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newsletter of the committee on regional development



## Next Committee meeting

**Tuesday 19 February 2013**

9.00 - 12.30

15.00 - 18.30

Room ASP 3 G 2

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- **Report back on the Interinstitutional negotiations of the 2014-2020 EU Cohesion Policy**
- **Debate on Regional State Aid**
- **Exchange of views with Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, President of the Committee on the Regions**
- **Vote on**
  - **2011 Discharge: EU General Budget, Section III, Commission**
  - **Current challenges and opportunities for renewable energy in the EU Internal Energy Market**

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# part 1 meeting of 19 February 2013

*Here you will find the topics which will be discussed at the next REGI committee meeting on 19 February 2013. The following items will be discussed as foreseen in [the draft agenda](#). Please note that most committee documents (working documents, draft reports, etc.) are available at our website [REGI](#).*

## 1. EU Regional State Aid - Exchange of views (Point 4 of the draft agenda)

In January, the European Commission has launched for 8 weeks a consultation of stakeholders on a Commission draft paper regarding the regional aid guidelines applicable for the next programming period (2014-2020).

The Commission is revising the guidelines on regional state aid to replace the current guidelines 2007-2013, on the basis of Article 107 TFEU, and in particular its paragraph 3(a) and (c).

In the guidelines, the Commission "sets out the conditions under which regional aid may be considered to be compatible with the internal market and establishes the criteria for identifying the areas that fulfil the conditions of Article 107(3)(a) and (c) TFEU".

Thus, the guidelines, which constitute one of the stages in a process designed to lay down the general conditions governing Community examination of regional aid schemes, will provide for the criteria for assessing regional aid compatibility with the internal market in accordance with the Treaty, and will identify the geographical areas that fulfil the conditions of Article 107(3)(a) and (c) TFEU.

These geographical areas will be part of a regional map notified to the Commission by each Member States for approval, in order to allow regional aid to be awarded to enterprises located in the areas included in the said map.

There is a direct relationship of these provisions with Cohesion Policy, given that there is an obligation to comply with State aid Rules in the implementation of the Structural Funds (as for any other EU policy).

Any further impacts of the guidelines on the implementation Cohesion Policy will be discussed in the committee meeting of 19 February with DG Competition and DG Regional and Urban Policy, and in particular with Deputy Director-Generals Gert-Jan KOOPMAN and Nicholas Martyn, from DG COMP and DG REGIO, respectively.

Apart from this debate in the committee, an oral question to be put to the Commission on this subject was prepared and is under consultation among political groups.

## 2. 2011 discharge: EU general budget - Section III - Commission (Point 5 of the draft agenda)

**Rapporteur: Jan Olbrycht (PPE)**  
**Responsible administrator: Carla Carvalho**  
**Procedure: 2012/2167/(DEC)**  
**Main Committee: CONT - Jens Geier**

The Rapporteur, Mr. Jan Olbrycht, has submitted his draft opinion to the Committee in the meeting of 23-24 January, focusing on issues such as the progressive decrease of level of error in the implementation of cohesion policy, on one hand, and the increasing level of suspension and interruption of payments carried out by the Commission, on the other.

Fourteen amendments were meanwhile tabled to this draft opinion, which will be voted in the meeting of 19 February. The amendments highlight several aspects, namely the distinction between error and fraud, the need for enhancing efficiency, coordination and administrative capacity at Member State level, and in particular as regards the implementation of public procurement and eligibility rules, and also the need for a more demanding discipline in the application of payments' rules.

**TIMETABLE**

**Consideration of draft opinion: 23/01/2013**

**Deadline for amendments: 28/01/2013**

**Adoption REGI: 19/02/2013**

**Adoption CONT: 18/03/2013 (tbc)**

**Adoption in plenary 16/04/2013 (tbc)**

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### **3. Current challenges and opportunities for renewable energy in the European Internal Energy Market (Point 6 of the draft agenda)**

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**Rapporteur: Riikka Manner (ALDE)**

**Responsible administrator: Stefan Manev**

**Procedure: 2012/2259(INI)**

**Main committee: ITRE - Herbert Reul**

The European Union has set the target for renewable energy at 20% of the total energy consumption in 2020. This support for the development of renewable energy production in the internal energy market has the aim to reaching three main objectives: cut CO2 emissions and meet the climate change goals; diversify the energy supply and produce an affordable energy to meet the future needs.

The renewable energy goal is a headline target of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. Cohesion Policy plays a major role in reaching the Europe 2020 targets as it provides major investment support, including for the development of renewable energy.

