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 BURJÁNEK, 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