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Agenda of the Forum on the Mission Adaptation to Climate Change, 7 June 2022

10:00 – 10:15 – Opening

- Vasco Ilídio Alves Cordeiro, First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions, Member of the Regional Parliament of Azores
- Frans Timmermans, European Commission's Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal (video message)
- French Presidency of the Council of the European Union (video message)

10:15 – 10:45 – Introduction to the Mission

- Clara de la Torre, Mission Manager
- Connie Hedegaard, Chair of the Mission Board
- Kata Tüttő, Chair of the ENVE commission and Green Deal Going Local working group of the European Committee of the Regions, Deputy Mayor of Budapest
- Hans Bruyninckx, Director European Environment Agency

10:45 – 11:45 – Climate Adaptation in Europe and the Mission

From the EU Adaptation Strategy to regional adaptation plans

- Elena Višnar Malinovská, Head of Unit, Adaptation & Resilience to climate change
- Barbara Simonič, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Member of EIONET, Slovenija
- Example 1: Delta Programme, Netherlands – Peter Glas, Delta Programme Commissioner
Example 2: Nouvelle Aquitaine, France – Guillaume Riou, Vice-President of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region
- Q&A and SLI.DO

Moderator: Elena Višnar Malinovská, Head of Unit Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change

11:45 12:00 – Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00 – Panel discussion: Success factors for the Mission

Question to panellists: Based on your experience with regions and local authorities, what are the success factors for the Mission?

- Markku Markkula, Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions, Chair of the Espoo City Board and President of the Helsinki Region
- Pirita Lindholm, Director European Regions Research and Innovation Network
- Kirsten Dunlop, Chief Executive Officer Climate KIC
- Valvanera Ulargui Aparicio, Directora General, Oficina Española de Cambio Climático (OECC), Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y Reto Demográfico
- Q&A and SLI.DO

Moderator: Johannes Klumpers, Head of Mission Secretariat

13:00 – 13:15 – Announcement of the first Mission Charter signatories (ATRIUM)

13:15 - 14:30 – Lunch Break (ATRIUM)

14:30- 15:45 – Challenges experienced by regions

How do regions act on adaptation? What are the main challenges faced and are they overcome?

- Region 1: Environmental Partnership Association & Life Tree Check Project, Czechia – Josef Jarý, Environmental Partnership Association, Nadace Partnerství
- Region 2: North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany – Viktor Haase, Head of Department Ministry for Environment, Agriculture, Conservation and Consumer Protection in North Rhine-Westphalia, and Jürgen Schultze, TU Dortmund University
- Region 3: LIFE-MICACC Project, Hungary – Zsuzsanna Hercig, Life Logos 4 Waters Project Regional Coordinator, Coordination Office for Municipalities, Ministry of Interior
- Region 4: Flanders (Climate Pact - regional approach), Belgium – Bart Somers, Vice-Minister President of the Flemish Government and Minister of Internal Affairs, Integration and Living Together in Diversity (video message)
- Q&A and SLI.DO

Moderator: Philippe Tulkens, Deputy Mission Manager

15:45 - 16:00 – Coffee break

16:00 - 17:15 – Panel discussion: What does the Mission need to take from these experiences?

Question to panellists: Based on your experience and on the presentations made by the regions, what are the gaps, main challenges and what should the Mission focus on?

- Connie Hedegaard, Chair of the Mission Board
- Normunds Popens, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy
- Hanna Zdanowska, Mayor of Łódź, Member of the Green Deal Going Local Working Group
- Frank McGovern, JPI Climate
- Q&A and SLI.DO

Moderator: John Bell, Director Healthy Planet, DG Research and Innovation

17:15 - 17:30 – Closing remarks

Clara de la Torre, Mission Manager

17:30 – Cocktail (ATRIUM)