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newsletter of the committee on regional development



## Next Committee meeting

**Monday 17 December 2012**  
15.30 - 18.30

**Tuesday 18 December 2012**  
9.00 - 12.30

Room Altiero Spinelli 3 E 2

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  - **Andreas Mavroyiannis, Deputy Minister for European Affairs of Cyprus**
  - **Walter Deffaa, Director-General on Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission**
  - **Representatives of NGOs: WWF, AGE Platform Europe and Housing Europe**
- **Votes on**
  - **the Governnance of the single market**
  - **European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2013**
  - **European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects**
  - **The role of EU Cohesion Policy in implementing the new European energy policy**

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## part 1 meeting of 17-18 December 2012

*Here you will find the topics which will be discussed at the next REGI committee meeting on 17 and 18 December 2012. 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](#).*

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### **1. Exchange of views with Andreas Mavroyiannis, Deputy Minister for European Affairs, President in office of the Council, on the balance of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Point 3 of the draft agenda)**

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Mr Andreas Mavroyiannis, Deputy Minister for European Affairs, President in office of the Council, will come to the committee in order to inform the Members on the balance of the Cyprus Presidency. An exchange of views will follow with the members.

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### **2. Exchange of views with Walter Deffaa, Director-General on Regional and Urban Policy at the European Commission, on the new structure and functioning of the Directorate-General (Point 4 of the draft agenda)**

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Mr Walter Deffaa, Director-General on Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) at the European Commission, will come to present to the Members the new structure and functioning of the Directorate-General. If there is enough time available the DG will start presenting the committee data and information on the **implementation of the current period 2007-2013** (response to the crisis, preparation of Strategic Report 2013)

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### **3. Exchange of views on the post 2013 EU Cohesion Policy with guest speakers representing NGOs (Point 6 of the draft agenda)**

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- [Sebastien Godinot - World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\)](#)
- [Anne-Sophie Parent - AGE Platform Europe](#)
- [Julien Dijol - Housing Europe](#)

In the framework of the CPR preparatory works, the Chair of the Committee on Regional Development invited experts representing the above-mentioned NGOs for an exchange of views on EU Cohesion Policy from the point of view of non-governmental organizations in the REGI meeting of 17-18 December 2012, aiming at presenting to the Committee's Members the NGOs views in their respective areas in relation to the current revision of the legislative package for Cohesion Policy. The purpose of this exchange of views is to hear the NGOs specific views on the new legislative package for Cohesion Policy now under negotiation, with reference to the field of action and expertise of each participating NGO.

In this framework, participants were asked to give the Committee their input on issues as the thematic concentration and the proposed thematic priorities, and also their opinion on the specific provisions that relate to

their respective fields of activity. Moreover, as regards more horizontal issues, they were also invited to present their views on issues like the local actions groups and the local led development, while referring in particular to any parts or provisions of the legislative package under negotiation that most concern them, in order to enhance as much as possible the practical and operational utility of the debate.

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#### 4. The governance of the single market (Point 7 of the draft agenda)

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**Rapporteur: Oldřich Vlasák (ECR)**  
**Responsible administrator: Franck Ricaud -  
Susanne Pillath**  
**Procedure: 2012/2260(INI)**  
**Main committee: IMCO - Andreas Schwab (EPP)**

The draftsman, Vice-President Oldřich Vlasák, has submitted his draft opinion in the November REGI meeting.

25 Amendments were tabled by Members, and the Rapporteur may propose and negotiate compromise amendments before the vote.

The European Commission calls in the communication on the governance of the Single Market for a renewed commitment to make the Single Market effectively deliver for growth. The Commission proposes a particularly ambitious course of action to make swift progress in key areas with the greatest growth potential. Therefore the Commission sets out the special efforts needed to ensure that rules are properly implemented. In addition the Commission proposes concrete measures to further improve the Single market 'governance cycle', i.e. the way Single Market rules are designed, implemented, applied and enforced.

The draft report of the leading committee IMCO is a request to the Commission, pursuant to Article 225 TFEU, to submit, on the basis of Article 26(3) TFEU, a proposal for an act aimed at strengthening the governance of the Single Market.

