

MEDIA PROGRAMME

#EURegionsWeek #RegioStars

Monday 8 October 2018

SQUARE, Mont des Arts, Glass Cube entrance (Subway station: Gare Centrale)
Registration opens in SQUARE at 09:00

11:00 – 12:00 Press conference – EU Regions’ Week and the next generation of Cohesion Policy programmes

Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Web-streaming and interpretation available (EN, FR, DE, RO)

Venue: Berlaymont Press Room - Bus transfer from SQUARE at 10:15 | Return bus at 12:00

12:30 – 13:00 Welcome session for journalists (EN only)

Agnès Monfret, Head of Communication Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Ian Barber, Director of Communication, European Committee of the Regions

Buffet lunch

Venue: SQUARE, Panoramic Room (Press room)

13:30 – 14:15 Post-2020 EU budget and Cohesion Policy proposals

Presentation by **Kadri Uustal**, Deputy Head of Unit - Better Implementation, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Venue: SQUARE, Panoramic Room (Press room)

14:30 – 16:15 Opening Session of the European Week of Regions and Cities 2018

Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission

Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Pavel Telička, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Moderated by **Annabelle Van Nieuwenhuyse**

Web-streaming and interpretation available (EN, FR, DE, ES, IT, PL)

Venue: SQUARE, Gold Hall

16:30 – 17:30 Opening of the Agora exhibition area

Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Interviews possible with the RegioStars finalists

Venue: SQUARE, Agora (level -2)

Tuesday 9 October 2018

09:00 – 10:30 How do EU funds deliver in your country?

Meeting with country experts from the European Commission (background briefings).

Possibility to speak in your own language

Venue: SQUARE, Panoramic Room (Press room)

10:45–11:00 Meeting of the European Parliament's REGI Committee with the COTER Commission of the European Committee of the Regions – press moment

Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Iskra Mihaylova, Chairwoman of the Committee on Regional Development (REGI), European Parliament

Petr Osvald, Chairman of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER), European Committee of the Regions

Venue: European Parliament (PHS 1A002), for accreditation please contact: carmen.schmidle@cor.europa.eu

Workshop for the press - Regions: present and future

Moderated by **Francesco Molica**, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

11:30 – 12:15 Cohesion policy post-2020

Lewis Dijkstra, Head of Economic Analysis Sector, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy

Thomas Wobben, Director for Legislative Works, European Committee of the Regions

12:15 – 13:00 Under the magnifying glass: focus on the regions

Rudiger Ahrend, Head of Economic Analysis, Statistics and Multi-level Governance Section, OECD

Ruxandra Roman Enescu, Head of Regional Statistics and Geographical Information, EUROSTAT

Teodora Brandmüller, Teamleader Regional and Urban Indicators, EUROSTAT

Venue: SQUARE, Panoramic Room (Press room)

13:00 – 14:00 The Road Trip Project: the experience of the travellers

Presentation by **Olivia Bruyas**, Communication Campaigns Coordinator, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Meeting with the 8 travellers (coming from Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Lithuania (Equador), Estonia, Ireland, Spain and Greece)

Buffet lunch

Venue: SQUARE, Panoramic Room (Press room)

State of the EU regions and cities 2018

14:30 – 15:00 Press conference: State of the EU regions and cities 2018

Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Venue: Bus transfer from SQUARE at 14:00 for signed-up journalists, return at 16:30 | Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170 / listening room (ground floor)

15:00 – 16:00 State of the European Union: the view of regions and cities

Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Venue: Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170 / speech webstreamed in the SQUARE, Panoramic Room

16:00 – 17:00 Energy Union in motion- Cohesion Policy supporting coal regions in transition

Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission

Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Dietmar Woidke, Minister-President of Brandenburg, Germany

Birgit Honé, Minister for Federal and European Affairs and Regional Development of Lower Saxony, Germany

Tomasz Dąbrowski, Deputy Energy Minister, Poland

Małgorzata Ochęduszek-Ludwik, Member of the Board of the Silesian Voivodeship, Poland

Dan Paxino, State Secretary, Ministry of European Funds, Romania

Vojtech Ferencz, State Secretary, Slovakia

David Koppitz, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Regional Development, Czech Republic

Moderated by **Anca Păduraru**, Spokesperson for Energy Union Projects, European Commission

Interpretation available (EN, DE, PL, RO). Speakers are available for interviews after the event.

Venue: SQUARE, Panoramic Room (Press room)

17:30 – 18:00 Presentation of the winners of RegioStars

Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament

Kerstin Westphal, Member of the European Parliament

Moderated by **Johannes Bahrke**, Spokesperson for Regional Policy, European Commission

*Interviews possible with RegioStars Winners – **information on winners under embargo until 19:30***

Venue: SQUARE, Panoramic Room (Press room)

19:00 – 22:30 RegioStars Awards Ceremony and EURegionsWeek Official reception

Venue: SQUARE, Gold Hall

Wednesday 10 October 2018

08:30 – 13:30 Project visit of EU-funded projects - “Les abattoirs d'Anderlecht”

Presentation of the Urban Farm and social projects

Meeting point: Square | Bus transfer at 08:30, return 13:30

14:30 – 18:00 Announcement winners Urban Innovative Actions & Update on Urban Agenda for the EU

Marc Lemaître, Director-General of the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Jan Olbrycht, Member of the European Parliament

Kieran McCarthy, Member of the European Committee of the Regions

Peter Kurz, Mayor of Mannheim, Germany

Mary-Ann Schreurs, Councillor of Eindhoven

Sabina Kekic, Advisor to the Mayor of Amsterdam

Tim Caulfield, Director of Urban Innovative Actions

Venue: SQUARE - Brussels Convention Centre, Gold Hall

14:30 – 16:00 Interreg Talks: 6 projects, 1 slam

Presentation of Interreg projects good practices

Venue: SQUARE, Silver Hall

Thursday 11 October 2018

16:00 – 16:45 Closing session of the Week

Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Anthony L. Gardner, former U.S. Ambassador to the European Union

Venue: SQUARE, Gold Hall

Journalists are invited to attend the workshops, the European Committee of the Regions Plenary Session (interview opportunities available with members) or events by regional offices

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A press room – (Panoramic hall, SQUARE level +5) will be at your disposal with a range of facilities

Wifi network: Media 2018, **Password:** Media

<http://regions-and-cities.europa.eu>

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Highlights will be broadcasted by Satellite: <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/ebs/schedule.cfm>

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