



European Committee
of the Regions

7th Annual meeting of the EGTC Platform

The future of the cross-border cooperation

European Committee of the Regions, Rue van Maerlant 2, Brussels, room VMA 1

9 October 2017, 13:00 – 18:00h

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- 12:15 **Registration opens** | Please bring your National ID/Passport with you
- 13:00 **Welcome**
*Mr **Petr Osvald**, EGTC Platform Coordinator, Chair of CoR's COTER Commission, tbc*
*Ms **Iskra Mihaylova** MEP, Chair of the EP's Committee on Regional Development, tbc*
- 13:15 **The future of cross-border cooperation**
*Moderator of the session: Mr **Pavel Branda**, Chair of the CoR Intrerregional Group on Cross-border cooperation.*
- Presentation of the proposal for a legal tool the “European Cross-border Convention”*
*Mr **Thiemo W. Eser**, Head of Division for International Relations and Territorial Cooperation, Ministry of Sustainable development and Infrastructure, Government of Luxembourg*
- Presentation of the “Cross-Border Review” and the Study on Cross-border obstacles*
*Ms **Ana-Paula Laissy**, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG REGIO, European cross-border cooperation*
- Title to be confirmed*
*Ms **Anne Sander** MEP*
Chair of the EP Working-Group on Cross-border Cooperation
- 14:15 **Networking coffee break** | Served in front of the conference room
- 15:00 **Discussion on the future of Europe and future of the Cohesion Policy after 2020**
Speakers tbc



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- 15:45 **Presentation of the EGTC Monitoring Report 2016, Q&A**
*Ms **Sabine Zillmer**, Spatial Foresight*
- 16:10 **EGTC Platform welcomes new EGTCs founded in 2016**
Moderator of the session: *Mr **Slaven Klobučar**, EGTC Platform*
- Mr **Patrice Harster**, Director EGTC Pamina (DE-FR-BE)*
*Dr **Ágota Nagyné**, EGTC Mura Region (HU-HR)*
*Mr **Janosch Nieden**, EGTC Eurcor (CH-FR-DE)*
- 16:30 **Access to EU funding and new opportunities – experiences, issues
and solutions**
- Experiences of EGTC in accessing EU funding*
*Mr **Zoltan Bara**, Executive Director of EGTC Pons Dabubii,*
- European Commission*
*Mr **Jean-Pierre Halkin**, HoU Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional Cooperation,
IPA, Enlargement,*
- Innovative support for cross-border investments*
*Mr **René-Laurent Ballaguy** Managerial Advisor at the European Investment Bank*
- EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation*
- 17:30 **Suggestions from members for the Work Programme for 2018**
Moderator of the session: *Mr **Slaven Klobučar**, EGTC Platform*
- 18:00 **End**