**TIMETABLE**  
**Consideration of draft opinion: 26/11/2012**  
**Deadline for amendments: 29/11/2012**  
**Adoption REGI: 18/12/2012**  
**Adoption IMCO : 24/01/2013**  
**Plenary: March 2013**

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#### 5. European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2013 (Point 8 of the draft agenda)

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**Rapporteur: Tamás Deutsch (PPE)**  
**Responsible administrator: Stefan Manev**  
**Procedure: 2011/2256(INI)**  
**Main Committee: ECON**

26 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion by Mr Deutsch. The amendments are reacting or complementing the Annual Growth Survey 2013 released by the EC on November 28th. The general view of REGI members is for stronger measures to boost growth and jobs as unemployment and stagnant economy ravages the Euro zone, and hence, has a deep impact on cohesion.

Some members have expressed the view for the need of macro economic conditionality, while others believe that Cohesion Policy interventions should not be made conditional upon budgetary, fiscal or other macro-economic indicators.

The draftsman is working on a number of compromises, which will include many of the amendments tabled.

**TIMETABLE**

**Consideration of draft opinion: 27/11/2012**

**Deadline for amendments: 04/12/2012**

**Adoption REGI: 18/12/2012**

**Adoption ECON: January 2013 (tbc)**

**Adoption in plenary: February 2013 (tbc)**

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## **6. European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2013 (Point 9 of the draft agenda)**

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**Rapporteur: Mojca Kleva (S&D)**

**Responsible administrator: Dagmara Stoerring**

**Procedure: 2012/2257(INI)**

**Main Committee: EMPL**

In her draft opinion presented at the last REGI meeting, Mrs Kleva calls inter alia on the Commission to establish full democratic legitimacy for the European Semester, to take greater account of specific regional trends, as well as potential errors in its forecast, which represents the basis for the Annual Growth Survey (AGS), and she stresses the key role played by cohesion policy in the development of national programmes within the framework of the European Semester.

After having published the AGS 2013 by the European Commission on the 28th of November, 29 amendments have been tabled by the Members. In the Amendments the Members mainly express their concern that the long term unemployment continues to increase within the EU years after the start of a systematic crisis, which can have severe consequences in different segments of the unemployment. Some compromise amendments may be proposed.

**TIMETABLE**

**Consideration of draft opinion: 27/11/2012**

**Deadline for amendments: 04/12/2012**

**Adoption REGI: 18/12/2012**

**Adoption EMPL: January 2013 (tbc)**

**Adoption in plenary: February 2013 (tbc)**

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## **7. The role of EU Cohesion Policy and their actors in implementing the new European energy policy (Point 10 of the draft agenda)**

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**Rapporteur: Lena Kolarska-Bobińska (PPE)**

**Responsible administrator: Stefan Manev**

**Procedure: 2012/2099(INI)**

**Main committee: REGI**

The INI report takes stock of the achievements in the current programming period and makes clear recommendations on how Cohesion Policy can better support the implementation of the new EU energy priorities in the regions.

Some 134 amendments were tabled to the report drafted by Polish EPP Member, Mrs Kolarska - Bobinska. The amendments are reflecting highly diverging views, not only on the EUs energy priorities, but also on the degree of support that Cohesion Policy should give to this key sector of the European economy. A clear division line is established over the importance and role of renewable energies and the support they should get by the future Cohesion Policy.

The rapporteur is working on a large number of compromise amendments.

***TIMETABLE***

**Consideration of draft report: 27/11/2012**

**Deadline for amendments: 29/11/2012**

**Adoption REGI: 18/12/2012**

**Adoption in plenary: January 2013 (tbc)**

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## **8. Common provisions on European Funds and repealing Regulation (EC) N° 1083/2006 (Point 11 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)**

At the REGI meeting on 26th of November, a completion and updates of the Mandate for opening inter-institutional negotiations adopted by the Committee on Regional Development at its meeting on 11 July 2012 was voted. The completion of the mandate involved a vote on articles linked to Financial Regulation, Financial Instruments, modifications of mandate of 11th July 2012, and recitals.

After having adopted the completion of the negotiation mandate, at the REGI meeting on 18th of December, the debate on the CPR will be back to the Committee in order to discuss the outcome of the ongoing inter-institutional negotiations.

The Rapporteurs will report back to REGI Committee on the outcome of the trilogue meetings on the CPR, which took place on 28 November, 6, 7 and 12 December. The feedback on the inter-institutional negotiations will focus on the progress on the thematic block on the strategic approach and programming. The next thematic blocks to be opened for negotiation by the end of the year will be the Thematic Concentration, and the Common Strategic Framework (CSF).

