



Discussion between the European Parliament and Leaders of EU Regions

with the participation of President Roberta Metsola

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CHAired BY VICE-PRESIDENT **YOUNOUS OMARJEE**

14.30 **ARRIVAL OF THE DELEGATIONS**
15.00 **WELCOME COFFEE**
IN FRONT OF THE ROOM

15.00 **OPENING SESSION**

ANTONELLA SBERNA, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
ALAIN ROUSSET, PRESIDENT OF NOUVELLE-AQUITAINE (FR)

15.10 **EUREGIONS4COHESION POSITION PAPER**

DAVIDE BARUFFI, REGIONAL MINISTER FOR EU FUNDS OF EMILIA-ROMAGNA (IT)
DRAGOŞ BENEĂ, CHAIR OF THE REGI COMMITTEE

15.15 **SESSION 1**
16.40 **THE FUTURE NRPP**

ANDREY NOVAKOV, REGI COORDINATOR (EPP), NRPP RAPPORTEUR
VASCO ALVES CORDEIRO, PRESIDENT OF THE COTER COMMITTEE, CO-RAPPORTEUR OF THE NRPP OPINION, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE COR (PT)

ŁUKASZ PROKORYM, PRESIDENT OF PODLASKIE (PL)
TUIJA TELEN, REGIONAL MAYOR OF HELSINKI-UUSIMAA (FI)
ARNO KOMPATSCHER, PRESIDENT OF TRENTINO-ALTO-ADIGE (IT)
JURAJ DROBA, PRESIDENT, BRATISLAVA REGION (SK)

OPEN DISCUSSION and OPEN FLOOR

MEPS: NORA MEBAREK (REGI VICE-PRESIDENT); ERIC SARGIACOMO (AGRI VICE-PRESIDENT); PAULO DO NASCIMENTO CABRAL (PECH VICE-PRESIDENT); DENIS NESCI (REGI COORDINATOR ECR); MARCOS ROS SEMPERE (REGI COORDINATOR S&D); VALENTINA PALMISANO (REGI COORDINATOR THE LEFT); DAVID CORMAND (GREEN SHADOW RAPPORTEUR ON NRPP); CRISTINA MAESTRE (S&D SHADOW RAPPORTEUR ON NRPP); CIARAN MULLOOLY (REGI); KRZYSZTOF HETMAN (REGI); ELENA NEVADO DEL CAMPO (REGI); MARAVILLAS ABADIA JOVER (EMPL); ANDRÉ ROUGÉ (REGI); HERBERT DORFMANN (AGRI/ECON)

EU REGIONS LEADERS: MAREK SOVKA (CZ, DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF SOUTH MORAVIA); MIGUEL CORGOS (ES, MINISTER OF GALICIA); NADIA PELLEFIGUE (FR, VICE-PRESIDENT OF OCCITANIE); PIOTR WOJTYSIAK (PL, VICE-PRESIDENT OF ŁÓDZKIE); ANA OLLO HUALDE (ES, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT OF NAVARRA); LEONARDO LOTTO (IT, MINISTER OF VALLE D'AOSTA); BETTINA MARTIN (DE, MINISTER OF MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN); JEAN-PIERRE CHABRIAT (FR, COUNCILLOR OF LA RÉUNION); CLARE COLLERAN MOLLOY (IE, COUNCILLOR OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY)

16.40 **SESSION 2**
17.50 **MFF AND REGIONS**
OPENING REMARKS BY JAVI LÓPEZ

JAVI LÓPEZ, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

JANUSZ LEWANDOWSKI, BUDG VICE-PRESIDENT
FABIENNE KELLER, QUAESTOR & MFF SHADOW RAPPORTEUR
JEAN-MARC GERMAIN, PERFORMANCE RAPPORTEUR, NRPP SHADOW RAPPORTEUR

BOHUSLAV SVOBODA, REGIONAL MAYOR OF PRAGUE (CZ)
RICKARD CARSTEDT, PRESIDENT OF VÄSTERBOTTEN (SW)
PETER REICHMANN, MINISTER OF CARINTHIA (AT)
JAN KLOPMAN, MINISTER OF FLEVOLAND (NL)

OPEN DISCUSSION and OPEN FLOOR

MEPS: ROBERTS ZĪLE (EP VICE-PRESIDENT); GIUSEPPE LUPO (BUDG VICE-PRESIDENT); JACEK PROTAS (CONT VICE-PRESIDENT); NILS UŠAKOVŠ (BUDG); JOÃO OLIVEIRA (BUDG COORDINATOR, THE LEFT); ISABELLE LE CALLENNEC (REGI/PECH); JAN FARSKY (REGI/ITRE); RAFFAELE TOPO (REGI); ANDRÉ FRANQUEIRA RODRIGUES (PECH COORDINATOR, S&D) STEFANO BONACCINI (AGRI); CRISTINA GUARDA (REGI); JOANNA SCHEURING-WIELGUS (CULT); ANDRZEJ BULA (EMPL)