Currently, the renewable sector is facing difficult times. On the one hand, the targets beyond 2020 are not certain a number of Member States have reviewed their support schemes while; on the other hand, the internal energy market grids are heavily burdened with the power produced.

In this context, the opinion, drafted by the Finish liberal MEP Mrs Riikka Manner, is looking at how to better exploit the potential of the Cohesion Policy support for the integration of renewable energy generation, diversification and transmission in the internal energy market.

Some 82 AMs were tabled to the opinion. The AMs, which show a variety of diverging views, are reflecting the main concerns of the Members of REGI committee with regards to the support provided by the Cohesion policy to this important sector.

The rapporteur has proposed 11 CAMs reflecting most of the essential elements suggested by the AMs - integration of the transmission grid; modernise the infrastructure; take into account local and regional specificities; ect.

**TIMETABLE****Consideration of draft opinion: 24/01/2013****Deadline for amendments: 28/01/2013****Adoption REGI: 19/02/2013 (tbc)****Adoption main committee: 18/03/2013 (tbc)****Adoption in plenary: 15/04/2013 (tbc)**

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#### **4. Exchange of views with Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, President of the Committee of the Regions, on the post 2014 EU Cohesion Policy (Point 7 of the draft agenda)**

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The President of the Committee of the Regions appears before the REGI committee in order to present the Members the positions of the Committee of the Regions in which respects the Multiannual Financial Framework and the legislative package on the future cohesion policy. Following his presentation, there will be a debate with the Members of the REGI committee.

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#### **5. Social housing in the European Union (Point 8 of the draft agenda)**

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**Rapporteur: Salvatore Caronna (S&D)****Responsible administrator: Susanne Pillath****Procedure: 2012/2293 (INI)****Main committee: EMPL - Karima Delli**

The draft own-initiative report "Social Housing in the European Union" emphasizes the role of social housing in absorbing the shocks of the current economic and social crisis and asks the Member States and the European Commission to take care for ensuring the fundamental right of access to decent housing at affordable prices. The politics of the European Union and the Member States have to fight poverty and to promote social inclusion and cohesion in the housing sector with an integrated policy approach. The investments for providing social housing and in the quality as well as in the energy efficiency of housing have to be strengthened. The draft report stresses the necessity to take care against the increasing appearance of energy poverty.

Mr Salvatore Caronna welcomes in his draft opinion that the proposals of the European Commission for the future cohesion policy provide the eligibility of investments in energy efficiency and of measures for an integrated sustainable urban development as well as for the fight against social exclusion. He points out that the integrated approach of the structural funds can play an important role for urban development and social inclusion. Also the positive effects on the labour market and for SMEs have to be considered as a result of investments in social housing.

**TIMETABLE****Consideration of draft opinion: 19/02/2013****Deadline for amendments: 22/02/2013 (tbc)****Adoption REGI: 18-19/03/2013(tbc)****Adoption in lead committee (EMPL): 23/04/2013 (tbc)****Adoption in plenary: July 2013 (tbc)**

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## 6. Regional strategies for industrial areas in the European Union (Point 10 of the draft agenda)

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**Rapporteur: Jens Geier (S&D)**  
**Responsible administrator: Ana Dobre**  
**Procedure: 2012/2100(INI)**  
**Main committee: REGI**

The Rapporteur, Mr Jens Geier, will present the Working Document on Regional strategies for industrial areas in the European Union. The Working document emphasises three main research questions, which seek to raise awareness in the European arena about the current and future developments of regional strategies for industrial areas in Europe:

- Where is regional funding most needed in (old) industrialised regions?
- Which successful regional strategies for undertaking structural change exist?
- Which role does the EU funding play in this?

The Rapporteur suggests focusing on old industrialised regions, which were particularly exposed to the radical decline in traditional industries in the last decades. While the Rapporteur intends to analyse the needs of old industrial areas in different regions of the European Union, he, additionally, aims to present case studies of different regions in the European Union in order to learn from good-practice-examples, where EU-funded industrial policy approaches encouraged the ongoing transformation process. Finally, the Rapporteur intends to illustrate these developments by focussing on cities like Manchester, Essen, Lille and Bilbao, all cities with an old industrial legacy, and by showing how EU funding can tackle structural change in industrial areas and what can be concluded from these examples.

