



FINAL AGENDA for the 5th Broadband Platform Meeting
Hybrid meeting on *Interactio* and in room JDE 70
Wednesday, 19 October 2022
11.00-13.00

Digital Transformation, Digital Resilience and Innovation: connecting regional and national programmes with EU initiatives

11.00 – 11.15 Welcome by

Jaroslava Pokorná Jermanová, Chair of the ECON Commission,
European Committee of the Regions (CoR),

and

Franco Accordino, Head of Unit, Investment in High-Capacity Networks,
European Commission

Moderated by *Michael Murphy*, Mayor of Clonmel Borough District, Ireland, and Member of the Broadband Platform

11.15 – 11.45 ***How to integrate digital transformation and innovation policy approaches: Experiences from Espoo, Finland and Tuscany, Italy.***

Markku Markkula (SEDEC, ENVE, FI/EPP), Vice-President of the CoR and
Councillor in Espoo, Finland

Lorna Vatta, European Digital Innovation Hub Tuscany X.0, Italy

Followed by a 5 mins Q&A session

11.50 – 13.00 **Panel Debate: *How to strengthen collaboration for collective digital resilience in Europe***

Whereas the Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated the digital transformation in Europe, the war in Ukraine and changes in the geopolitical environment have put a focus on digital resilience. At the business level, digital resilience 'positions an enterprise to pivot fast, adapt to fluid conditions, maintain seamless business continuity and capitalise on opportunities'¹. If digital resilience is to become the 'next normal', as the World Economic Forum has argued², how digitally resilient are our societies and our local and regional authorities?

¹ <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/05/digital-resilience-building-the-economies-of-tomorrow-on-a-foundation-of-cybersecurity/>

² Ibid.



Moderated by **Thomas Wobben**, Director for Legislative Works, CoR

Input by

Thomas Gottfried Schmidt (EPP/DE), Minister for Regional Development, Free State of Saxony, Rapporteur for the CoR [Opinion on the Chips Act](#) (*on the role of semiconductors*)

Eddy Hartog, Head of Unit Technologies for Smart Communities, European Commission (*on solid digital infrastructures and how to measure the digital preparedness of cities*)

Henriette Gleau, Policy Officer for Sustainability, SGI Europe (*on the train sabotage in Germany*)

Boryana Hristova, Legal Officer, European Commission (*on the Cyber Resilience Act*)

Followed by Q&A and closing remarks
