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Young Elected Politicians' programme #EURegionsWeek 7 - 10 October 2019, Brussels

Monday 7 October 2019			
TIMING	SESSION	VENUE	INTERPRETATION
12:30-13:30	<p>Welcoming lunch:</p> <p>Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions</p>	<p>European Committee of the Regions (CoR), Jacques Delors (JDE) Building – Atrium 5</p>	
14:30-16:30	<p>Opening session - Regions and cities, pillars of the EU's future</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Klára Dobrev, Vice-President of the European Parliament in charge of relations with Relations with the Committee of Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee</p> <p>Elżbieta Bieńkowska, European Commissioner in charge of Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs</p> <p>Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions</p> <p>And five Young Elected Politicians:</p> <p>Laura Sparavigna, City Councillor, Florence, Italy</p> <p>Radosław Swol, City Councillor, Mielec, Poland</p> <p>Vincent Chauvet, Mayor, Autun, France</p> <p>Miia Eskelinen-Fingerroos, City Councillor, Kuopio, Finland</p> <p>Kirsteen Currie, Councillor, Highland Council, UK</p>	<p>European Parliament - Hemicycle</p>	<p>Full regime (all EU languages)</p>

18:00-19:15	<p>The European Committee of the Regions in a nutshell</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Jeannette Baljeu, Member of the Council of the Province of Zuid-Holland, Netherlands (Renew Europe CoR Member) - tbc Manuela Bora, Member of the Marche Regional Council and Regional Minister, Italy (Alternate member of the CoR – PES group) Kieran McCarthy, Cork City Council, Ireland (Member of the CoR – EA group) Deirdre Forde, Councillor, Cork County Council, Ireland (Member of the CoR – EPP group) David Simmonds, Councillor, London Borough of Hillingdon, the UK (Member of the CoR – ECR group)</p> <p><u>Moderation and introduction</u> by Klaus Hullmann, Visitor service at the CoR</p>	CoR - JDE building, Room JDE 51	No interpretation – English only
19:00 onwards	Opening reception with Atlantic regions tasting	Building SQUARE - Brussels Convention Centre, Room Agora Village	No interpretation
Tuesday 8 October 2019			
9:00-10:30	Joint REGI-COTER meeting at the CoR (annual institutional discussion between members of the European Parliament and the European Committee of the Regions)	CoR - JDE building, Room JDE 62	Full regime
9:15-10:45	<p>Blockchain: reshaping the way government and public services work in Europe (organised by the political group Renew Europe)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Bart Somers, Mayor, City of Mechelen, Belgium.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Paulius KUNČINAS, Chairman of the Board, Blockchain Centre Vilnius, Lithuania. Bart Somers, President of Renew Europe CoR; Mayor of Mechelen, Renew Europe CoR, Belgium. Pēteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Digital Innovation and Blockchain, European Commission, Belgium.</p>	CoR - JDE building, Room JDE 51	EN-FR-SV
9:15-10:45	<p>The Future of European Territorial Cooperation (organised by the political group EA)</p> <p>Moderator: Karl Vanlouwe, President, European Alliance Group, Belgium.</p> <p>Speakers: Anna Augustyn, Chief specialist for promotion and development, Association of Bialystok Functional Area, Poland. Carlo Badino, Officer, Territorial Cooperation Bureau of the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta, Italy. Francesc Bonet, Director, GECT Hospital de Cerdanya, Spain. Marie-Antoinette Maupertuis, Executive member, Corsican regional authority, France.</p>	CoR - JDE 70	

