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## 7<sup>th</sup> 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
- 13:15      **Welcome**  
*Mr **Petr Osvald**, EGTC Platform Coordinator, Chair of CoR's COTER Commission, [tbc](#)*
- 13:20      **The future of cross-border cooperation**  
*Moderator of the session: Mr **Pavel Branda**, Chair of the CoR Interregional Group on Cross-border cooperation.*
- [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, [tbc](#)  
Chair of the EP Working-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*
- Discussion*
- 14:10      **Networking coffee break** | Served in front of the conference room



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- 14:50 **Presentation of the EGTC Monitoring Report 2016, Q&A**  
*Ms **Sabine Zillmer**, Spatial Foresight*
- 15:10 **Presentation of study: New ways of financing transport infrastructure projects in Europe, Q&A**  
*Ms **Chiara Frencia**, Inova (STOA)*
- 15:30 **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 **Krisztian Varga**, EGTC Mura Region (HU-HR)*  
*Mr **Janosch Nieden**, Eucor - The European Campus (CH-FR-DE)*
- 15:50 **Access to EU funding and new opportunities – experiences, issues and solutions**  
  
[Experiences of an cross-border EGTC in accessing EU funding](#)  
*Mr **Zoltan Bara**, Executive Director of EGTC Pons Dabubii,*
- [Experiences of an interregional EGTC in accessing EU funding](#)  
*Senator **Stefano Collina**, President of EGTC Cities of Ceramics (AEuCC)*
- [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](#)  
*Mr **Eivind Lorentzen**, Counsellor for Regional and Local Affairs, Representation of Norway*
- Discussion*



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16:50 **Discussion on the future of Europe**

Mr **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, President of the CoR **tbc**

*Discussion*

17:50 **Suggestions from members for the Work Programme for 2018**

Moderator of the session: Mr **Slaven Klobučar**, EGTC Platform

18:15 **End**