



Informal Meeting of the Ministers responsible for Territorial Cohesion

26 November 2015 in Luxembourg

Annotated Agenda

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Venue: European Convention Center Luxembourg (ECCL) 4, Place de l'Europe, L-1499 Luxembourg Plenary Room 2	
Simultaneous interpretation: EN/FR/DE/IT/ES	
8:30 - 9:00	<i>Official Welcome and Handshake by the Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr François Bausch</i>
	<i>Registration of delegates</i>
	<i>Welcome Coffee</i> Foyer of Room 2
9:00 - 9:15	<i>Welcome speech by the Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr François Bausch</i>
	<i>Statement by the Commissioner for Regional Policy, Ms Corina Crețu</i>
9:15 - 10:50	<i>First Session</i> Progress on Territorial Cohesion in the EU: Reviewing the implementation of the Territorial Cohesion Objective and the Territorial Agenda 2020 (Action 1 of the Trio Presidency) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of the Input Paper and the Presidency Conclusions on Action 1 <i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr François Bausch</i>• Feedback from the European Commission <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy, Ms Corina Crețu</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the European Parliament <i>Chair of the REGI Committee, Ms Iskra Mihaylova</i> • Discussion with reference to the questions from the Input Paper (2 min per intervention) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the most important access points of the pathway document, raising awareness and promoting action in the existing framework of instruments, institutions, and funding sources, in order to support territorial cohesion and the implementation of the TA 2020? 2. How and by what concrete measure or action raised in the reference document would your country or institution like to contribute to the better use of the European Territory for strengthening territorial cohesion in Europe? • Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy, Ms Corina Crețu</i> - <i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr François Bausch</i>
10:50 - 11:10	<p>Coffee break</p> <p>Foyer of Room 2</p>
11:10 - 12:30	<p>Second Session</p> <p>European Territorial Scenarios and Visions for 2050 (Action 2 of the Trio Presidency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Input Paper and the Presidency Conclusions on Action 2 <i>State Secretary for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr Camille Gira</i> • Territorial Perspectives of the European Commission <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy, Ms Corina Crețu</i> • ESPON Project European Territory 2050: scenarios and vision <i>Director of the ESPON Programme, Mr Peter Mehlbye</i> • Opinion of the Committee of the Regions <i>President, Mr Markku Markkula</i> • Discussion with reference to the questions from the Input Paper (2 min per intervention) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you share the principal added value of starting a scenario and visioning process as a way to strengthen territorial cohesion and the implementation of the Territorial Agenda 2020 in the European Union? 2. Could you see a particular role for your country / institution in following up on and implementing one of the proposals made above? • Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy, Ms Corina Crețu</i> - <i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr François Bausch</i>

12:30 - 12:45	<i>Family photo of Heads of Delegation</i>
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Buffet Lunch for all</i> Foyer of Room 2
14:00 - 15:35	<p><i>Third Session</i></p> <p>A tool for the attribution and application of specific provisions for the improvement of cross-border cooperation (Action 3 of the Trio Presidency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Input Paper and the Presidency Conclusions on Action 3 <i>State Secretary for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr Camille Gira</i> • European Commission views regarding cross-border areas <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy, Ms Corina Crețu</i> • Presentation of the MOT expert study <i>Director of the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT), Mr Jean Peyrony</i> • Opinion of the Committee of the Regions <i>President, Mr Markku Markkula</i> • Discussion with reference to the questions from the Input Paper (2 min per intervention) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you see the need and the added value of a framework regulation opening the way for a “European Cross-Border Convention on specific provisions in cross-border regions” (ECBC)? 2. Do you think the tool is correctly “designed” to address the existing needs and provide an added value? • Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy, Ms Corina Crețu</i> - <i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr François Bausch</i>
15:35 - 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i> Foyer of Room 2
15:50 - 17:15	<p><i>Fourth Session</i></p> <p>Luxembourg Presidency Conclusions and beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the section in the Presidency Conclusions on General Messages <i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr François Bausch</i> • Discussion (<i>short intervention</i> of 1 min per delegation) • Conclusions

	<p>- <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy</i>, Ms Corina Crețu</p> <p>- <i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg</i>, Mr François Bausch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the incoming Dutch Presidency • Presentation of the future Slovakian Presidency • A.O.B.
17:15 - 17:20	<p>Closing of the meeting</p> <p><i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg</i>, Mr François Bausch</p>
18:15 - 19:15	<p><i>City Promenade (joint Territorial Cohesion & Urban Policy)</i></p>
19:30 - 22:00	<p><i>Presidency Dinner at Cercle Cité (joint Territorial Cohesion & Urban Policy)</i></p> <p><i>Cercle Cité</i> <i>Place d'Armes</i> <i>L-2012 Luxembourg</i></p>
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