



25th Anniversary Conference and Bureau meeting
Brussels, 14th and 15th June 2010

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Meeting point
Hotel Métropole – Place de Brouckère 31
1000 Brussels (Belgium)

Monday 14th June 2010
From 09:00 to 17:15

From Subsidiarity to Success: strong Regions for a Strong Europe

Timing	Events	Speakers
09:00	Conference opening	Michèle Sabban AER President And Jean-Luc Vanraes Minister of Brussels-Capital
09:30	25 years of AER, 25 years of work for stronger Regions – An overview	Jordi Pujol Former AER President
PART I	<u>The institutional background</u>	
10:00	<u>Europe of Regions:</u> - Lisbon Treaty: Which role for Regions in the EU multilevel governance system? - Reference-framework on regionalism: The starting point towards a legally binding document?	Danuta Hübner MEP Chair of the Committee on Regional Development European Parliament Knud Andersen Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities Council of Europe

10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00	<p><u>Regions in Europe:</u></p> <p>- Regionalisation in Europe today, where are we?</p> <p>- Presentation of the AER updated report on regionalism</p>	<p>Intervention by Karl-Heinz Lambertz, Prime-Minister of the German-speaking Community in Belgium, Member of the Committee of the Regions, President of AEBR</p> <p>Peter Straub President of the Landtag of Baden-Württemberg Vice-President of AER and President of AER Standing Committee of Institutional Affairs</p>
PART II	<u>The political reality</u>	
11:45	<p><u>Why do we need Regions?</u> Challenges for European Regions today: Presentation of AER studies</p>	Klaus Klipp AER Secretary General
12:15	<p>Moderated discussion among the speakers and the audience Moderator: Pascal Goergen, Diplomatic representative of Bruxelles-Capitale to the European Union</p>	
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30	<u>How are Regions building Europe?</u>	
14:30	Brussels-Capital and the place of Regions under Belgian Presidency	Anna Claes Head of External Relations, Brussels-Capital (B)
14:50	Regions' strategies on demographic change: Best practices	Martin Andreasson Member of the Executive Board, Västra Götaland
15:20	Regions' initiatives for young people	Rui Bettencourt Secretary General of Eurodysey programme (tbc) (P)
15:40	Equal opportunities: Regions at the forefront	Monica Carlsson Chair of the AER Standing Committee on Equal Opportunities And representative of Norrbotten (S)
16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	

16:30	How will the Committee of the Regions play its role of guardian of the subsidiarity principle and promoter of multi-level governance in Europe?	Mercedes Bresso President of the Committee of the Regions
17:00	Regions in 25 years, AER in 25 years: Perspectives for the future - Closing speech	Michèle Sabban AER President
17:30	<i>End of the Conference</i>	

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<http://www.aer.eu/events/standing-committee-on-institutional-affairs/2010/aer-25th-anniversary-conference.html>

Tuesday 15th June 2010

From 08:30 to 14:00

Bureau and Standing Committee on Institutional Affairs meeting

Timing	Events	Speakers
08:30	I. Presidium session	Michèle Sabban AER President Klaus Klipp Secretary General
09:00	I. Opening of the Bureau	Michèle Sabban AER President Pierre Gérard Representative of Minister Vanraes, Brussels-Capital
	II. Adoption of the draft agenda	Michèle Sabban AER President
	III. Adoption of minutes of the last Bureau in Belfort (F), 25 th November 2009	Michèle Sabban AER President
09:15	IV. General political issue: Discussion : Future cohesion policy 2014+	Peter Berkowitz Head of Unit "Conception, forward studies, impact assessment" European Commission, DG Regio

10:15	V. Finances and membership state 1. Finances ✓ Accounts 2009 2. Membership ✓ Membership state ✓ Membership fees as of 31 st May 2010 ✓ Membership strategy to adopt for Bulgaria ✓ Information about the reform in Lithuania ✓ Bureau members' role in supporting recruitment of new members for AER	Klaus Klipp Secretary General Klaus Klipp Secretary General
10:45	VI. Pricing AER events and introducing charges for non-members: background and principles	Valérie Borne AER Funding Coordinator
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30	VII. Elections: general overview and statutory matters ✓ Settlement of the ad hoc working group	Klaus Klipp Secretary General And Pierre Meyer Advisor
12:30	VIII. Languages' issue in AER ✓ Feedback from the meeting on 29 th April 2010	Brian Greenslade Vice-President and President of the Standing Committee Monitoring and Evaluation (tbc)
12:40	IX. New AER website ✓ Information on the steps forward	Klaus Klipp Secretary General
12:45	X. Eurodyssey website ✓ Presentation of the new version	Rui Bettencourt Secretary General
	XI. Political issues from the committees	
12:50	<u>1. Economy and Regional Development</u> ✓ Europe 2020 Strategy ✓ Energy and Climate change ✓ Future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) ✓ Tourism policy	Håkan Sandgren President of Committee 1
13:00	<u>2. Institutional Affairs</u> ✓ State of regionalisation in Europe: Where are we? Short outlook on the AER regionalisation report and on the AER 25th Anniversary Conference, held the day before	Roy Perry Vice-President of the Standing Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reform of the Congress: state of the art and impact on AER ✓ AER strategy in the Black Sea region ✓ Report on other activities 	
13:10	<u>3. Social Policy and Public Health</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Disabilities ✓ E-health ✓ Preventing alcohol-related harm ✓ Report on other activities 	Metin Genç Chairperson of the "Equal Europe for People with Disabilities" group Member of the Provincial council of Istanbul (TR)
13:20	<u>4. Equal Opportunities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preventing domestic violence ✓ Women's Entrepreneurship ✓ Report on other activities 	Maja Sedlarevic Vojvodina Vice-President
13:30	<u>5. Culture, Education and Youth</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Green paper on culture industry ✓ Youth entrepreneurship strategy project ✓ YRN ✓ Report on other activities 	Ali Jean Eric Alira Regional Councillor, Dolnoslaskie Region (PL)
13:40	XII. Report on R20: Global network of strong regions to fight climate change	Klaus Klipp Secretary General
13:50	XIII. Any other business <i>Bureau meeting closes</i>	

14:00 : Lunch

Tuesday 15th June 2010 (afternoon)

15:00-17:00 : Meeting of the AER working group on European funding: review of initial work programme and proposed priorities and activities for the rest of the year (see separate agenda)