***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: 12 July 2012 (mandate)**

**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 12 of the draft agenda)

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

The Committee on Regional Development adopted its Mandate for opening inter-institutional negotiations on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Regional Development Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1008/2006 at its meeting on 11 July 2012. At the last REGI meeting of the 26th of November the Rapporteur has given a thorough feedback on the first informal trilogue meeting that took place on the same day before the Committee meeting. The Parliament's Negotiating Team met again with the Council and the Commission on the 5th of December and there was one meeting scheduled for the 13th of December. The first discussions concerned Art. 3 and articles related to the urban development: Art. 6, 7, and 9. The next thematic block to be touched upon during the discussions is Thematic concentration which involves Art. 4 and 5 of the ERDF Regulation's proposal.

### **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: 11 July 2012 (mandate)**  
**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 13 of the draft agenda)

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**Rapporteur: Victor Boștinăru (S&D)**  
**Responsible administrator: Carla Carvalho**  
**Procedure: 2011/0274(COD)**

The Negotiating Team had 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 was finally 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.

For the moment there is no other trilogue scheduled, as the Irish presidency is still to inform the Parliament and the Commission on its availabilities for the first semester of 2013.

**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: 11 July 2012 (mandate)**  
**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' goal (Point 14 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, 17, 18 and 19 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.

This gives good chances to come up with an agreement between the three institutions during Cyprus presidency. on the articles part of the thematic block "programming" (articles 2,7,8, 11 and 12) and to begin the negotiations on the rules of eligibility (17,18 and 19)

The Rapporteur will also remind her follow up and good coordination with Common provisions Regulation and ERDF proposal, where many rules that apply also to ETC will be negotiated. She may then come to those respective trilogues to express her views on ETC when necessary.

The negotiations will follow during the Irish presidency in 2013 First semester.

**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: 11 July 2012 (mandate)**  
**Adoption in plenary: tbc**





## part 2 meeting of 26-27 November 2012

*Here you will find information on the issues discussed in the last REGI meeting held on 26 and 27 November 2012. 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. Exchanges of views with the rapporteurs on the ongoing interinstitutional negotiations**

#### **Common provisions on European Funds and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006**

The Rapporteurs reported back from the Interinstitutional negotiations (trilogues).

Completion and updates of the Mandate for opening inter-institutional negotiations adopted by the Committee on Regional Development at its meeting on 11 July 2012 were voted. The modified and completed mandate was adopted unanimously.

Compromises proposed by the Rapporteurs concern articles linked to Financial Regulation, amendments linked to Financial Instruments modifications of mandate of 11th July 2012, and recitals. The articles concerned are: 2, 20 (4), 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 64, 65, 75, 76, 84.4, 114, 116, 117, 136, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133 and two new articles 129 a and 130 a. The recitals concerned are: 1, 5, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 41, 43, 44, 48, 49, 54, 56, 57, 59, 63, 64, 65, 70, 72, 73, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 83, 84, 88, 90, 91 and three new recitals: 18 a, 41 a, 48 a.

- **Specific provisions concerning the European Regional Development Fund and the 'Investment for growth and jobs' goal and repeal of Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006**
- **Cohesion Fund and repeal of Council Regulation (EC) No 1084/2006**
- **Support from the European Regional Development Fund to the 'European territorial cooperation' goal**
- **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**

The Respective Rapporteurs reported back from the Interinstitutional negotiations (trilogues) when already begun (1.1, 1.2 and 1.5) and if not, presented the forthcoming steps of negotiation forecast with the ongoing Cyprus Presidency and the following Irish Presidency. Representatives of the European Commission gave an overview over this on going negotiation process.

### **2. The following votes took place:**

- Adoption of a draft opinion on "Improving access to finance for SMEs", 2012/2134(INI) - (PE496.483). The opinion was adopted by 30 votes in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions.
- Adoption of a draft report on "The European Solidarity Fund, implementation and application", 2012/2075(INI) - (PE496.502). The report was adopted by 36 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

- Adoption of a draft opinion on "The Energy roadmap 2050, a future with energy", 2012/2103(INI) - (PE492.563). The opinion was adopted by 35 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.
- Adoption of a draft report on "Urban re-development as contribution to economic growth in the framework of the EU Cohesion Policy", 2011/2311(INI) - (PE491.162). The report was adopted by 36 votes in favour, 0 against and 21 abstentions.
- Adoption of a draft opinion on "Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the award of concession contracts", 2011/0437(COD) - (PE496.425). The opinion was adopted by 34 votes in favour, 1 against and 7 abstention.
- Adoption of a draft report on "Optimising the role of territorial development in Cohesion policy" 2011/2312(INI) - (PE488.060). The report was adopted by 42 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.
- NEGOTIATING MANDATE on "Common provisions on European Funds and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006" (updating and completion), 2011/0276(COD). The Updated and Completed Mandate was adopted unanimously.
- Adoption of a draft opinion on "Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility", 2011/0302(COD) - (PE491.329). The opinion was adopted by 39 votes in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

