



Conference by AER and Brussels-Capitale

Cohesion in Europe: Regions take up the Challenge
Towards a visionary and innovative regional policy for all Europeans

Brussels, Tuesday 7th December 2010

DRAFT PROGRAMME¹

9h30 Welcome

Evelyne Huytebroeck Government Minister of the Region of Brussels-Capitale, in charge of structural funds, urban renovation and environment

Michèle Sabban, President of the Assembly of European Regions, Vice-President of the Île-de-France Region (F)

9h45 - 10h30

Opening session: the future of cohesion policy, seen by the European institutions

Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner in charge of cohesion policy

Danuta Hübner, Member of the European Parliament, Chairwoman of the EP REGI Committee

Michel Delebarre, Chairman of the COTER Commission of the Committee of the Regions

10h30 - 11h00 *Coffee break*

11h00 – 12h30 Round table: European representatives with regional politicians

Moderator: to be confirmed

Rudolf Niessler, Director, Direction D – Coordination of regional policy

Lambert Van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament, EP REGI Committee

¹ All indicated speakers are currently being invited and therefore, their presence remains to be confirmed

Confronting views with three regional politicians on the following topics:

- Objectives and priorities of regional policy and link with the EU 2020 strategy
- Role of the Regions in preparing and implementing the EU funded programmes
- Synergies with other European, national and regional policies

14h00 – 15h30 Outcomes of the work carried out by AER members in the field of structural funds' implementation.

Presentation of the results by:

Thomas Andersson, Chairman of the AER task force on cohesion policy

Moderation: to be confirmed

Debate:

Thomas Andersson, Chairman of the AER task force on cohesion policy

Dirk Ahner, Director of DG REGIO

University researcher (name to be confirmed)

Regional representatives

15h30 – 16h00 *Coffee break*

16h00 – 17h00 Concluding session

Håkan Sandgren, AER Committee 1 chairman, in charge of the European cohesion policy

Jean-Luc Vanraes, Government Minister of the Region of Brussels-Capitale, in charge of external relations.

17h00 - 18h30 Networking session and reception with the Brussels based regional offices offered by the Brussels-Capital Region