**TIMETABLE**  
**Exchange of views: 27/11/2012, 23/01/2013**  
**Working document: 19/02/2013 (tbc)**  
**Consideration of draft report: 18/03/2013 (tbc)**  
**Deadline for amendments: 21/03/2013 tbc)**  
**Adoption REGI: 23/04/2013 (tbc)**  
**Adoption in plenary: May 2013 (tbc)**

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## 7. Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (Point 11 of the draft agenda)

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**Rapporteur: Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL)**  
**Responsible administrator: Gabriel Alvarez**  
**Procedure: 2012/0295(COD)**  
**Main committee: EMPL - Emer Costello**

One of the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy is to dramatically reduce the number of deprived people. This objective has become a bigger challenge given the current economic crisis. In this context, the European Commission has proposed a new and complementary fund in order to strengthen the existing social cohesion tools. This Fund focuses on the most deprived people and aims to provide them access to the basic alimentary needs. The 2014-2020 budget proposed is 2.5 billion € coming from the ESF budget.

In January an exchange of views took place. Following this debate, the Rapporteur, will present his proposal to improve the text and a deadline for amendments to complete the proposal will be open.

**TIMETABLE****Exchange of views: 23/01/2013****Consideration of draft opinion: 19/02/2013 (tbc)****Deadline for amendments: 21/02/2013 (tbc)****Adoption REGI: 19/03/2013 (tbc)****Adoption EMPL: 23/04//2013 (tbc)****Plenary:**

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## 8. Common provisions on European Funds and repealing Regulation (EC) N° 1083/2006 (Point 12 of the draft agenda)

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**Co-rapporteurs: Lambert van Nistelrooij (PPE) &****Constanze Angela Krehl (S&D)****Responsible administrators: Diana Haase, Ana Maria Dobre****Procedure: 2011/0276 (COD)**

The Rapporteurs will report back to REGI Committee on the outcome of the trilogue meetings on the CPR, which took place on the 21st, 29th and 31st of January. The feedback on the inter-institutional negotiations will focus on the Common Strategic Framework (CSF). During negotiations the CSF Annex was deeply studied by the Parliament's Negotiating Team and the Council, with the support of the Commission. Almost the entire Annex was tackled. The remaining details will be closed during a technical meeting and then presented to the Negotiating Team.

**TIMETABLE****Exchange of views: 22/11/2011; 19/12/2011, 19/12/2011****Consideration of working doc.: 25/01/12, 27/02/12, 19/03/12****Consideration of draft report: 26/04/2012, 08/05/2012, 29/05/2012****Deadline for amendments: 31/05/2012, 07/06/2012****Consideration of amendments: 20-21/06/2012****Adoption REGI (Mandate): 11/07/2012****Updated draft report with outcome of the negotiations: (tbc)****Adoption in plenary: (tbc)**

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## 9. Specific provisions concerning the European Regional Development Fund and the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal and repeal of Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 (Point 13 of the draft agenda)

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**Rapporteur: Jan Olbrycht (PPE)****Responsible administrator: Dagmara Stoerring****Procedure: 2011/0275(COD)**

The Rapporteur will report back to REGI Committee on the outcome of the trilogue meeting on the ERDF, which took place on the 31st of January. During the last trilogue the co-legislators have reached some preliminary agreements concerning Art. 3 (Scope of support). Furthermore, another round of discussion on articles related to sustainable urban development (Art, 7, 8, and 9) has taken place and two major issues to be resolved during the

next meetings have emerged: the delegation provision as referred to in Article 113(7) of the CPR regulation and the issue of the "urban development platform". Finally, the institutions have continued presenting their positions on Investment priorities (Art. 5). Some of the EP's proposals for the investment priorities are supported by the Council and the Commission regarding the content, however, differences regarding the structure of the text remain. The biggest change proposed by the EP with the agreement of the Council and the Commission is to transfer sustainable urban mobility from Thematic Objective 7 to Thematic Objective 4, however, this amendment is dependent on negotiations on percentages in thematic concentration (Art. 4). The discussion on Art. 5 shall continue during the next trilogue meeting scheduled for the 21st of February and the institutions intend to move to the second round of the discussion on thematic concentration (Art. 4). During the next trilogue meeting the first exchange of views on Art. 6 (Indicators for the Investment for growth and jobs goal) will also be on Agenda.

The institutions have agreed on three trilogue meetings on the ERDF regulation to be held in March.

