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Meeting on

Wednesday 5 October 2011

15.00 - 18.30

Thursday 6 October 2011

9.00 - 12.30

15.00 - 18.30

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*Wednesday 23 November 2011
9.00 - 12.30
15.00 - 18.30*
Brussels

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PART I

*Here you will find the topics which will be discussed at the next REGI Committee meeting
on 5 - 6 October 2011*

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](#).

5 October 2011

1. Temporary suspension of autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain industrial products into the Canary Islands (Point 5 of the draft agenda)

The Commission proposal concerns the exercise of an implementing measure under Article 349 of the TFEU. These measures will have a negligible effect on the Union's own resources, they will have a positive effect on the competitiveness of the economic operators and in the present economic climate are conducive to assisting economic recovery.

This report is presented under Article 55 of the Rules and not Article 46 (simplified procedure). This means that a short deadline for amendments must be given. It will be considered on 5 October and voted on 6th. If amendments were nevertheless tabled (which should not be the case), the vote would have to be in November.

| PROCEDURE | TIMETABLE |
|--|---|
| Rapporteur: Danuta Hübner | Consideration of draft report: 5 October 2011 (tbc) |
| Responsible administrator Christian Chopin | Deadline for amendments: |
| Procedure: 2011/0111(CNS) | Adoption 6 October 2011 (tbc) |
| COM(2011)0259 | Plenary: |

2. Amendment of Council Regulation (EC) N° 1083/2006 as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Members States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (Point 6 of the draft agenda)

The objective of the proposal is to help countries particularly hit by the financial crisis by provide additional financial resources to these countries, also ensuring the continued implementation of projects. This would be done through temporarily topping-up the EU co-financing of cohesion policy programmes, and would not modify their overall allocation under cohesion policy for the period 2007-2013. The assisted countries would include to date: Hungary, Romania, Latvia, Portugal, Greece and Ireland. The proposal fall under the ordinary legislative procedure.

In the exchange of views the Rapporteur will present her draft report. Given the political urgency of the proposal, the committee has the highest interest in reaching an agreement, referring the report to the plenary as soon as possible and finding an agreement with the Council in first reading.

| PROCEDURE | TIMETABLE |
|--|---|
| Rapporteur: Danuta Hübner | Consideration of draft report: 05/10/2011 (tbc) |
| Responsible administrator: Diana Haase | Deadline for amendments: 14/10/2011 (tbc) |
| Procedure: 2011/0211(COD) | Adoption REGI: 14/11/2011 (tbc) |
| | Adoption in plenary: December I 2011 (tbc) |

3. Amendment of Council Regulation (EC) N° 1083/2006 as regards repayable assistance and financial engineering (Point 7 of the draft agenda)

Member States have had positive experiences with repayable assistance schemes at the level of operations during the programming period 2000-2006 and have therefore continued such schemes or have started to implement repayable assistance schemes in the current programming period 2007-2013.

Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund set out financial engineering instruments with precise areas and scope of intervention. However, the schemes implemented by Member States in the form of reimbursable grants and of credit lines managed by managing authorities via intermediate bodies are neither appropriately covered by the provisions on financial engineering instruments, nor by other provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.

It is therefore necessary to set out in a new Section of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 that the Structural Funds may co-finance repayable assistance. The Commission proposal aims to provide clarity about the legality of an existing legal practice. It provides for a definition of reimbursable grant as a direct financial contribution by way of donation which can be totally or partially reimbursable without interest. It clarifies that the assistance repaid, to the body providing the assistance or to another competent public authority of the Member State shall be kept in a separate account and reused to the same purpose or in line with the objectives of the operational programme. Furthermore, it introduces reporting of financial engineering instruments, having regard to the need to ensure appropriate monitoring, by the Member States as well as by the Commission, of the implementation of financial engineering instruments. It also introduces a legal obligation in order to ensure that the financial contribution paid by managing authorities for establishing or contributing to financial engineering instruments is spent for eligible expenditure within a timeframe of two years of the payment into the fund.

