



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

Agenda – 14.09.2023

Sixth meeting

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**Sixth Meeting on 14.09.2023**

**Topic**

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**Time**

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

Internal session: 13h45 – 16h30

**Place**

European Commission building

Conference Centre Albert Borschette - Room 4.B

Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek

**Introduction to the topic**

The sixth meeting focuses on anchoring financial support from the policy in reforms, in the context of the European Semester and synergy with other EU policies. It is important to reflect on lessons learned from the European Semester exercise and the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), to develop stronger and more country-specific linkages between investments under cohesion policy programmes and relevant reforms, in complementarity with other policies and instruments.

**Public and web-streamed session**

09:00	<i>Arrival &amp; 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
	<b>Block A – Academic inputs</b>	
09:45	Presentation	Robin Huguenot-Noël – Researcher & PhD candidate, European University Institute
10:00	Discussion	
10:40	Presentation	Nicholas Charron – Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg
10:55	Discussion	
11:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
	<b>Block B – Institutional inputs</b>	
11:45	Presentation	Gallina A. Vincelette, Country Director for the European Union, World Bank
11:55	Presentation	Cinzia Alcidi – Director of Research, Centre for European Policy Studies
12:05	Discussion	
12:35	Concluding remarks	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
12:45	<i>Lunch break and end of public session &amp; webstreaming</i>	

### Internal session

13:45	Exchanges on summary and minutes 5th meeting	Chair: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
14:30	Discussion among high-level specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy	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