

The visit of the Regional Councils of West Finland to Brussels 1.2.2023

AGENDA

Wednesday 1.2.2023 | European Committee of the Regions

08:15

Walk from the hotel to the Committee of the Regions

Rue Belliard 99-101

Security check & registration

Coffee

9:15-10:15

Keynote: Europe's major challenges - climate and energy crisis

Annika Hedberg, Head of Sustainable Prosperity for Europe Programme at European Policy Centre (EPC)

10:30-12:00

Future of Regional Development

EU cohesion policy after 2027 – challenges and opportunities

Janne Uusivirta, Senior Specialist, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU – 10 min

Extracts from the 8th Cohesion Report

Samu Tuominen, Programme Manager, DG REGIO European Commission – 10 min

Regional development, interregional cooperation & innovation investments

Pirita Lindholm, Director in ERRIN, European Regions for Research and Innovation Network – 10 min

The role of cities as a platform for a greener future

Pia Laurila, Policy Officer, DG REGIO European Commission – 10 min

Reflections from West Finland to the future regional policy

Heli Seppelvirta, Regional Mayor of South Ostrobothnia & Pekka Hokkanen, Regional Mayor of Central Finland

Discussion led by moderator Anne-Mari Ahonen, Region Mayor of the Council of the Tampere Region

12:00-13:30

Lunch

13:30

Transfer to the hotel

15:30

Bus to the airport