In the exchange of views the rapporteur will present her draft report. Given the political

urgency of the proposal, the committee has the highest interest in reaching an agreement, referring the report to the plenary as soon as possible and finding an agreement with the Council in first reading.

| PROCEDURE | TIMETABLE |
|---|---|
| Rapporteur: Danuta Hübner | Consideration of draft report: 05/10/2011 (tbc) |
| Responsible administrator: Monika Makay | Deadline for amendments: 14/10/2011 (tbc) |
| Procedure: 2011/0210(COD) | Adoption REGI: 14/11/2011 (tbc) |
| | Adoption in plenary: December I 2011 (tbc) |

4. Comparative Study on the visions and options for the Cohesion Policy after 2013 (Point 8 of the draft agenda)

Policy Department B has drafted a [Note](#) for the Members of the REGI Committee in order to inform them about the state of play of the debate on the future of EU Cohesion policy after 2013. Based on the approach and indications provided by the recent budgetary proposals of the European Commission (Budget Europe 2020), the Note provides an insight into the key issues of the current debate, highlights the main decisions policy-makers will face and presents the upcoming legislative process. The paper also includes the role of National Parliaments which will be discussed at the Committee on Regional Development's 3rd Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting with National Parliaments on 6 October 2011.

Furthermore, on 5 October 2011, an extensive Comparative Study Policy Department B commissioned following an Open tender procedure in 2010 will be presented at the REGI Committee meeting. The study was done by the European Policies Research Centre of University of Strathclyde (EPRC) and provides a detailed critical analysis of EU Cohesion Policy reform perspectives for the post-2013 period. On the basis of a literature review and budgetary modelling, the study offers an assessment of the policy's strengths and weaknesses, the main reform ideas and counter-positions, including the implications of different reform proposals. It also provides interesting recommendations to inform the position of the European Parliament in the upcoming negotiations on the legislative package of regulations for Cohesion policy.

The full Study is available at the website [REGI](#).

5. Evolution of EU Macro-Regional Strategies: Present practice and future prospects, especially in the Mediterranean (Point 10 of the draft agenda)

In the framework of the initiative report on the evolution of EU Macro-Regional Strategies for which Mr François Alfonsi is draftsman, REGI Committee is pleased to have an exchange of views on two essential aspects of the report under preparation.

The first one deals with the present practice of Macro-regional strategies : The Baltic sea Strategy is the most advanced, and is one of the priorities of the Polish EU presidency. Mrs Henryka Mościcka-Dendys, from the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will therefore present the Committee a state of play of the review process of the Baltic Sea Strategy, including the projects already delivered, its achievements and the lessons learnt to assess future potential macro regions.

The second one, concerns the potential future macro regions in the Mediterranean, with the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, that has already been put in the political agenda of the Member

States : after receiving the official support from the President of the Committee of the Regions, Mercedes Bresso, the last European Council on 23-24 June has called the Member States and the Commission to assess the feasibility of a macro region for the Adriatic and Ionian region. Mrs Maria Cristina Stimola, from the Region of Sicily (that is very involved in this initiative), will therefore present the state of play of this initiative

| PROCEDURE | TIMETABLE |
|--|---|
| Rapporteur: François Alfonsi | Consideration of working document: 22/11/2011 (tbc) |
| Responsible administrator: Franck Ricaud | Consideration of draft report: 25/01/2012 (tbc) |
| Procedure: 2011/2179 (INI) | Adoption REGI: 20/03/2012 (tbc) |
| | Adoption in plenary: April 2012 (tbc) |

6. Parliament's position on the 2012 Draft Budget as modified by the Council - all sections (Point 11 of the draft agenda)

The REGI Committee held an exchange of views on the draft opinion on its meeting of 11-12 July, where the Rapporteur considered that the only institution which has the available information to have an overview of the real budgetary needs of all regions is the Commission, and therefore proposes that any reductions proposed by the Council be cancelled and that the sums initially proposed by the Commission in the Draft Budget, be reinstated.

Furthermore, the Rapporteur referred the pilot projects and preparatory actions that should be adopted: **“Enhancing regional and local cooperation through the promotion of EU regional policy on a global scale”**, and **“The definition of governance model for the European Union Danube Region — better and effective coordination”**, **“Towards a common regional identity, reconciliation of nations and economic and social cooperation including a Pan-European Expertise and Excellence Platform in the Danube macro-region”**, as well as the new preparatory action entitled **“Atlantic Forum for the EU Atlantic Strategy”**.

