



**European Committee
of the Regions**

7th Annual meeting of the EGTC Platform

The future of the cross-border cooperation

European Committee of the Regions, Rue van Maerlant 2, Brussels, room VMA 1
9 October 2017, 13:00 – 18:00h

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- 12:15 **Registration opens** | Please bring your National ID/Passport with you
- 13:15 **Welcome**
*Mr **Petr Osvald**, EGTC Platform Coordinator, Chair of CoR's COTER Commission*
- 13:20 **The future of cross-border cooperation**
*Moderator of the session: Mr **Pavel Branda**, Chair of the CoR Intraregional Group on Cross-border cooperation.*
- [Presentation of the Communication “Boosting Growth and Cohesion in border regions” and the Study on Cross-border obstacles](#)
*Ms **Ana-Paula Laissy**, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG REGIO, European cross-border cooperation*
- [Perspective from the European Parliament](#)
*Ms **Anne Sander** MEP
Chair of the EP Working-Group on Cross-border Cooperation*
- [Presentation of the proposal for a procedure and tool : “The European Cross-border Convention”](#)
*Mr **Thiemo W. Eser**, Head of Division for International Relations and Territorial Cooperation, Ministry of Sustainable development and Infrastructure, Government of Luxembourg*
- Discussion*
- 14:10 **Networking coffee break** | Served in front of the conference room



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14:40

Presentation of the EGTC Monitoring Report 2016, Q&A

Ms **Sabine Zillmer**, *Spatial Foresight*

15:00

EGTC Platform welcomes new EGTCs founded in 2016

Moderator of the session: Mr **Spyros Spyridon** 1st Vicechair of the COTER commission

Mr **Patrice Harster**, *Director EGTC Pamina (DE-FR-BE)*

Dr **Krisztian Varga**, *EGTC Mura Region (HU-HR)*

Mr **Janosch Nieden**, *Eucor - The European Campus (CH-FR-DE)*

15:30

Access to EU funding and new opportunities – experiences, issues and solutions

Experiences of an cross-border EGTC in accessing EU funding

Mr **Zoltan Bara**, *Executive Director of EGTC Pons Dabubii*,

Experiences of an interregional EGTC in accessing EU funding

Senator **Stefano Collina**, *President of EGTC Cities of Ceramics (AEuCC)*

European Commission

Mr **Jean-Pierre Halkin**, *HoU Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional Cooperation, IPA, Enlargement*,

Innovative support for cross-border investments

Mr **René-Laurent Ballaguy** *Managerial Advisor at the European Investment Bank*

EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation

Mr **Eivind Lorentzen**, *Counsellor for Regional and Local Affairs, Representation of Norway*

Discussion

16:40

Discussion on the future of Europe

Markku Markkula, *First Vice President of the European Committee of the Regions*

Discussion



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- 17:20 **Presentation of a study: New ways of financing transport infrastructure projects in Europe, Q&A**
*Ms **Daniela Carvalho**, Inova (STOA)*
- 17:45 **Suggestions from members for the Work Programme for 2018**
*Moderator of the session: Mr **Slaven Klobučar**, EGTC Platform*
- 18:00 **End**



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