#### **TIMETABLE**

**Exchange of views: 22/11/2011, 25/01/2012, 20/03/2012, 8/05/2012**

**Consideration of draft report: 29/05/2012**

**Deadline for amendments: 31/05/2012**

**Consideration of amendments: 20-21/06/2012**

**Adoption REGI (Mandate): 11/07/2012**

**Updated draft report with outcome of the negotiations (tbc)**

**Adoption in plenary: (tbc)**

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## **10. Cohesion Fund and repeal of Council Regulation (EC) No 1084/2006 (Point 14 of the draft agenda)**

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**Rapporteur: Victor Boștinaru (S&D)**

**Responsible administrator: Carla Carvalho**

**Procedure: 2011/0274(COD)**

The Negotiating Team has held its first preparatory meeting on 2 October, having then established a calendar for the trilogue meetings to be proposed to the Commission and the Council.

The first trilogue on this file was held on 4 December, with Article 2 (Scope of support from the Cohesion Fund) and Article 3 (Investment priorities) on the agenda. At this first trilogue, the institutions have come to some understandings on some issues referred to in those provisions, on one hand, and some parts of the text will be modified or rephrased for further consideration, on the other. The issue of the Connecting Europe Facility (amendment 15) was left for a later stage, as further clarification is necessary in line with the outcome of the negotiations on this facility.

In the framework of the procedure of reporting back to the Committee on progress made so far in the negotiations, the four column table was distributed and circulated among Members of the Committee prior to the Committee meeting of 23-24 January 2013.

Two more trilogues are now scheduled for 27 February and 18 March.

#### **TIMETABLE**

**Exchange of views: 22/11/2011, 25/01/2012**

**Consideration of working doc.: 28/02/12, 20/03/12**

**Consideration of draft report: 26/04/2012, 08/05/2012, 30/05/2012**

**Deadline for amendments: 31/05/2012 (tbc)**

**Consideration of amendments: 20-21/06/2012**



**Adoption REGI (Mandate): 11/07/2012**

**Updated draft report with outcome of the negotiations: (tbc)**

**Adoption in plenary: (tbc)**

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## **11. Support from the European Regional Development Fund to the 'European territorial cooperation' (ETC)goal (Point 15 of the draft agenda)**

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**Rapporteur: Riikka Manner (ALDE)**

**Responsible administrator: Franck Ricaud**

**Procedure: 2011/0273(COD)**

The Rapporteur may report back to the Committee the undergoing status of negotiations that have begun in the framework of trilogues.

The Negotiating Team hold his constituency meeting on 02nd October, The Council has adopted a mandate on the 15th October Council, and the Trilogues were set up on 15th, 28th November, 4th and 17th December, dealing with articles 2, 7,8, 11,12 (thematic block "programming") and on 17, 18 and 19 (rules of eligibility) of the regulation.

Apart the tough positions of the European Parliament on Macro regional Strategies and Infrastructure projects to be considered within ETC programmes, a common ground is likely to be found on many of the items discussed.

The last 28th January Trilogue has enabled to go on negotiating on the two blocks already mentioned and a has also opened the negotiations on articles 5 and 6 on Thematic concentration and Investments priorities, although it is agreed to wait that the negotiations in ERDF and CPR on that matter have progressed more to finalize the agreements concerning ETC.

On the thematic block "programming"(2,7,8,11,12), a technical meeting was set up in the 1st February to finalize the agreement, mainly to adjust and align, as agreed by the Negotiating Team meeting, the drafting of Art 7 ETC with the agreed version of Art 87 CPR.

This gives good chances to come up rapidly with a final agreement on those tow first blocks (programming and rules of eligibility), and to go on working on thematic concentration and Investment priorities.

### **TIMETABLE**

**Exchange of views: 22/11/2011, 25/01/2012**

**Consideration of working doc.: 28/02/2012, 20/03/2012**

**Consideration of draft report: 08/05/2012, 30/05/2012**

**Deadline for amendments: 31/05/2012**

**Adoption REGI (Mandate): 11/07/2012**

**Adoption in plenary: tbc**

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## **12. Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) as regards the clarification, simplification and improvement of the establishment and implementation of such groupings (Point 16 of the draft agenda)**

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**Rapporteur: Joachim Zeller (PPE)**  
**Responsible administrator: Stefan Manev**  
**Procedure: 2011/0272(COD)**

This amending Regulation makes changes, on the one hand, to respect the terminology introduced by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and on the other hand in response to the weaknesses and areas of potential improvement identified in the Report referred to above.

