

For a strengthened post-2027 cohesion and growth policy with regions at the centre

2ND OCTOBER 2024, 14:30-16:30 | BRUSSELS
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ROOM ASP 1G2

Ahead of the Commissioner Designate hearings, this event constitutes an important milestone for regional advocacy with 134 European regions coming together to support a strengthened cohesion policy for post-2027.

This call to action aims at achieving a robust budget for future cohesion policy, putting regions at the centre in both the design and implementation of the structural funds. This initiative is in line with the Cohesion Alliance and other current regional initiatives supporting cohesion.

We value the partnership with the European Parliament for a renewed cohesion policy - the main, long term, place-based investment policy which contributes to the European integration process.

AGENDA

14:30-14:50	OPENING SESSION: Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Younous Omarjee, Vice-President of the European Parliament• Antonella Sberna, Vice-President of the European Parliament• Alain Rousset, President of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region (France)
14:50-15:20	INPUTS FROM THE REGIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olgierd Geblewicz, President, Western Pomerania Region (Poland)• Miguel Corgos, Regional Minister for Finance of the Galician Government (Spain)• Niina Pautola-Mol, Regional Mayor, Region of Päijät-Häme (Finland)• Vladimíra Vydrová, Mayor of Chorvátsky Grob and member of Bratislava Regional Assembly (Slovakia)• Emil Boc, Chair of the COTER Committee, European Committee of the Regions• Bettina Martin, Minister for Science, Culture, Federal and European Affairs of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Germany) - <i>video statement</i>• Paolo Calvano, Regional Minister for EU affairs, Emilia-Romagna Region (Italy) - <i>video statement</i> <i>Moderated by Joanna Kubiak, Acting Director of the Wielkopolska Region Brussels Office</i>
15:20-15:50	STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dragoş Benea, President of the REGI Committee• Janusz Lewandowski & Giuseppe Lupo, Vice-Presidents of the BUDG Committee• Marcos Ros Sempere, S&D Coordinator of the REGI Committee• Andrey Novakov, EPP Coordinator of the REGI Committee• Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, EPP Vice-Coordinator of BUDG Committee & ECON member <i>Moderated by Lorenza Badiello, Director of the Emilia-Romagna Delegation to the EU</i>
15:50-16:20	DEBATE WITH REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT <i>Moderated by Lorenza Badiello, Director of the Emilia-Romagna Delegation to the EU</i>
16:20-16:30	CONCLUSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nora Mebarek, Vice-president of the REGI Committee• Alain Rousset, President of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region (France)

PARTICIPANTS TO THE DEBATE

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niina Pautola-Mol, Regional Mayor, Region of Päijät-Häme
France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alain Rousset, President, Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region Valérie Debord, First Vice-President in charge of employment, training, apprenticeships and higher education, Grand Est Region Patrick Molinoz, Vice-President in charge of Digital Transitions, Innovation, European Policies, International Actions and Export, Bourgogne Franche-Comté Region Wilfrid Bertile, Councillor in charge of European affairs and regional cooperation, Réunion Region Karine Gloanec-Maurin, Councillor for Europe, European cooperation and international economic exchanges, Centre-Val de Loire Region
Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clare Bannon, Acting Director, Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly David Kelly, Director, Southern Regional Assembly Paddy Austin, Assistant Director, Northern and Western Regional Assembly
Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulvio BonavitaCola, Vice-President and Regional Minister for Environment, Campania Region Francesco Raphael Frieri, Director General, Emilia-Romagna Region
Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olgierd Geblewicz, President, Western Pomerania Region Marcin Kuchciński, President, Warminsko-Mazurskie Region Wladyslaw Ortyl, President, Podkarpackie Region Witold Kozłowski, Vice-President, Małopolska Region
Slovakia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vladimíra Vydrová, Mayor of Chorvátsky Grob and member of Bratislava regional assembly
Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miguel Corgos, Regional Minister for Finance, Galician Government

MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Bulgaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrey Novakov, REGI member, EPP coordinator
Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sebastian Tynkynen, AFET member and LIBE substitute (ECR)
France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Younous Omarjee, Vice-President of the European Parliament (The Left) Nora Mebarek, REGI Vice-President (S&D) Laurence Farreng, EMPL substitute (Renew) Claire Fita, ECON member (S&D) Isabelle Le Callenec, REGI member (EPP) Julien Sanchez, BUDG member (PfE) Eric Sargiacomo, AGRI and PECH member (S&D)
Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexandra Mehnert, REGI substitute (EPP)
Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barry Cowen, AGRI member (Renew)
Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antonella Sberna, Vice-President of the European Parliament (ECR) Giuseppe Lupo, BUDG Vice-president (S&D) Raffaele Topo, EMPL and REGI member, BUDG substitute (S&D) Valentina Palmisano, REGI member (GUE) Benedetta Scuderi, EMPL substitute (Greens) Herbert Dorfmann, ECON substitute (EPP) Stefano Bonaccini, AGRI member (S&D) Stefano Cavedagna, ENVI member (ECR)
Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janusz Lewandowski, BUDG Vice-President (EPP) Andrzej Bula, EMPL member & REGI substitute (EPP) Krzysztof Hetman, REGI member (EPP) Marlena Małąg, EMPL and ECON member (ECR) Jacek Protas, BUDG & REGI substitute member (EPP) Bogdan Rzońca, BUDG member (ECR) Beata Szydło, BUDG substitute (ECR) Marta Wcisło, REGI member (EPP) Adam Jarubas, Chair Subcommittee on Public Health (EPP)
Romania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dragoş Benea, President of the REGI Committee (S&D)
Slovakia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branislav Ondruš, EMPL member (NA)
Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marcos Ros Sempere, REGI member, S&D coordinator Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, EPP vice-coordinator of BUDG committee, ECON member (EPP) Maravillas Abadía Jover, EMPL member and REGI substitute (EPP) Borja Giménez Larraz, TRAN member (EPP) Francisco Millán Mon, AFET and PECH member (EPP) Elena Nevado Del Campo, REGI member (EPP) Adrián Vázquez Lázara, AFCO vice- chair and JURI member (EPP)