11:30-13:00	PES – Political group meeting (<i>upon invitation by the political group only</i>)	CoR - JDE 52	
10:30-13:00	EPP – Political group meeting (<i>upon invitation by the political group only</i>)	CoR - JDE 62	
10:30-13:00	Renew Europe – Political group meeting (<i>upon invitation by the political group only</i>)	CoR - JDE 51	
10:30-13:00	EA – Political group meeting (<i>upon invitation by the political group only</i>)	CoR - JDE 70	
10:30-13:00	ECR – Political group meeting (<i>upon invitation by the political group only</i>)	CoR - JDE 60	
11:30-13:00	New ways to engage with citizens through permanent and structured consultations Karl-Heinz Lambertz , President of the European Committee of the Regions Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen , Director-General for Communication, European Commission Luca Jahier , President of the European Economic and Social Committee Gabriele Bischoff , Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs	CoR - VMA building, Room VMA 1	EN-FR
13:00-15:00	National delegations meetings (<i>upon invitation</i>)	CoR	
15:15 – 19:30	European Committee of the Regions plenary session 15:15 - EU regional development policy beyond 2020: Younous Omarjee (FR/GUE/NGL), Chair of the Committee on Regional Development of the European Parliament (REGI), will join the CoR members to debate the future of regional development in the next financing period beyond 2020. 16:45 – The future EU budget: By the end of 2019 the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the EU is expected to present compromise figures for the EU's long-term budget 2021-27. EU regions and cities will share their increasing concerns with the EU Budget Commissioner, Günther Oettinger , and adopt a resolution . 18:00 – EU Matters for Local and Regional Authorities: CoR members will debate Brexit, insular regions and missing transport links in cross border connections	European Commission premises - Charlemagne building	
20:00 onwards	Political reception	CoR – JDE building – Atrium 5 and 6	
Wednesday 9 October 2019			
09:00-13:00	Specific session organised by the political group Renew Europe for the young elected politicians (<i>upon invitation only</i>)		
11:30-13:00	Bringing European cooperation to your region (organised by Interact and Interreg Europe) <u>Moderator:</u> Vasilis Margaras , Policy Analyst, European Parliament Research Service, Belgium. <u>Speakers:</u>	CoR - VMA building, Room VMA 1	EN-FR-SK

	<p>Karina Angelieva, Deputy Minister for Education and Science, Ministry of Education and Science, Bulgaria.</p> <p>Juraj Droba, Chairman, Bratislava Self-Governing Region, Slovakia.</p> <p>Markku MARKKULA, Chair of the City's Board of ESPOO, 1st Vice President of the Committee of the Regions, City of ESPOO, Finland.</p> <p>Petra Masáčová, Head of Managing Authority, Interact, Slovakia.</p> <p>Erwin Siweris, Programme Director, Interreg Europe, France.</p>		
11:30-13:00	<p>How to organise a citizens' consultation?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Zakia Elvang, Partner and strategy consultant at We Do Democracy</p> <p>Julien Joxe, Business Developer France, CitizenLab</p> <p>Anna Stuers, Permanent Secretary of Citizens' Dialogue in East-Belgium</p> <p>Rachael Walsh, Constitutional law adviser to the Irish Citizens' Assembly, Assistant Professor, Trinity College Dublin</p>	CoR - JDE building, Room Atrium 5	No interpretation
11:30-13:00	<p>Training for local politicians on climate adaptation (organised by Eurocities)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Stefania Manca, UA Climate Adaptation Partnership Coordinator-Urban Resilience Strategy Office, Genoa Municipality, Italy.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Janus Christoffersen, Head of Division in Center for Climate Adaptation, City of Copenhagen, Denmark.</p> <p>Nathalie Guri, Projects and knowledge sharing director, EUROCITIES, Belgium.</p> <p>Jean-Marc Jancovici, Climate change & Energy consultant, Carbone 4, France.</p> <p>Elena VISNAR MALINOVSKA, Head of Unit, Adaptation Unit A3, DG CLIMA, European Commission</p>	CoR - VMA building, Room VMA 3	
14:30-17:00	<p>A new territorial narrative for the future of Europe (organised by ESPON)</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <p>Iłona Raugze, ESPON EGTC director, ESPON EGTC, Luxembourg.</p> <p>Andreu Ulled, Director, Mcrit, Spain.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Daniel Dr. Meltzian, Head of Division H III 3 - European Spatial Development Policy; Territorial Cohesion, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany.</p> <p>Marjorie Jouen, Special Advisor, Jacques Delors Institute, France.</p> <p>Dorthe Nielsen, Policy director, Eurocities, Belgium.</p> <p>Younus Omarjee, Chair of the REGI committee, European Parliament, Belgium.</p> <p>Normunds Popens, Deputy Director General, European</p>	CoR - VMA building, Room VMA 3	EN-FR-DE

