

**DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR INTERNAL POLICIES  
COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Public Hearing on  
Simplification and cutting red tape in European Structural and  
Investment Funds**

**15 October 2015  
15.00 – 17.00 h**

**Room: József Antall (4Q1)**

**Programme**

- 15:00 - 15:10** Introductory remarks by the Chair, Ms Iskra Mihaylova
- 15:10 - 15:20** Simplification and cutting red tape in Cohesion Policy  
**Dr. Angelika Poth-Mögele**, Executive Director European Affairs  
CEMR (Council of European Municipalities and Regions)
- 15:20 - 15:30** Concentration and integration of ERDF and ESF to promote social  
innovation: new rules or new tools?  
**Ms Anna Maria Candela**, Region of Puglia, Italy
- 15:30 - 15:40** New rules for cohesion policy: A missed opportunity for  
simplification?  
**Dr. Georg Ris**, Managing Authority for ERDF, Baden Württemberg,  
Germany
- 15:40 - 15:50** Simplification in the context of smart specialisation  
**Prof. Vasile Dogaru**, West University Timisoara, Romania
- 16:05-16:35** Questions and comments by Members; discussion.
- 16:35-16:50** Comments by the European Commission
- 16:50-17:00** Final remarks by the speakers