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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY



AGENDA OF THE LAUNCH OF THE REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS INDEX 2.0 - 2022 EDITION **27 MARCH 2023, 14:00-17:45**

Location: Committee of the Regions, rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 101, room JDE 51

14:00-14:05 Welcome message by Committee of the Regions

- **Emil Boc**, Chair of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER), European Committee of the Regions

14:05-14:20 Opening speech

- **Elisa Ferreira**, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms

14:20-14:40 Presentation of the EU Regional Competitiveness Index 2.0 – 2022 edition

- **Peter Berkowitz**, Director for Policy at European Commission, DG for Regional and Urban Policy

14:40-15:30 Presentations by EU regions, moderated by **Emma Toledano Laredo**, Director for Better Implementation, Closure and Programme Implementation III at the European Commission, DG for Regional and Urban Policy

- Region Utrecht, The Netherlands:
 - **Robert Strijk**, Regional Minister of the province of Utrecht and
 - **Lidewij de Haas**, Country Director at Arcadis Nederland BV
- Region Norte, Portugal:
 - **António Cunha**, President of the Norte of Portugal Regional Coordination and Development Commission
- Region Śląskie, Poland
 - **Jakub Chełstowski**, Marshal of the Śląskie Voivodeship and member of the European Committee of the Regions (online)

15:30-16:00: Coffee Break

16:00-17:15 Panel debate on relevance of the index for regional and urban policymaking, moderated by **Lewis Dijkstra**, Head of the Economic Analysis Sector at the European Commission, DG for Regional and Urban Policy

- **Henri de Groot**, Professor of Regional Economic Dynamics at the VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Nora Mebarek**, European Parliament, Committee on Regional Development
- **Frank Vandermeeren**, senior economist at the Chief Economist Team of the European Commission - DG GROW
- **Eleni Papadimitriou**, Scientific Officer at the Joint Research Centre, Competence Centre on Composite Indicators and Scoreboards

17:15-17:45 Q&A session