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7th Subsidiarity Conference

SUBSIDIARITY MONITORING AND BETTER REGULATION IN THE EU

17 November 2015

Flemish Parliament

6, Hertogstraat/rue Ducale, 1000 Brussels

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 9.00–9.30 Arrival and registration
- 9.30–9.35 **Opening of the Subsidiarity Conference - Welcome addresses**
- Jan Peumans, President of the Parliament of Flanders
- 9.35–11.15 **High level round table**
Subsidiarity: a driving force for Better Regulation?
- Introduction and moderation:
Michael Schneider, Chair of the CoR Subsidiarity Steering Group,
Committee of the Regions (CoR)
- Frans Timmermans, 1st Vice President, European Commission
Nicolas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and
Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg, Presidency of the Council of the
European Union
Pavel Svoboda MEP, Chair of the Legal Affairs Committee, European
Parliament
Guy Verhofstadt MEP, President of the ALDE Political Group and Member
of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, European Parliament *tbc*
- Concluding remarks: Markku Markkula, President of the CoR
- 11.15–11.45 Coffee break

11.45–13.00

Subsidiarity Monitoring: where are we going?

Panel discussion on the main developments since the 6th Subsidiarity conference regarding subsidiarity and proportionality monitoring.

Introduction and moderation: Jon Worth (independent EU politics blogger)

Pascal Leardini, Director, Secretariat-General, European Commission

Karl Vanlouwe, Member of the Flemish Parliament and CoR

Member of National Parliament *tbc*

Sajjad Karim MEP, Member of the Legal Affairs Committee and rapporteur on subsidiarity, European Parliament

Reinhold Bocklet, President of CALRE Working Group on Subsidiarity, 1st Vice-President of the Bavarian State Parliament

13.00–14.30

Lunch

14.30–16.00

Better regulation in practice

Panel discussion on the Better regulation package with a practical focus.

Introduction and moderation: Prof. Dr. Patricia Popelier (University of Antwerp)

Elizabeth Golberg, Director, Secretariat-General, European Commission

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann MEP, Substitute Member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee and Legal Affairs Committee, European Parliament

Spyros Spyridon, CoR Rapporteur on the EU Agenda on Better Regulation, Municipal Councillor of Poros

Elizabeth Vitouch, Spokesperson on public services of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and member of the Vienna City Council, Austria

Alfonso Rueda, Vice President of the Galicia Government, Spain

Michael Gibbons, Chairman of the Regulatory Policy Committee, UK

16.00–16.30

Closing session

Quality EU legislation for citizens and businesses – the way forward

Nicolaas Beets, Dutch Urban Envoy, forthcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Michael Schneider, Chair of the CoR Subsidiarity Steering Group

16.30–17.00

Networking cocktail

NB: Participants may speak in EN,NL,FR,DE,IT,ES,GR. Interpretation is provided into EN,NL,FR,DE,IT,ES.