



## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### MONDAY, 26 June 2017

09.00 - 14.00	<b>Registrationsopen</b>
12.30-14.00	<b>Welcome lunch</b>
14.00 -14.30	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <i>Room: Gasperi</i>
	<b>Welcome and setting the scene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Corina Crețu</b>, European Commissioner for Regional Policy</li></ul>
	<b>Opening remarks/Keynote speech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jyrki Katainen</b>, Vice-President for Growth, Jobs, Investment and Competitiveness, European Commission</li></ul>
14.30 - 16.30	<b>1<sup>st</sup> PANEL DEBATE – Cohesion, investment and structural reforms</b> <i>Room: Gasperi</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Pierre Moscovici</b>, European Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs</li><li>• <b>Peter Pellegrini</b>, Deputy Prime Minister, Slovakia</li><li>• <b>Dana Reizniece-Ozola</b>, Minister of Finance, Latvia</li><li>• <b>Claudio De Vincenti</b>, Minister for Territorial cohesion and Mezzogiorno, Italy</li><li>• <b>Philippe Richert</b>, President of Association of French regions and President of Region GrandEst, France</li></ul>
16.30-16.50	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b> <i>Room: Gasperi</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Günther Oettinger</b>, European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources</li></ul>
16:50–17:00	<b>Comfort break</b>



17.00 - 18.30		PARALLEL WORKSHOPS – The views from the other institutions	
<b>WS 1: Addressing divides: regions, cities, and rural areas</b>		<b>WS 2: Creating resilience: social inclusion and innovation</b>	
<i>Chair: <b>Constanze Krehl</b>, Member of the European Parliament</i>		<i>Chair: <b>Lambert Van Nistelrooij</b>, Member of the European Parliament</i>	
<i>Room: Gasperi</i>		<i>Room: Jenkins</i>	
<p><b>Introductory speech:</b> <b>Phil Hogan</b>, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mari Kiviniemi</b>, Deputy Secretary General of the OECD</li> <li>• <b>Michael Schneider</b>, Committee of the Regions, Member of the Committee of the Regions and State Secretary, Representative of the Land of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Yordanka Fandakova</b>, Mayor of Sofia, Bulgaria.</li> <li>• <b>Paul Soto</b>, Team Leader of the Contact Point of the European Network for Rural Development</li> </ul>		<p><b>Introductory speech:</b> <b>Corina Crețu</b>, European Commissioner for Regional Policy</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Georges Dassis</b>, President of the European Economic and Social Committee</li> <li>• <b>Patrizio Bianchi</b>, Regional Minister for Coordination of European Policies for Growth, Education, Vocational training, University, Research and Employment of Emilia-Romagna, Italy</li> <li>• <b>Ann-Sofie Hermansson</b>, Mayor of Gothenburg, Sweden</li> <li>• <b>Sorcha Edwards</b>, Secretary General of Housing Europe</li> </ul>	
<b>WS 3: Making the most of public investment: governance and cooperation</b>		<b>WS 3: Making the most of public investment: governance and cooperation</b>	
<i>Chair: <b>Iskra Mihaylova</b>, Member of the European Parliament</i>		<i>Chair: <b>Iskra Mihaylova</b>, Member of the European Parliament</i>	
<i>Room: Mansholt</i>		<i>Room: Mansholt</i>	
<p><b>Introductory speech:</b> <b>Karmenu Vella</b>, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vazil Hudák</b>, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank</li> <li>• <b>Karla Šlechtová</b>, Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic</li> <li>• <b>Beate Merk</b>, Minister of State for European Affairs and Regional Relations of the Free State of Bavaria, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Rosa Quintana Carballo</b>, Regional Minister for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of Galicia, Spain</li> </ul>		<p><b>Introductory speech:</b> <b>Karmenu Vella</b>, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vazil Hudák</b>, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank</li> <li>• <b>Karla Šlechtová</b>, Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic</li> <li>• <b>Beate Merk</b>, Minister of State for European Affairs and Regional Relations of the Free State of Bavaria, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Rosa Quintana Carballo</b>, Regional Minister for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of Galicia, Spain</li> </ul>	
19.00 - 21.00		RECEPTION, Berlaymont Piazza	



## TUESDAY, 27 June 2017

08.30 - 09.30	<b>Welcome coffee</b>
09.30-10.00	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECHES</b> <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Antonio Tajani</b>, President of the European Parliament</li><li>• <b>Jean-Claude Juncker</b>, President of the European Commission</li><li>• <b>Joseph Muscat</b>, Prime Minister, Malta</li></ul>
10.00 - 12.00	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> PANEL DEBATE – Globalization and technological change: a European response</b> <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Markku Markkula</b>, President of the Committee of the Regions</li><li>• <b>Pedro Marques</b>, Minister of Planning and Infrastructure, Portugal</li><li>• <b>Richard Ferrand</b>, Minister of territorial cohesion, France</li><li>• <b>Enrico Rossi</b>, President of Tuscany and Vice-President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions</li></ul>
12.00 - 12.20	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b> <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Marianne Thyssen</b>, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility</li></ul>
12.20 - 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00 - 14.30	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH: EU cohesion policy, a forward looking perspective</b> <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fabrizio Barca</b>, Author of 'An agenda for a reformed cohesion policy'</li></ul>
14.30 - 16.15	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PANEL DEBATE – Simple, more effective rules: a blueprint</b> <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Gabrijela Žalac</b>, Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia</li><li>• <b>Stanislaw Tillich</b>, Minister-President of Saxony, Germany</li><li>• <b>Kerstin Westphal</b>, Member of the European Parliament</li><li>• <b>Siim Kallas</b>, Chair of the High Level Group on Simplification</li><li>• <b>John Bachtler</b>, Professor of European Policy Studies and Director of the European Policies Research Centre</li></ul>
16.15 - 16.45	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b> <i>Room: Gasperi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Corina Crețu</b>, European Commissioner for Regional Policy</li></ul>