	<p>Commission, DG REGIO, Belgium.</p> <p>Jacek Szlachta, Professor, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland.</p> <p>Claude Turmes, Minister, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Spatial Planning, Luxembourg.</p>		
14:30-17:00	<p>LOCAL.SOCIAL.SUSTAINABLE. How can the European Union help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals? (organised by the political group PES)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Beatriz Ríos, Economy & Trade reporter, EURACTIV, Belgium.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Liina Carr, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation, Belgium. Iratxe García Pérez, President of the S&D Group, European Parliament, Belgium. Maria Kakali, Mayor, Agios Efstratios municipality, Greece. Peter Kurz, Lord Mayor, Mannheim City Council, Germany. Pierre Larroutrou, Member of the European Parliament, European Parliament, France. Paul Magnette, Mayor, Charleroi City Council, Belgium. Fernando Medina, Mayor and Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Lisbon City Council, Portugal. Elena Piastra, Mayor, Settimo Torinese City, Italy. Beatriz Ríos, Economy & Trade reporter, EURACTIV, Belgium</p>	CoR - JDE building, Room JDE 52	EN-FR-DE-ES-IT-EL
14:30-17:00	<p>Achieving improved economic governance and investments (organised by the political group ECR)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Bas van den Barg, Senior Policy Officer, Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG), Netherlands.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Juraj Droba, Chairman, Bratislava Self-Governing Region, Slovakia. Moray Gilland, Head of Unit for Policy Development and Economic Analysis in DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission, Belgium. Rob Jonkman, President of the ECR Group in the CoR and Rapporteur on the opinion on "The European Semester and Cohesion Policy: aligning structural reforms with long-term investments", European Committee of the Regions, Netherlands. Eugènia Lleal Fontàs, eugenialleal@gmail.com, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, Belgium. Bas van den Barg, Senior Policy Officer, Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG), Netherlands.</p>	CoR - JDE building, Room JDE 63	EN, PL, IT
20:00 onwards	<p>REGIOSTARS Ceremony followed by the REGIOSTARS reception with Central regional tasting</p>	SQUARE - Agora Village	

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09:15-10:45	<p>Social media breakfast for young elected politicians:</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Evin INCIR, Member of the European Parliament Josianne CUTAJAR, Member of the European Parliament And the social media team of the European Committee of the Regions</p>	CoR – JDE building, Atrium 5	No interpretatio n
11:30-13:00	<p><u>How to engage local stakeholders in policy and decision-making</u> (training session organised by the URBACT programme)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Eddy Adams, URBACT Programme Expert, URBACT, UK</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Vaios (Akis) Anastasiou, Deputy Mayor for Education, Culture, Sports and Youth, City of Trikala, Greenland Andreas Hollstein, Mayor, City of Altena, Germany Pavla Lukesova, Councillor, City of Brno, Czechia Gisella Navarro Fuster, Deputy Mayor & Councillor, Viladecans City Council, Spain Daniele Terzariol, Deputy Mayor, City of San Donà di Piave, Italy.</p>	CoR - JDE building, Room Atrium 6	No interpretatio n
14:00-15:00	<p><u>Closing Ceremony</u></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Marc Lemaitre, Director General of Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission Markku Markkula, Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General for Environment, European Commission Charlina Vitcheva, Deputy Director-General of the Joint Research Centre, European Commission</p>	SQUARE - Brussels Convention Centre, Room Copper hall	No interpretatio n