The rapporteur, Mr Zeller, is supporting the Commission's amending regulation and its overall approach and objectives. However, he considers that a number of elements can be further amended in order to improve the functioning of this territorial cooperation instrument. Among these ideas are: widening the scope of the EGTCs; facilitating the partnerships with Third countries; simplification of procedures for authorisation; extension of the tasks that can be carried by an EGTC; enhancement of the role of the Committee of the Regions as a hub for EGTCs.

The Mandate was successfully voted in July 2012 as amended by the rapporteur. However, at the Council level work was expected to begin in January and adoption of a partial general approach is expected at a Council meeting in February. In this perspective, trialogues will begin in beginning of March 2013.

***TIMETABLE***

**Exchanges of views: 22/11/2011, 25/01/2012,**  
**Consideration of working doc.: 28/02/2012, 20/03/2012**  
**Consideration of draft report: 29/05/2012**  
**Deadline for amendments: 31/05/2012 at 6 pm**  
**Adoption REGI (Mandate): 11/07/2012**  
**Informal trialogues: 04/03/2013; 21/03/2013**  
**Adoption in plenary: (tbc)**



## part 2 meeting of 23-24 January 2013

*Here you will find information on the issues discussed in the last REGI meeting held on 23 and 24 January 2013. The following items were discussed as foreseen in the draft agenda. No changes were introduced to the draft agenda. Please note that most committee documents (working documents, draft reports, etc.) are available at our website [REGI](#).*

### **1. Exchange of views with the rapporteurs on the ongoing interinstitutional negotiations**

The respective Rapporteurs on the EC draft legislative proposals reported back on the ongoing Interinstitutional negotiations (trilogues) as established in the Code of Conduct for Codecision. For this meeting a four columns table had been previously distributed for every regulation (except for the EGTC where the negotiations have not started yet) reflecting the status of law and provisional agreements reached.

No objections were raised by the Members of the committee during the debates.

### **2. External Study on "Integrated urban transport plans and cohesion policy"**

The Study was presented by Wolfgang Schade and Stefan Klug from Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research (ISI), Germany.

After the presentation, both the Members and the European Commission made comments on the study highlighting the linkages between the Cohesion policy and urban transport and the need for conditionality regarding this policy.

### **3. Pilot Project on Roma Inclusion**

An exchange of views with Charlina Vitcheva, Director at European Commission DG REGIO, took place. The main lines and results of the Pilot Project were described and some conclusions to improve this line of work were presented to the Committee.

### **4. Votes**

No votes took place during the meeting.

### **5. Consideration and set of deadlines for tabling amendments**

- DRAFT OPINION on "2011 discharge: EU general budget, Section III, Commission 2012/2167(DEC)-PE502.212. The deadline for amendments was set on 28.01.2013
- DRAFT OPINION on the " Current Challenges and Opportunities for Renewable Energy in the European Internal Energy Market " 2012/2259(INI) PE502.098. The deadline for amendments was set on 28.01.2013.



## part 3 - other news

*Here you will find the latest news related to Committee activities and cohesion policy issues*



### **Chair's participation on events on behalf of the Committee**

Ms Hübner has participated as a chairperson of the Committee in the following events since the last meeting:

30 January 2013 at 14,00	Brussels	Mayors of Catalonia	Visit organised by the EP and EC offices of Barcelona
31 January 2013 at 14,00	Brussels	Randstad Region (Netherlands)	Celebration of its 20 years presence in Brussels on the challenges of the regions in European Union

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Ms Hübner, representing the committee, has accepted so far an invitation to participate (during the coming weeks) in the following events:

05-Mar	Brussels	Conference "EU Science: Global Challenges, Global Collaboration"	Organised by Mr Sean Kelly, MEP and ISC Intelligence in Science in association with the Irish Presidency
15-Mar	Brussels	DG REGIO	Conference "From pilots to outcomes" Evidence based lessons on Roma communities socio-economic inclusion"

More information is available at the Chair's website <http://danuta-huebner.pl/> or with the secretariat.

