



Joint 25th Anniversary of the CoR and the Congress “State of Local and Regional Democracy in Europe”

European Committee of the Regions, 27 June 2019

PROGRAMME

- 14:00-17:00** **Part 2: Anniversary event “25 Years of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the European Committee of the Regions – The Added Value of Local and Regional Authorities in the Unification of Europe”**
Venue: CoR premises, Jacques Delors Building, Rue Belliard – Room JDE 52
- 14:00** Opening speeches by the two Presidents
- Introduction by Birte WASSENBERG, Professor in Contemporary History of International Relations, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg, on the 25 years of the CoR/Congress
- Intervention by Joaquim OLIVEIRA MARTINS, Deputy Director of OECD CD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, on the OECD study on decentralisation
- Input from Magnus BERNTSSON, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) and David SIMMONDS, Vice-President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- 14:45** Panel discussion 1: Decentralisation & the State of Local and Regional Democracy

moderated by Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress
- Discussants:
- François DECOSTER, Member of the European Committee of the Regions
 - Gunn Marit HELGESEN, President of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress

Debate

15:50 Panel discussion 2: Decentralisation & Local and regional democracy in practice: climate action

moderated by Jiří BURIÁNEK, Secretary-General of the European Committee of the Regions

Discussants:

- Sirpa HERTELL, Member of the European Committee of the Regions
- Xavier CADORET, President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress

Debate

16:50 Closing statements

- Markku MARKKULA, First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions
- Barbara TOCE, Vice-President of the Congress

Simultaneous interpretation in: English/Finnish/French/German/Italian/Spanish