



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

Agenda – 04.07.2023

Fifth meeting

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Topic

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Time

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Public and web-streamed session: 09h30 – 12h45

Internal session: 13h45 – 16h15

Place

Commission Berlaymont building

Room Robert Schuman

Rue de la Loi 200, Brussels

Introduction to the topic

Ensuring sustainable territorial development (territorial cohesion) is key to the success of the policy and the development of regions. Territorial cooperation creates new communities of common interest across borders and a larger number of Member States - showcasing a different mode for delivery of public goods. Addressing structural bottlenecks and obstacles to territorial cooperation will require new solutions.

Public and web-streamed session

09:00	<i>Arrival & registration</i>	
09:30	Welcome Speech	Elisa Ferreira - Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
09:40	Introduction of the topic	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose – Professor, London School of Economics
Block A – Academic inputs		
09:45	Presentation	Eduardo Medeiros - Geography Professor and Researcher, DINAMIA'CET-IUL, Lisbon University Institute
10:00	Discussion	
10:40	Presentation	Hynek Böhm, Associate Professor, Regional and Social Development, Technical University in Liberec
10:55	Discussion	
11:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
Block B – Institutional inputs		
11:45	Presentation	Wiktor Szydarowski, Director, ESPON
11:55	Presentation	Martin Guillermo-Ramírez (AEBR), Secretary General, Association of European Border Regions
12:05	Discussion	
12:35	Concluding remarks	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
12:45	<i>Lunch break and end of public session & webstreaming</i>	

Internal session

13:45	Exchanges on summary and minutes 4th meeting and discussion among high-level specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy on European territorial cooperation	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
15:30	Key takeaways from the group meetings	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
16:15	Concluding remarks	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose

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	14 November 2023	Revisiting the delivery mode/ mechanics taking into account priorities
Ninth meeting	14 December 2023	Enhancing the policy capacity to respond to sudden shocks and crises