Finally, in its draft opinion, the Rapporteur welcomed the intention of the Commission, as endorsed by the European Council, to enhance synergies between the current loan programmes to certain Member States and the Structural Funds, with a view to boost competitiveness and growth, and calls the Commission to enhance its effort in finding ways to effectively improve the capacity of Member States in general to efficiently implement Cohesion policy programmes.

6 amendments were tabled to this draft report and one compromise amendment is under negotiation and will be put forward before the vote on 6 October. These amendments aim at reinforcing the disagreement towards the cuts proposed by the Council, at highlighting the particularly difficult economic and fiscal context Europe is now facing, and at enhancing the added value of the current measures to support the macro-regional strategies in place, while reminding of the need for a more effective and purposeful implementation of those to the benefit of the regions concerned.

| PROCEDURE | TIMETABLE |
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| Rapporteur: László Surján | Consideration of draft opinion: 11/07/2011 |
| Responsible administrator: Carla Carvalho | Deadline for amendments: 27/07/2011 |
| Procedure: 2011/2020 (BUD) | Adoption REGI: 06/10/2011 (tbc) |
| Lead committee: BUDG - <i>Francesca Balzani</i> | Adoption in lead committee: 4-6/10/2011 |
| | Plenary: |

7. Demographic change and its consequences for the future Cohesion Policy of the EU (Point 12 of the draft agenda)

In her report Ms Westphal points to the fact that the effects of demographic change vary according to the type and characteristics of each region and that these effects are not always negative. She stresses the need to ensure that regions suffering from a depletion of population must make themselves family attractive, and calls on the European Commission to include demographic change as one of the thematic priorities of the future cohesion policy. She advocates the use of ERDF funds to provide loans with low interest rates which could support the adaptation of housing to the needs of the elderly and proposes that funds should be provided for sheltered housing complexes and multi-generational housing. Turning to migration, Ms Westphal calls on the Member States to agree on a common migration strategy, since Europe is reliant upon the immigration of skilled workers for demographic reasons, and proposes that more funding should be provided for the integration of immigrants in order to dispel prejudices.

170 amendments and 17 compromise amendments have been tabled to this report and the vote in committee will take place on 6 October.

| PROCEDURE | TIMETABLE |
|--|---|
| Rapporteur: Kerstin Westphal | Working document: 14/02/2011 |
| Responsible administrator Christian Chopin | Consideration of draft report: 25/05/2011 |
| Procedure: 2010/2157(INI) | Deadline for amendments: 30/05/2011 |
| | Adoption REGI 06/10/2011 (tbc) |
| | Plenary: October II (tbc) |

8. Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area - Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system (Point 13 of the draft agenda)

Since the 2001 White Paper on Transport, much has been achieved, but the transport system is still not sustainable, transport cannot develop along the same path in the future. The Roadmap of the Commission takes a global look at developments in the transport sector, at its future challenges and at the policy initiatives that need to be considered.

The transport industry in itself represents an important part of the economy: in the EU it directly employs around 10 million people and accounts for about 5% of GDP. Coherence at EU level is vital. The EU and Governments need to provide clarity on the future policy frameworks for manufacturers and industry so that they are able to plan investments. The objective for the next decade is to create a genuine Single European Transport Area by eliminating all residual barriers between modes and national systems, easing the process of integration and facilitating the emergence of multinational and multimodal operators.

The various actions and measures indicated in this Roadmap will be further elaborated. The Commission will prepare appropriate legislative proposals in the next decade with key

initiatives to be put forward during the current mandate. Each of its proposals will be preceded by a thorough impact assessment, considering EU added value and subsidiarity aspects.

Due to the cancelled REGI meeting on 19 September the draftsman could not present his draft opinion to the Committee. Nevertheless the deadline for amendments was set to 20 September, as the vote cannot be postponed due to the tight timetable of the lead committee.

36 amendments were tabled to this draft opinion. Amendments concern inter alia territorial cooperation, outermost regions, funding of transport infrastructure and environmental concerns.

| PROCEDURE | TIMETABLE |
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| Rapporteur: Wojciech Michał Olejniczak | Consideration of draft opinion: |
| Responsible administrator: Monika Makay | Deadline for amendments: 20/09/2011 |
| Procedure: 2011/2096(INI) | Adoption REGI: 06/10/2011 (tbc) |
| Lead committee: TRAN - <i>M. Grosch</i> | Adoption in lead committee: 22/11/2011 (tbc) |

9. The review of the European Neighbourhood Policy (Point 14 of the draft agenda)

The Committee of Foreign Affairs decided to draw up an own-initiative report on the Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy under rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure. This report aims at providing the opportunity to set down the Parliament's priorities for the ENP having regard to the current discussions on the new multiannual Financial Framework.

