



Group of high-level specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy

Agenda – 13 & 14 November 2023

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Topic

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Time

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13 November - 13h30 – 16h20 : Public and web-streamed session

13 November - 16h30 – 18h10 : Internal session

14 November - 09h30 – 16h15 : Internal session

Place

European Commission building

Conference Centre Albert Borschette

Room 4.D on 13 November 2023 / Room 1.C on 14 November 2023

Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek

Introduction to the topic

The eighth meeting revisits the delivery modes and mechanisms taking into account the current EU priorities. The architecture and the delivery mode of Cohesion Policy funds will be examined by reviewing the thematic priorities and geographical scope, the shared management considerations, further simplification, enhanced administrative capacity etc. The reflection should also cover aspects related to the mode of disbursing support (underlying deliverable, payment based on results, simplified cost options etc.).

13 November (13:30-16:20)

Public and web-streamed session

13:30 *Arrival & registration*

13:45 Welcome Speech

Elisa Ferreira – Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (TBC)

Introduction Speech

Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose – Professor, London School of Economics

Block A – Academic inputs

14:00 Presentation

Jonathan Zeitlin – Emeritus Professor, University of Amsterdam, David Bokhorst – European University Institute, and Edgars Eihmanis – University of Tartu

14:15 Discussion

14:35 Presentation

Laura Polverari - Associate Professor of Political Science, Università degli Studi di Padova

14:50 Discussion

Block B – Institutional inputs

15:10 Presentation

Annemie Turtelboom, Member, European Court of Auditors

15:25 Discussion

15:45 Presentation

Céline Gauer, Director-General, Commission SG.RECOVER

16:00 Discussion

16:15 Concluding remarks

Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, Professor, London School of Economics

16:20 *Coffee break*

13 November (16:30-18:10)

Internal session

16:30	Discussion among high-level specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
18:00	Concluding remarks	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose

14 November (09:30-16:15)

Internal session

<i>09:30</i>	<i>Arrival and registration</i>	
10:00	Welcome Speech	Elisa Ferreira – Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
10:10	Introduction Speech	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose – Professor, London School of Economics
10:15	Internal exchange on recommendations and messages for the draft final report	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose – Professor, London School of Economics
<i>11:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:45	Internal exchange on recommendations and messages for the draft final report	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose – Professor, London School of Economics
<i>13:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	Internal exchange on recommendations and messages for the draft final report	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose – Professor, London School of Economics
16:00	Concluding remarks	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose – Professor, London School of Economics

List of Reflection Group Meetings

First meeting	31 January 2023	Developing the European Growth Model
Second meeting	09 March 2023	Enhancing resilience of regions against emerging challenges
Third meeting	27 April 2023	Tailored support / flexibility to support different development needs of regions
Fourth meeting	23 May 2023	Role of place-based policies and development strategies
Fifth meeting	04 July 2023	Reinforcing territorial cooperation and addressing challenges on European integration
Sixth meeting	14 September 2023	Anchoring financial support from the policy in reforms, in the context of European Semester and in synergy with other EU policies
Seventh meeting	10 October 2023	Increasing the policy effectiveness through renewed conditionality mechanisms
Eighth meeting	13 & 14 November 2023	Revisiting the policy delivery mode/ mechanics
Ninth meeting	14 & 15 December 2023	Enhancing the policy capacity to respond to sudden shocks and crises
Tenth meeting	23 January 2024	The discussion on the final report