EU REGIONS: KAROL OŻÓG (PL, VICE-PRESIDENT OF PODKARPACIE); MARÍA ISABEL LOPEZ ARAGON (ES, MINISTER OF MURCIA); ATUMAGALI ALTOUNIAN (FR, COUNCILLOR OF RÉGION SUD); RAFFAELE CATTANEO (IT, UNDERSECRETARY OF LOMBARDY); GUILLERMO PELAEZ ALVAREZ (ES, MINISTER OF ASTURIAS); MANUELA RINALDI, REGIONAL MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, RECONSTRUCTION, ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF LAZIO, VASILE ASANDEI (RO, DIRECTOR OF EU FUNDS NORTH-EAST ROMANIA)

17.50 **CLOSING ADDRESS BY**
 THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN
 PARLIAMENT, ROBERTA METSOLA

18.00 **FAMILY PHOTO**
 FOLLOWED BY A COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Hosted by
Younous Omarjee (VP, The Left)
Javi López (VP, S&D)
Antonella Sberna (VP, ECR)

Co-organised with
Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region and Emilia-Romagna Region

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Regional Representatives of EUregions4cohesion coalition attending the event

AUSTRIA	PETER REICHMANN, REGIONAL MINISTER OF CARINTHIA
CZECH REPUBLIC	MAREK SOVKA, GOVERNOR FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EU FUNDS SOUTH MORAVIAN REGION BOHUSLAV SVOBODA, REGIONAL MAYOR OF PRAGUE ZDENĚK KOVARIK, DEPUTY MAYOR OF PRAGUE FOR FINANCE AND EUROPEAN FUNDS
FINLAND	TUIJA TELEN, REGIONAL MAYOR OF HELSINKI-UUSIMAA
FRANCE	ALAIN ROUSSET, PRESIDENT OF NOUVELLE-AQUITAINE NADIA PELLEFIGUE, VICE-PRESIDENT OF OCCITANIE MAGALI ALTOUNIAN, COUNCILLOR IN CHARGE OF EUROPE OF RÉGION SUD JEAN-PIERRE CHABRIAT, COUNCILLOR OF LA RÉUNION
GERMANY	BETTINA MARTIN, MINISTER OF SCIENCE, CULTURE, FEDERAL AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN
IRELAND	BRIDIN MURPHY, COUNCILLOR OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY CLARE COLLERAN MOLLOY, COUNCILLOR OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
ITALY	DAVIDE BARUFFI, MINISTER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EU FUNDS PROGRAMMING, BUDGET OF EMILIA-ROMAGNA ARNO KOMPATSCHER, PRESIDENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF BOLZANO/BOZEN-SOUTH TYROL AND PRESIDENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE/SÜDTIROL MANUELA RINALDI, REGIONAL MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, RECONSTRUCTION, ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF LAZIO LEONARDO LOTTO, REGIONAL MINISTER FOR EU AFFAIRS OF VALLE D'AOSTA AUTONOMOUS REGION RAFFAELE CATTANEO, UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN RELATIONS OF LOMBARDY MASSIMILIANO NANNINI, CHEF OF CABINET OF THE PRESIDENT OF LIGURIA
NETHERLAND	JAN KLOPMAN, REGIONAL MINISTER OF FLEVOLAND, SPOKESPERSON ON MFF OF THE DUTCH PROVINCES
POLAND	ŁUKASZ PROKORYM, PRESIDENT OF PODLASKIE KAROL OŻÓG, VICE-PRESIDENT OF PODKARPACKIE PIOTR WOJTYSIAK, VICE-PRESIDENT OF ŁÓDZKIE
ROMANIA	VASILE ASANDEI, DIRECTOR OF EU FUNDS NORTH-EAST ROMANIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SLOVAKIA	JURAJ DROBA, PRESIDENT OF THE BRATISLAVA REGION MATUS VALLO, MAYOR OF BRATISLAVA
SPAIN	MIGUEL CORGOS, REGIONAL MINISTER FOR FINANCE OF GALICIA ANA OLLO HUALDE, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTERNAL ACTION AND EUSKERA LANGUAGE OF NAVARRA MARÍA ISABEL LOPEZ ARAGON, REGIONAL MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, FINANCE, EUROPEAN FUNDS AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON OF MURCIA GUILLERMO PELAEZ ALVAREZ, REGIONAL MINISTER FOR FINANCE, JUSTICE AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON OF ASTURIAS CRUZ FERREIRA, GENERAL DIRECTOR EUROPEAN UNION. REGION OF MURCIA CARLOS GIL SANTIAGO, SECRETARY FOR INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND COHESION OF VALENCIA AGUSTÍ FERNÁNDEZ DE LOSADA, SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF CATALONIA FRANCISCO FERNÁNDEZ MONGE, SECRETARY GENERAL FOR EU FUNDS OF ANDALUSIA ANGEL TARRÍO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR COHESION POLICY AND EUROPEAN FUNDS OF GALICIA MIKEL ANTON, DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND CROSS BORDER COOPERATION OF BASQUE COUNTRY BÁRBARA BARCELÓ ORDINAS, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR STRATEGIC PROJECTS, EUROPEAN FUNDS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION OF BALEARIC ISLANDS
SWEDEN	RICKARD CARSTEDT, PRESIDENT OF VÄSTERBOTTEN (SW)