The AFET's draft report develops a variety of issues including every aspect of EU's Neighbouring Policy, such as democracy, sustainable economic and social development, sectorial cooperation, migration, or conflict resolution.

Considering that one of the main pillars of the ENP is cross border cooperation, and that the EU Cohesion policy can be of outstanding use, the REGI committee has prepared an opinion document to be discussed in this meeting.

Due to the cancelled REGI meeting on 19 September the draftsman could not present her draft opinion to the Committee. Nevertheless the deadline for amendments was set to 20 September, as the vote cannot be postponed due to the tight timetable of the lead committee.

25 amendments were tabled to this draft opinion and compromise amendments are under negotiation.

| PROCEDURE | TIMETABLE |
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| Rapporteur: Lena Kolarska-Bobińska | Consideration of draft opinion: |
| Responsible administrator: Gabriel Alvarez | Deadline for amendments: 20/09/2011 |
| Procedure: 2011/2157(INI) | Adoption REGI: 06/10/2011 (tbc) |
| Lead committee: AFET - Marek Siwiec, Mário David | Adoption in lead committee: 14/11/2011 (tbc) |

10. Temporary suspension of autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain industrial products into the Canary Islands (Point 15 of the draft agenda)

The Commission proposal concerns the exercise of an implementing measure under Article 349 of the TFEU. These measures will have a negligible effect on the Union's own resources, they will have a positive effect on the competitiveness of the economic operators and in the present economic climate are conducive to assisting economic recovery. Viewed in this light and in order not to unduly delay adoption and implementation of this Regulation, the rapporteur proposes that this proposal be adopted without amendment.

| PROCEDURE | TIMETABLE |
|--|---|
| Rapporteur: Danuta Hübner | Consideration of draft report: 5 October 2011 (tbc) |
| Responsible administrator Christian Chopin | Deadline for amendments: |
| Procedure: 2011/0111(CNS) | Adoption: 6 October 2011 (tbc) |
| COM(2011)0259 | Plenary: |

11. Exchange of views with Mr Dirk Ahner, Director General, DG REGIO, European Commission, on the Staff Working Paper to be published by the European Commission on Analysis of errors in Cohesion Policy for the years 2006-2009 and actions taken by the Commission and the way forward (Point 16 of the draft agenda)

Mr Ahner will present to REGI Members the EC staff working paper on Analysis of errors in Cohesion Policy for 2006-2009 and actions taken by the Commission.

12. Report on the visit of a REGI delegation to the United Kingdom from 14 to 16 June 2011 (Point 17 of the draft agenda)

From the 14th to 16th June, a delegation of Members of the REGI committee visited the UK Participating Members were MEP Constanze Angela KREHL (S&D, Germany), Chair of the delegation, MEP Seán KELLY (EPP, Ireland), MEP Joachim ZELLER (EPP, Germany), MEP Oldřich VLASAK (ECR, Czech Republic), MEP Karin KADENBACH (S&D, Austria), MEP Vilja SAVISAAR-TOOMAST (ALDE, Estonia.). It was accompanied by MEP Catherine BEARDER (ALDE, United Kingdom).

The delegation wished to see how Cohesion Policy and particularly ERDF resources were being used in the UK. The visit was of particular interest in view of the restructuring of regional authorities undertaken by the government and the austerity measures being implemented by the UK government and its general approach to EU finances.

During various meetings with Ministers, fund managers and mayors, the committee Chair stressed Parliament's view that Cohesion Policy must remain a Pan European policy involving all regions and not simply those in the most need. Furthermore, to have the required effect of stimulating growth and achieving the aims of the EU 2020 strategy, over the next programming period (2014 -2020), the policy must have resources at least equal to those it enjoys at present.

This contrasted with the views expressed by government Ministers but was strongly supported by local authorities and all stake holders on the ground.

The full report of the visit will be shortly available on the committee's website [REGI](#).

