.:

Signing of the Joint Declaration of the European Semiconductor Regions Alliance

## 5:35 p.m.:

Group photo of the present alliance representatives

## 5:40 p.m.:

Press statements

## 6:00 p.m.:

End of the event

You receive attached a separate invitation for the evening reception.



## European Committee of the Regions

Jacques Delors Building, room JDE 52

Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 99-101

B-1040 Brussels

### Recommendation:

Due to security checks we recommend to arrive at least 15 minutes before the official start of the event (4:00 p.m.)!

Transfer is provided from the European Committee of the Regions to the evening reception at imec and back to Brussels-Schuman.