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## Ms Hübner's meetings with relevant regional policy actors since the beginning of the year

15 January at 9.30	Mr Jon Cunliffe, the UK's Permanent Representative to the EU	to discuss ongoing negotiations with the Council on the legislative package for the future Cohesion Policy as well as ongoing negotiations on the MFF
15 January at 10,00	Commissioner Andor	to discuss the state of play of the trilogue on the CPR regulation, with focus on thematic concentration and ESF shares
16 January at 17,30	Finnish Minister Alexander Stubb	Finland's concerns about the future MFF agreement.
23 January 13.10 to 14.20	Irish Minister Howlin	about negotiations on the legislative package
28 January at 18,30	Minister Braun, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic	to discuss on the current situation of the Structural Funds in the Czech Republic and on various issues of the 2014-20 negotiations / trilogue
29 January 1310 - 1350	Irish-British Parliamentary Assembly Members	to discuss the Atlantic Strategy
30 January at 10,30	Peter Robinson MLA First Minister and Martin McGuinness MP MLA deputy First Minister (Northern Ireland)	to discuss the recent work of the Task Force and the potential of a PEACE IV programme
31 January at 12,45	Emilia Müller, Bavarian Minister of European Affairs	about negotiations on the legislative package
05 February am	Commissioner Hahn	about negotiations on the legislative package

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### Latest analysis



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**[Is structural measures funding for municipal waste management infrastructure projects effective in helping member states achieve EU waste policy objectives?](#)** / European Court of Auditors, Special Report no 20/2012, published on 31 January 2013, 72 p.

"EU Auditors found that the effectiveness of EU structural measures funding for municipal waste management infrastructures was limited. Only the performance of projects relying on an appropriate separate collection at the source was satisfactory. Regions that implemented supporting measures (such as the running of information and awareness campaigns, the redesigning of administrative procedures or the putting in place of financial incentives or disincentives), including economic instruments, achieved EU waste policy objectives. EU funding spent in other regions lead to only minor improvements in the management of waste. The implementation of these supporting measures was not a condition for receiving an EU grant." (Source: [ECA press release](#))



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**[EUROCIITIES annual report 2012 and work programme 2013](#)** / EUROCIITIES, 21 January 2013, 36 p.

In 2013, securing the best deal for cities from the future structural funds and the EU's thematic funding streams remains at the forefront of EUROCIITIES efforts. Its strategic priorities for 2013 - recovery, climate and inclusion, reflect the Europe 2020 goals of 'smart, inclusive and sustainable growth'. (Source: EUROCIITIES report)

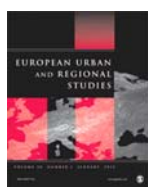


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**[AMCER- Advanced Monitoring and Coordination of EU R&D Policies at Regional Level: \(draft\) final report](#)** / ESPON & Innova Europe, 2012, 64 p

The draft final report on AMCER - Advanced Monitoring and Coordination of EU R&D Policies at Regional Level project is now available on ESPON website; also the regional profiles for the 9 regions partners in this projects, as follows: [Andalusia](#), [Bretagne](#), [Catalunya](#); [East of England](#); [Flanders](#); [Lower Saxony](#); [Ostrobotnia](#); [PACA](#); and [Tuscany](#).

### Publications



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**European Urban and Regional Studies** / SAGE publications, quarterly

European Urban and Regional Studies provide an original contribution to academic and policy debate related to processes of urban and regional development in Europe. It offers a European coverage from the Atlantic to the Urals and from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean. Its aims are to explore the ways in which space makes a difference to the social, economic, political and cultural map of Europe; highlight the connections between theoretical analysis and policy development; and place changes in global context.

Selected articles from vol. 20, January 2013:

**Re-scaling 'EU'rope: EU macro-regional fantasies in the Mediterranean** / Luiza Bialasiewicz, Paolo Giaccaria, Alun Jones and Claudio Minca, pages 59-76 ([full text](#))



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**European Planning Studies**, monthly

European Planning Studies focus upon specific spatial development problems, as well as emerging explanations of new urban, regional, national or supranational developmental tendencies.

Selected articles from vol. 21, issue 2, February 2013:

**Regional Planning in the Catalan Pyrenees: Strategies to Deal with Actors' Expectations, Perceived Uncertainties and Conflicts** / by Ignasi Domingo and Raoul Beunen, pages 187-203 ([abstract](#); for the full text please contact the [Library](#) )

**Modelling European Regional Policy 2007–2013: Applied General Equilibrium Analysis of the Economic Impact on the Madrid Region** /by Jose-Ramon Monrobel, Angeles Camara and Miguel-Angel Marcos, pages 264-280 ([abstract](#); for the full text please contact the [Library](#) )

**[What Future for EU Structural Fund Programmes?](#)** / Nordregio, Nordregio News, Issue 1 January 2013, 17 p.

This issue of Nordregio News takes a closer look at aspects of the new programming period for the EU Structural Funds as well as the current progress in the Nordic countries towards new programmes for 2014 and onwards.



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