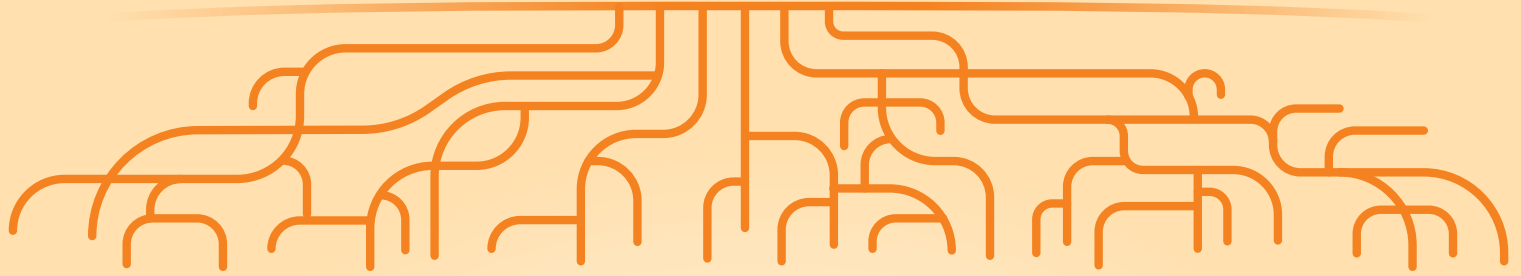


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Cohesion as a bridge to a united and fairer Europe

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Agenda

First part of the Event:

Place: European Parliament, JAN building, room 4Q2

10:45 Welcome coffee

11:15

Political Session: The future of Cohesion as part of the European Growth Model

Moderation: **Alison Hunter**, Director of Economic and Public Policy Consultancy (EPPC)

Video message: **Elisa Ferreira**, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms

Discussion with: **Vasco Alves Cordeiro**, President of the European Committee of the Regions
Younous Omarjee, Chair of the Regional Development Committee (REGI) in the European Parliament
Emil Boc, Chair of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) of the CoR
Sari Rautio, CoR Member and Member of the Group of High Level Specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy
Nathalie Sarrabezolles, CoR Member and Rapporteur on the 8th Cohesion Report
Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) and Member of the Group of High Level Specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy
Adrián Ariel Zittelli Ferrari, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

Discussion with participants

Concluding remarks by **Younous Omarjee**, REGI Chair

Emil Boc, COTER Chair

Vasco Alves Cordeiro, President of the European Committee of the Regions

12:50

Press point



Second part of the Event:

Place: European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99-101, JDE 62

14:30

Expert Session 1: Impact of EU policies on cohesion

Moderation: **Alison Hunter**, EPPC

Discussion with: **John Bachtler**, Professor of European Policy Studies and a Director of the European Policies Research Centre (EPRS) and Member of the Group of High Level Specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy (remote)
Kai Boehme, Spatial Foresight
Juraj Droba, CoR member and President of the Bratislava Region
Una Power, CoR Member and County Councillor for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown
André Sobczak, Secretary General of EUROCITIES

15:30

Coffee Break

16:00

Expert Session 2: Policy implication for applying the do no harm to cohesion principle in the future

Moderation: **Alison Hunter**, EPPC

Discussion with: **Tamás Kiss-Gálfalvi**, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
Vasileios Margaras, European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)
Wiktor Szydarowski, Director of ESPON
Jean-Luc Vanraes, Vice-President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER)
Marlène Siméon, Director of Operations of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

17:00

Closing Session: Do no harm to Cohesion – the way ahead

Moderation: **Alison Hunter**, EPPC

Discussion with: **Emil Boc**, COTER Chair
Michiel Rijsberman, CoR Member and Rapporteur on the do no harm to cohesion principle

17:45

End of the event

Organisation:

The political part of the event will take place in the premises of the European Parliament (JAN building, room 4Q2) as a hybrid event, while the expert sessions will take place in the European Committee of the Regions (room JDE 62).

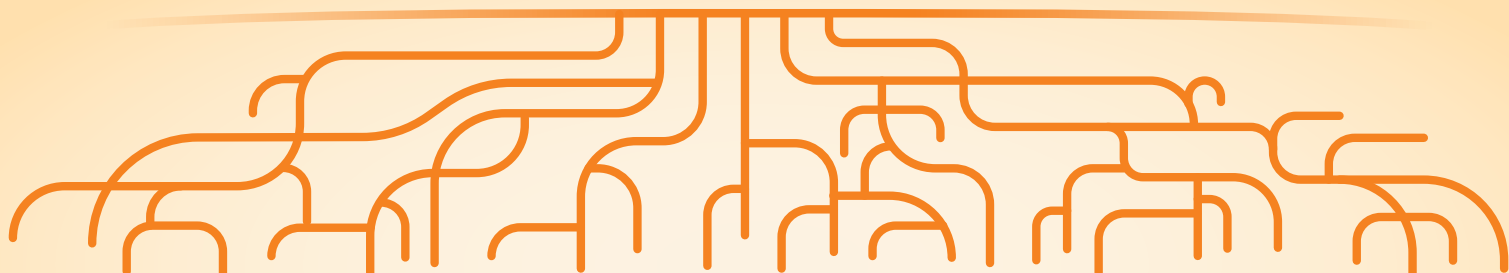
Interpretation will be provided for the following languages: EN, FR, DE, PL, IT, RO

The event will be web streamed.

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