



FINAL AGENDA
6th Broadband Platform Meeting
Room JDE 70
Thursday, 25 May 2023
14.30-16.30

**Increasing Connectivity, Digital Resilience and Digital Maturity:
Programmes and Tools for LRAs**

14.30 - 14.45 Welcome and presentation of current work in progress on digital policy

in the CoR by **Ilpo Heltimoinen**, *Lappeenranta City Councilor, Member of the European Committee of the Regions*, and
in DG Connect by **Franco Accordini**, *Head of Unit, Investment in High-Capacity Networks, European Commission (co-moderators)*

14.45 – 15.15 Gigabit Infrastructure Act proposal and relevant financing possibilities

The proposal puts forward a set of actions aimed to make Gigabit connectivity available to all citizens and businesses across the EU by 2030. In parallel to the Gigabit Infrastructure Act, the Commission has also launched an exploratory consultation on the future of the connectivity sector and its infrastructure in order to gather views on how increasing demands for connectivity and technological advances may affect future developments and needs.

Silvia Adriana Ticau and **Hannele Lahti**, DG Connect, European Commission

Followed by a Q&A session

15.15 – 16.00 Digital Resilience Study and the new EU Cyber Solidarity Act

This ECON study is a pioneer in the investigation of the state of play of digital resilience of local and regional authorities (LRAs) across the EU. Bearing in mind that European LRAs provide a large variety of eGovernment services and that some LRAs are also responsible for services of general and/or of economic interests, the digital resilience of public authorities encompasses the capacity to cope with threats affecting the provision of public services and the integrity of data. Thus, 'digital resilience' goes beyond the protection of ICT assets. It involves prevention and preparedness measures and, if in place, it also ensures timely responses and recovery actions from incidents. In light of growing cybersecurity risks and an overall complex threat landscape, linked also to the Russian military aggression against Ukraine, the European Commission recently put forward a proposal for an EU Cyber Solidarity Act. The proposal aims to strengthen common EU detection and situational awareness of cyber threats and incidents, to reinforce preparedness of critical entities, including sub-national authorities, and to promote solidarity by developing common response facilities against cybersecurity incidents.

Simona Cavallini, Senior Researcher and **Rossella Soldi**, Managing Director, Progress Consulting

Agnieszka Wawrzyk, Head of Sector Secure Value Chain, DG Connect, European Commission

Followed by a Q&A session



16.00 – 16.20 The LORDIMAS digital maturity assessment tool

LORDIMAS is a database and reporting tool that provides an overview of the state of play of digital transformation in cities, municipalities and regions, contributes to peer benchmarking and offers automated policy feedback for local authorities. It is co-developed by the CoR within the living-in.EU movement and now is in the testing phase.

Ufuk Kâhya, LORDIMAS ambassador and CoR Member

Martin Gauk, ESPON EGTC

Followed by Q&A and closing remarks