

**#CohesionAlliance webinar:  
"The European Recovery Plan and its implications  
for EU cohesion policy"**

*Tuesday 14 July – 12h00-13h30*

**Webinar WebEx**

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**AGENDA**

12.00 – 12.05: Opening statement by **Mr Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

12.05 – 12.15: Intervention of **Ms Elisa Ferreira**, European Commissioner in charge of Cohesion and Reforms

12.15 – 12.25: Intervention of **Mr Younous Omarjee**, Chair of the REGI Committee for the European Parliament

12.25 – 12.30: Intervention of **Ms Isabelle Boudineau**, Chair of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER) of the European Committee of the Regions

12.30 – 13.00: **Discussion with the European Associations of Regions, Cities and Regional Assemblies**

- Intervention of **Ms Ann-Sofi Backgren**, President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR);
- Intervention of **Ms Begoña Villacís**, Member of Eurocities;
- Intervention, **Ms Ilaria Bugetti**, spokesperson for territorial development of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR);
- Intervention of **Mr Paula Fernández**, Member of the Bureau of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR);
- Intervention of **Mr Jean-Claude Marcourt**, Chair of the working group on public investments of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE).

13.00 – 13.20: Reaction of **Ms Elisa Ferreira** and **Mr Younous Omarjee**

13:20 – 13.30 Closing by **Ms Isabelle Boudineau**

**13.30 End of the meeting**

**CONTEXT:**

The crisis triggered by the COVID 19 pandemic is threatening Europe's economic, social and territorial cohesion and risks undermining the efforts put in place by EU, national, regional and local actors for a just transition towards a more sustainable future. To face this challenge, the #CohesionAlliance partners proposed, this past Europe Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, a renewed Declaration including their key demands in view of the upcoming decisions on the EU's next Multi-Annual Financial Framework and the Recovery Plan. The objective is to share the call for a strong cohesion policy and for cohesion to be a guiding principle for the EU's recovery plans with all stakeholders and institutions at European, national, regional and local level, including governments, businesses and civil society.

After a wide consultation, the partners now endorse the declaration for the #CohesionAlliance 2.0 and will hand it over to the EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reform as well as the REGI chair of the European Parliament during a video conference event. This will provide the opportunity to both urge for a swift adoption of the European Commission proposal for the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and for the Next Generation EU in view of the special European Council set to take place on the 17/18 July.

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