6 October 2011

13. 3rd Interparliamentary Committee Meeting with National Parliaments
(Point 19 of the draft agenda)



**FUTURE COHESION POLICY IN THE LIGHT OF
NEW LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

6 October 2011 - 15h00 - 18h30
Room JAN 2Q2 (József Antall building)
European Parliament
Brussels

Draft Programme

- 14:00 - 15:00 **Registration of participants**
"Solidarność 1980" esplanade,
József Antall building (JAN) entrance
- 15:00 - 15:10 **Welcome and introductory remarks**
Mrs Danuta Hübner, Chairperson
Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament
- 15:10 - 15:40 *Mr Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy,*
European Commission
- 15:40 - 16:00 *Mrs Elzbieta Bienkowska, Minister of Regional Development*
Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Launching the debate**
Future cohesion policy: some reflections from the national Parliaments
(with two keynote speakers)
- 16:30 - 18:20 **Open Debate**
between members of the European Parliament and national Parliaments
- 18:20 - 18:30 **Conclusions**
Mrs Danuta Hübner, Chairperson
Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament
- 18:30 Cocktail



The OPEN DAYS 2011 "9th European Week of Regions and Cities" event will take place on the 10-13 October 2011. The same as last year, REGI Committee is contributing to it by (1) hosting its opening session and (2) organising a workshop in the form of a joint meeting with the COTER commission of the Committee of the Regions.

Opening Session

**10 October 2011
15:00-18:00
Hemicycle
European Parliament**

**Investing in Europe's future:
Regions and cities delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth**

Agenda

15:00 - 15:15 Welcome addresses

Danuta Hübner, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development
Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy
Mercedes Bresso, President of the Committee of the Regions

15:15-15:45 Keynote speeches

Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament
José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission
Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Minister of Regional Development, Poland, on behalf of the EU Presidency

15:45 - 16:00 Presentation of the proposed 2014-2020 Cohesion policy regulation

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy

16:00 - 17:50 Debate

Moderator: **Jacki Davis**, Managing director, Meade Davis Communications

The debate will be divided into three parts according to the three themes of the OPEN DAYS 2011. Each of them will be introduced with a short video clip of 90 seconds.

- **Europe 2020 and cohesion policy**
- **Better delivery**
- **Geography matters**

17:50 – 18:00 Closing remarks: **Danuta Hübner**, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development

REGI-COTER Meeting

Joint meeting of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy (COTER, Committee of the Regions) and the Committee on Regional Development (REGI, European Parliament)

11 October 2011

09:00 - 10:30

Committee of the Regions

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Territorial Dimension of Cohesion Policy after 2013

Agenda

09:00 – 09:10

Welcome by

- *Danuta Hübner*, Chairwoman of the Committee on Regional Development (REGI) of the European Parliament
- *Michel Delebarre*, Chairman of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion (COTER) of the Committee of the Regions

09:10 - 10:20

Discussion with REGI and COTER Members on the legislative package of EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

Debate with the floor

10:20 – 10:30

Conclusions by COTER and REGI chairs

- *Danuta Hübner*
- *Michel Delebarre*

10:30

End of the meeting

Moderator: *Mark Rogerson*, Director, Consilia Ltd



PART II

Here you will find information on the issues discussed in the last REGI meetings held on 19 September 2011

Due to a general blackout in all the buildings of the Parliament in Brussels on 19 September 2011 and the impossibility of holding committee meetings, the REGI committee has been cancelled and the topics of the agenda postponed to next meetings.

PART III - 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:

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| 27 September | Strasbourg | MEPs Mr Hermann Winkler and Mr MEP Jacek Protasiewicz | Conference on Regional conditions, goals of development and opportunities of the crossborder-area, on both sides of the Saxon-Czech, Polish-Czech and Saxon-Polish border |
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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:

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| 02 October | Glasgow (UK) | European Policies Research Centre | 32nd Meeting of the EoRPA Regional Policy Research Consortium |
| 03 October | Warsaw | XLVIth COSAC Meeting | MFF for 2014-2020 from the cohesion policy perspective (debate with the Polish Minister Ms Bienkowska) |
| 10 October 15.00-17.30 | Brussels | OPEN DAYS Opening Session | "Investing in Europe's future: Regions and cities delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth" |
| 11 October 9.00-10.30 | Brussels | OPEN DAYS REGI-COTER Meeting | Workshop on "Territorial dimension of Cohesion policy after 2013" |

