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8th European Summit of Regions and Cities

Bucharest
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Draft Programme
Thursday 14 March 2019

12:00-13:00  European Committee of the Regions Bureau meeting
13:00-14:30  Light lunch

Opening Session

14:30-16:00  Welcoming address by
Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions
Gabriela Firea, Mayor of Bucharest

Keynote speech by
Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania

Keynote speech by
Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission (tbc)
followed by a debate with the audience

16:00-16:30  Coffee break

Thematic debates

16:30-18:00  Making a difference to people’s lives
1 Social cohesion and integration in regions and cities
2 Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: innovative and sustainable regions and cities in the EU and beyond
3 Territorial cohesion to bring EU’s citizens together

Debate with EU leaders

19:00-20:00  A post 2019 EU that meets ambitions and creates flexibilities to act and invest
20:30-22:00  Reception and cultural event
Welcoming by Robert Negoiță, President of the CoR Romanian delegation
**Friday, 15 March 2019**

### Keynote speech and debate

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| 9:00-10:00 | Welcoming remarks by Vasilica-Viorica Dăncilă, Prime Minister of Romania  
Keynote speech: Working together to reinforce EU democracy  
Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament (tbc)  
followed by a debate with the audience |
| 10:00-10:30| Coffee break |

### Thematic debates

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| 10:30-12:00| The way forward for a democratic EU revival  
1 The right action at the right level  
2 Citizens participation through local and regional authorities  
3 What young local and regional leaders expects from the EU |

### Closing: The way to Sibiu and beyond 2019

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| 12:30-12:55| Handover of the Summit Declaration  
Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions  
Markku Markkula, First Vice President of the European Committee of the Regions  
Keynote speech “Governing the European Union together with its regions and cities”:  
Donald Tusk, President of the European Council (tbc) |
| 12:55-13:00| Closing remarks |
Created in 1994 following the signing of the Maastricht Treaty, the European Committee of the Regions is the EU's assembly of 350 regional and local representatives from all 28 Member States, representing over 507 million Europeans. Its mission is to involve regional and local authorities and the communities they represent in the EU’s decision-making process and to inform them about EU policies. The European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council are obliged to consult the Committee in policy areas affecting regions and cities. It can appeal to the Court of Justice of the European Union if its rights are infringed or it believes that EU law infringes the subsidiarity principle or fails to respect regional or local powers.