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

- DRAFT REPORT on "The role of EU cohesion policy and their actors in implementing the new European energy. policy", 2012/2099(INI) - (PE500.485). The deadline for amendments was set on 29.11.2012
- DRAFT OPINION on "The Governance of the single market", 2012/2260(INI) - (PE500.431). The deadline for amendments was set on 29.11.2012
- DRAFT OPINION on "European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2013" 2012/2256(INI) - (PE500.427). The deadline for amendments was set on 04/12/2012
- DRAFT OPINION on "European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2013", 2012/2257(INI) - (PE500.413). The deadline for amendments was set on 04/12/2012

### **4. Reports on the visits of a REGI delegation to**

#### **Cyprus from 26 to 28 September 2012**

From the 26th of September to the 28th of September 2012, REGI Committee sent a Delegation to Cyprus. The objective was to understand the challenges that Cyprus has to address in order to be integrated in the common market and to tackle climate change and water scarcity.

The Chair of the delegations reported the outcomes of both delegations and concluding they both have reached their objective and have satisfied the MEPs. An exchange of views followed.

The Delegation gave Members the opportunity to exchange ideas with representatives of regional and local authorities and to evaluate the efficiency and the effects of Structural Funds implementation in the country, as well as the way they were used, while taking into account its main particularities. The Delegation also evaluated the way Cohesion Policy has been implemented to foster the reunification of the island.

Furthermore, the delegates were able to discuss in depth the lines defended by the Cyprus Presidency regarding the current negotiations. They also took the opportunity to convey the Committee's worries and lines in connection with the 2014-2020 programming period.

The objectives set by the delegation are considered to be totally achieved.

▪ **The border between France and Spain from 29 to 31 October 2012**

From October 29 till October 31st seven Members and substitute- Members of the REGI committee were on delegation trip to the border region between France and Spain (France -Languedoc-Roussillon and Spain-Cataluña).

The Chair of the delegations reported the outcomes of both delegations and concluding they both have reached their objective and have satisfied the MEPs. An exchange of views followed.

The purpose of the delegation were two fold - to visit projects of cross- border cooperation between France and Spain, implemented by their respective border regions with the financial support from EU Structural and Cohesion funds and to meet local and regional authorities, responsible for the implementation of cross-border cooperation projects, share experiences with them and receive recommendations for the future programming period.

The delegation, led by MEP Iosif Matula (EPP; RO) was deemed to be a successful exercise At the end of the visit the members of the delegation confirmed their satisfaction from the excellent projects they have seen. The MEPs learned about the ongoing and planned projects of cross-border cooperation at the border between France and Spain. Members of the delegation could testify the excellent quality of the work done, especially in the context of the two big projects visited (cross-border hospital in Cerdanya and the theatre "Archipelago" in Perpignan). The delegation was also instrumental in the sense that the local actors could take account of the dedication of MEPs and their resignation to push for a stronger EU budget in support for territorial cooperation.

The actors on the ground are now in possession of a tool which enhances greatly the potential for developing new complex projects, encompassing a number of partners at different levels and sectors - the EGTC. This tool allows the structuring and management of complex projects of cross-border cooperation. It is remarkable that 5 out of the 28 EGTCs registered so far are situated on the border region between France and Spain.

The signal received from this picturesque border region was very positive. MEPs could witness that borderless Europe is under active construction. Partners on the regional and local level are in possession of extraordinary motivation and will to go even deeper and further in their cross border endeavours. To do that in a better and more structured way they need the financial support of the European Territorial Cooperation objective and greater simplification of procedures.

Europe can only be united in its diversity and overcome the current challenges if its regions are actively communicating and exchanging with each other through a reinforced territorial cooperation in the future programming period.

**5. Public Hearing on 'Cohesion Policy and Europe 2020 Strategy Targets'**

The Public Hearing started with the presentation of a study requested by the committee. This study focuses on the Europe 2020 strategy with particular reference to its seven Flagship initiatives (Innovation Union, Digital Agenda, Industrial Policy, Resource-efficient Europe, Youth on the Move, New Skills and Jobs, and the European Platform against Poverty). It explores their coherence with Cohesion Policy with a view to the 2014-20 programming period and identifies ways of integrating the Flagship initiatives into the future Common Strategic Framework. Using a number of detailed case studies, the report thoroughly examines experience in the implementation of the Lisbon strategy in the context of the Structural Funds. Detailed roadmaps are provided for each Flagship initiative, indicating what, when, how and by whom actions should be carried out over short-, medium- and long-term perspectives. Lastly, the report delivers recommendations related to the implementation of the Flagship initiatives using Cohesion Policy instruments.

