

## COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Fact-finding mission on the impact of cohesion policy on Northern Ireland

21 – 23 March 2018

#### PROGRAMME

<b>Wednesday, 21 March 2018</b>
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| <b>13.45</b>       | <b>Departure from hotel in Belfast by coach</b>  |
| <b>14.00-15.00</b> | <b>Meeting at the European Commission Office in Belfast</b><br>on EU funding in Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland<br>Task Force<br><i>74-76 Dublin Road, Belfast</i>                         |
| <b>15.30-16.30</b> | <b>Visit to the Victims and Survivors Service</b><br>on the operation of an EU-funded support service for victims<br>and survivors of the troubles<br><i>28-32 Alfred Street, Belfast</i>            |
| <b>17.00-17.45</b> | <b>Visit to the Skainos Centre</b><br>on the operation of a cross-community centre funded through<br>the Peace Programme<br><i>239 Newtownards Road, Ballymacarret, Belfast</i>                      |
| <b>18.15-19.00</b> | <b>Visit to Girdwood Community Hub</b><br>on the operation of a cross-community centre funded through<br>the Peace Programme (sports, courses, social housing)<br><i>10 Girdwood Avenue, Belfast</i> |
| <b>19.30</b>       | <b>Dinner hosted by the Irish Joint Secretary of the North-South Ministerial Council, Kevin Conmy</b><br>with the presence of the British Deputy Joint Secretary<br><i>tbd, Belfast</i>              |

<b>Thursday, 22 March 2018</b>
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| <b>08.30</b>       | <b>Departure from hotel in Belfast by coach</b>  |
| <b>10.30-12.00</b> | <p><b>Visit to the North West Regional Science Park (Derry/Londonderry)</b><br/>on job creation in border areas through R&amp;D funding, with Philip Maguire (Director of Finance, Catalyst Inc), Darren Ross (Innovation Broker, Catalyst Inc), John Andy Bonar (Head of Development, Letterkenny Institute of Technology), and Eliza Harvey (NWRSP Fort George centre manager), as well as with Edel O'Doherty and Sadie Bergin (CAWT) on cross-border health and social care<br/>Northern Ireland Science Park<br/><i>Bay Road, Derry/Londonderry</i></p> |
| <b>12.30-14.00</b> | <p><b>Lunch hosted by the Deputy Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Councillor John Boyle</b><br/>Mayor's Parlour, Guildhall<br/><i>Guildhall Street, Derry/Londonderry</i></p>  |
| <b>15.30-17.30</b> | <p><b>Visit to the Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre</b><br/>on the impact of a large ERDF-funded project for tourism, combined with presentations on various smaller EU-funded projects in the local area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hampton Conservatories (EAFRD 2014-2020)</li><li>• Seating Matters Ltd (ERDF 2014-2020)</li><li>• tbd</li></ul> <p>Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre<br/><i>Causeway Road, Ballyallaght</i></p>  |
| <b>18.00</b>       | <b>Return to Belfast by coach</b>  |
| <b>20:00</b>       | <b>Arrival to Belfast &amp; evening free</b>   |

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| <b>08.45</b>       | <b>Departure from hotel in Belfast by coach</b>   |
| <b>09.00-10.00</b> | <b>Meeting with the CEO of the Special EU Programmes Body, Gina McIntyre</b><br>on the Peace Programme and Interreg Programmes in Northern Ireland and the border areas<br>Special EU Programmes Body<br><i>2 Clarence Street West, Belfast</i>   |
| <b>10.30-11.30</b> | <b>Meeting with representatives of the Department of Finance and the Department for the Economy</b><br>on the management of EU programmes in Northern Ireland, with Bill Pauley (Head of Strategic Policy and Reform, DoF), Frank Duffy (Head of European Division, DoF), Dominic McCullough (Head of North/South Policies and Programmes Unit, DoF) Charles Hamilton (INVEST NI, on behalf of DfE)<br><i>Department of Finance</i><br><i>Clare House, 303 Airport Road West, Sydenham, Belfast</i> |
| <b>12.00</b>       | <b>End of mission</b>   |