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| 11 October 15.15-18.45 | Brussels | OPEN DAYS Hosted by Combined Universities in Cornwall (CUC) | "Smart Specialisation In Practice" |
| 11 October 14.00-17.00 | Brussels | OPEN DAYS Workshop co-organised by Polish Presidency | "Urban dimension of Cohesion Policy" |
| 12 October 11:15-13:00 | Brussels | OPEN DAYS Invitation from Marshal of Lodzkie | High level seminar dedicated to the Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) |
| 12 October 14.30-17.30 | Brussels | OPEN DAYS CoR and DG REGIO (invitation from Commissioner Hahn) | High level Workshop and Panel Debate: "Smart Specialisation Strategies For Regional Growth" |
| 18 October (postponed from 4 Oct) | Brussels, EP | General Electric | Launch of GE's Polish Innovation Barometer "The importance of regional policy for innovation in today's economy, especially in Poland" |
| 19 October | Madrid | Polish Embassy in Madrid | Seminar on the topic "Cohesion for economic growth of European regions" |
| 20 October | Warsaw, PL | Warsaw School of Economics | Conference on European integration process in the new regional and global settings |
| 27 October | Warsaw, Pl | 3rd anual conference on JEREMIE and JESSICA | Official opening of the conference (VIDEO Message) |
| 8 November 16.45 - 18.00 | Brussels | Businees Bridge Europe | Conference on European Space Policy |

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

Library News

Publications



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La politique européenne de cohésion / Marjorie Jouen. Paris: Documentation française, 2011. 190 p.

Ce livre présente la politique de cohésion élaborée depuis le milieu des années 1980 par l'Union européenne, les principes de solidarité qui la sous-tendent et l'évolution de cette politique sous l'effet de l'élargissement de l'Union, de l'émergence de disparités régionales et du déclenchement de la crise économique en Europe. (Available in the Library - make a reservation [here](#))



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Impact of EU cohesion policy in Central Europe / Oto Potluka. Leipzig: Leipziger Universitätsverlag, 2010. 142 p.

This publication analyses the impacts and changes that the EU cohesion policy brought to the countries in Central Europe. The first part of the book concerns the Structural Funds' assistance to enterprises. The second part focuses on the impact the Structural Funds have had on the civil society.

The articles of the collected volume discuss the pros and cons of the European Cohesion Policy in the Central European countries. There is no doubt that the resources of the Cohesion Funds, when used by the appropriate means, engendered many positive effects. However, there are some aspects that limit the positive effects. Therefore an improvement of the Cohesion Funds Programme is necessary, a task to be solved within the negotiations for the programming period 2014-2020. This publication is a contribution to the ongoing discussion. (Source: Publisher's website) (Available in the Library - make a reservation [here](#))



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Territorial governance: local development, rural areas and agrofood systems / André Torre and Jean-Baptiste Traversac. Heidelberg: Physica, 2010. 207 p.

This work aims to present the most recent developments regarding territorial governance, placing particular emphasis on rural and periurban areas. The reader will find information on the processes of development of European regions, as well as on the behaviours and strategies adopted by the different actors who live in these territories and contribute to the latter's livelihood. The first part of the book analyses the structural changes in the modes of production that have affected these territories. The second part addresses the questions of methodology and of the structures of governance of local development in rural areas. The last section makes an assessment of the geographical indications as tools of governance of local agrifood chains. The book was written by economists, geographers, land use planners and specialists of the questions of governance and management of rural and periurban areas (Source: Publisher's website) (Available in the Library - make a reservation [here](#))



Regional studies / Regional Studies Association, monthly

Regional Studies is an international journal in theoretical development, empirical analysis and policy debate in the multi- and inter-disciplinary field of regional studies. It contains: high-quality research, critical surveys, policy debates and special thematic issues. (Available in the Library - see catalogue entry [here](#))

Selected articles from vol. 45, issue 9, September 2011:

Productivity and innovation economy: comparative analysis of European NUTS II, 1995-2004 / by Elvira Vieira, Isabel Neira and Emilia Vázquez; edited by Robert Hassink, pages 1269 – 1286 ([full text](#))

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