Following the presentation of the study, a number of experts presented different perspectives on this subject:

- Key Conclusions of the REGI study on "How to Integrate the EU Flagship Initiatives into Cohesion Policy in the Current and Future Funding Periods" (Ms Christine Hamza - Metis GmbH and EPRC, University of Strathclyde)
- Key Conclusions of the DG REGIO Study on "Connecting Sustainable and Smart Growth through Smart Specialisation"(Mr Mathieu Fichter - Administrator DG REGIO)
- Why the Common Strategic Framework is vital for Cohesion Policy to Reach Europe 2020 Targets (Mr MarkusTrilling - EU funds campaign coordinator, CEE Bankwatch Network)
- Regions Make the European Success Story (Mr Halme Esa - Region Mayor Council of Tampere Region )
- EU Cohesion Policy in the Very North of Europe - Driving Growth and Achieving the EU2020 Targets (Mr Erik Bergqvist - Executive Committee of Region Vasterbotten)

A debate followed.

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## 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 event since the last meeting:

23 November	Poland	Conference on the Community Led Local Development	Presentation of the European Parliament's position on coordination and implementation of the EU funds at the local level
28 November	Brussels	Lisbon Council	Dinner debate - Forum for the Future on the Innovation at the Local Level
03 December	Brussels (EP)	Voivodship of Western Pomeranian	Conference "CETC: Alternative & Cohesion" on "Strengthening the position of regions to speed up economic growth and to create a strong economic zone in the CEEC".

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

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Recent publications in the field of Regional Development

### Publications



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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 the special Issue: Cross-Border Mobility, Unfamiliarity and Development Policy in Europe, vol. 21, issue 1, 2013:

**Cross-Border Mobility, Unfamiliarity and Development Policy in Europe** / by Bas Spierings and Martin van der Velde, pp. 1-4 ([abstract](#); for the full text please contact the [Library](#) )

**Reviving Unfamiliarity—The Case of Public Resistance to the Establishment of the Danish–German Euroregion** / by Carsten Yndigegn, pp. 58-74 ([abstract](#); for the full text please contact the [Library](#) )

**Recovering the Paradox of the Border: Identity and (Un)familiarity Across the Portuguese–Spanish Border** / by Maria de Fátima Amante, pp. 24-41 ([abstract](#); for the full text please contact the [Library](#) )

### Latest analyses

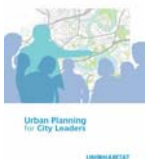


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#### **Promoting Growth in All Regions** / OECD, 6 December 2012, 270 p.

This publication highlights the importance of promoting growth in all types of OECD regions, particularly in underdeveloped ones. Helping underdeveloped regions to catch up will have a positive impact on a country's national growth; in some cases more so than in already well-developed regions. Furthermore such growth helps to build a fairer society, in which no territories and their people are left behind. An important question is whether this potential to catch up is possible? The evidence suggests that this IS the case.

Examinations of patterns of growth reveal that underdeveloped rural and intermediate regions tend to grow faster. Their catching-up potentially largely depends on human capital development, infrastructure and innovation-related activities but also on institutional factors and policies. This publication is based on analysis among all OECD regions and 23 case study regions from ten OECD countries over the period 1995-2007. (Source: OECD)



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#### **Urban Planning for City Leaders** / UN-Habitat, 2012, 188 p.

Urban Planning for City Leaders is a valuable source of information, inspiration and ideas on urban planning that is designed for city leaders and decision makers at a critical moment in human history. Predicted human population growth over the next 50 years will have immense consequences for all cities, in particular intermediate cities with populations of up to two million people. Developed countries will need to double the amount of urban space they have by 2050 to accommodate the expected numbers of people, whereas developing countries will need to expand their urban space by more than 300 per cent. (Source: UN-Habitat)



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**The EU Funds Available for Local and Regional Authorities from the Eastern Partnership Countries** / Aston Centre for Europe - Aston University, 2012, 60 p.

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This report identifies and analyses the EU funds and programmes to which the sub-national authorities from the Eastern Partnership Countries have access to. It draws a number of recommendations based on the experience of other countries in implementing LRA development programmes and on the country-specific conditions present within each of the EaP countries.

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