EUREGIONS4COHESION COALITION IS COORDINATED BY NOUVELLE-AQUITAINE REGION AND EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION

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Abruzzo		Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes		Corse		Extremadura	
Açores		Balears		Crete		Flevoland	
ADR Centru		Basilicata		Drenthe		Friuli Venezia Giulia	
ADR Nord-Est		Berlin		East & North Finland		Fryslân	
ADR Nord-Vest		Bourgogne-Franche Comté		Eastern Macedonia and Thrace		Galicia	
Andalucía		Brandenburg		Eastern Slovenia		Gelderland	
Aragon		Bratislava Region		Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly		Gotland	
Asturias		Bremen		Emilia-Romagna		Grand Est	
Bretagne		Castilla – La Mancha		Groningen		Ionian Islands	
Brussels Capital Region		Castilla y León		Guadeloupe		Jämtland Härjedalen	
Budapest		Catalunya		Guyane		Kärnten	
Burgenland		CCDR Lisboa e Vale do Tejo		Halland		Kujawsko-Pomorskie	
Calabria		Central Denmark		Häme		La Réunion	
Campania		Central Finland		Hauts-de-France		La Rioja	
Canarias		Centre-Val de Loire		Helsinki-Uusimaa		Lazio	
Cantabria		Centro		Île-de-France		Liguria	



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Limburg	provincie limburg	Małopolska	MAŁOPOLSKA	Niederösterreich		Occitanie	
Lombardia	Regione Lombardia	Marche	REGIONE MARCHE	Noord-Brabant	Provincie Noord-Brabant	Opolskie	
Lower Silesia	LOWER SILESIA DOLNY ŚLĄSK	Mayotte	DÉPARTEMENT - RÉGION MAYOTTE	Noord-Holland	Provincie Noord-Holland	Örebro	Region Örebro County
Lodzkie	ŁÓDZKIE	Mazovia	Mazovia. heart of Poland	Normandie	RÉGION NORMANDIE	Östergötland	Region Östergötland
Lubelskie	Lubelskie Take life!	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	MV Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	Norrbottn	REGION NORRBOTTEN	Ostrobothnia	Regional Council of Ostrobothnia
Lubuskie	Lubuskie Warte zachodu	Molise	REGIONE MOLISE	Northern and Western Regional Assembly	Tionól Réigiúnach An Tuaiscirt & An Iarthair Northern & Western Regional Assembly	Overijssel	provincie Overijssel
Madeira	Região Autónoma da Madeira Governos Regionais	Murcia	Región de Murcia	Nouvelle-Aquitaine	REGION Nouvelle-Aquitaine	Pays de la Loire	RÉGION PAYS DE LA LOIRE
Madrid	Comunidad de Madrid	Navarra	Gobierno de Navarra Nafarroako Gobernua	Norte	PORTUGAL NORTE	País Vasco	EUSKO JAURLARITZA GOBIERNO VASCO
Piemonte	REGIONE PIEMONTE	Rhineland-Palatinate	Rheinland-Pfalz	South Moravian Region	south moravian region	Thessaly	ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ ΠΕΡΙΦΕΡΕΙΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΙΑΣ
Podkarpackie		Sachsen	Freistaat SACHSEN	South Ostrobothnia	ETELÄ-POHJANMAA LUTTO Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia	Thüringen	Freistaat Thüringen
Podlaskie		Saint-Martin	Saint-Martin	Southern Regional Assembly	Tionól Réigiúnach an Deiscirt Southern Regional Assembly	Tirol	LAND TIROL
Pomorskie	POMORSKIE VOIVODESHIP	Sardegna	REGIONE AUTONOMA DI SARDEGNA REGIONE AUTONOMA DELLA SARDEGNA	Southwest Finland	Regional Council of Southwest Finland	Toscana	REGIONE TOSCANA Giunta Regionale
Prague	PRAHA PRAHA PRAHA	Satakunta	SATAKUNTALIITTO Regional Council of Satakunta	Stockholm Region	Region Stockholm	Trnava	TRNAVSKÝ SAMOSPRÁVNÝ KRAJ
Prešov	PREŠOV SELF-GOVERNING REGION	Self Governing Trnava Region	SELF-GOVERNING TRNAVA REGION	Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	RÉGION SUD PROVENCE ALPES CÔTE D'AZUR	Umbria	Regione Umbria
Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano/Alto Adige	AUTONOMIE PROVINZ AUTONOMA DI BOLZANO ALTO ADIGE PROVINCIA AUTONOMA DE BULSAN SÜDTIROL	Silesia	Województwo Śląskie	Swietokrzyskie		Uppsala	Region Uppsala
Puglia	REGIONE PUGLIA	Skåne	SKÅNE	Tampere Region	PIRKANMAA COUNCIL OF TAMPERE REGION	Utrecht	PROVINCIE UTRECHT



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Värmland



Wielkopolska



Västerbotten



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Västernorrland



Zeeland



Västmanland



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