



Informal Meeting of the Ministers responsible for Urban Policy

27 November 2015 in Luxembourg

Annotated Agenda

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<i>Informal Meeting of the Ministers responsible for Territorial Cohesion</i>	
Venue: European Convention Center Luxembourg (ECCL) 4, Place de l'Europe, L-1499 Luxembourg Plenary Room 2	
Simultaneous interpretation: EN/FR/DE/IT/ES	
18:15 - 19:15	<i>City Promenade (joint Territorial Cohesion & Urban Policy)</i>
19:30 - 22:00	<i>Presidency Dinner at Cercle Cité (joint Territorial Cohesion & Urban Policy)</i> Cercle Cité Place d'Armes L-2012 Luxembourg
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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>

	Welcome Coffee Foyer of Room 2
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome speech by the Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr François Bausch <hr/> Statement by the Commissioner for Regional Policy, Ms Corina Crețu
9:15 - 10:50	First Session Small and Medium-Sized Cities in Cross-Border Polycentric Regions (Action 5 of the Trio Presidency) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Input Paper and the Presidency Conclusions on Action 5 <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> • Presentation of the EUKN Synthesis Report <i>Director of the European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN), Mr Mart Grisel</i> • 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. Where do you see the added value of cross-border polycentric regions with small and medium-sized cities as urban backbone? To your experience, how do these regions contribute to the overall EU objectives of smart, inclusive and sustainable growth? 2. What kind of support would you like to suggest with the aim of strengthening and unlocking the potentials of the cross-border polycentric regions? In that context, which actor could do what? • 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	Coffee break Foyer of Room 2
11:10 - 11:40	Second Session Progress towards the EU Urban Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations of the European Commission and the incoming Dutch Presidency on the progress with regards to the Roadmap from Riga to Amsterdam

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy</i>, Ms Corina Crețu - <i>Urban Envoy of the Netherlands</i>, Mr Nicolaas Beets - <i>Rapporteur of the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions on “Next steps for implementing the EU Urban Agenda”</i>, Ms Hella Dunger-Löper
11:40 - 12:30	<p>Third Session</p> <p>The Urban Challenges of the Refugee Situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Input Paper and the Presidency Conclusions on the Urban Challenges of the Refugee Situation <i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg</i>, Mr François Bausch • Feedback from the European Commission <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy</i>, Ms Corina Crețu • Feedback from the European Parliament <i>Chair of the REGI Committee</i>, Ms Iskra Mihaylova • Discussion with reference to the questions from the Input Paper (2 min per intervention) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the main challenges for cities with regards to the migration and refugee situation? How can the EU better coordinate its own actions (funding, regulations, and knowledge exchange/research/data) in order to support and facilitate the actions of cities? 2. How can the migration and refugee issue be best treated in the framework of the EU Urban Agenda?
12:30 - 12:45	Family photo of Heads of Delegation
13:30 - 14:00	<p>Press conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg</i>, Mr François Bausch - <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy</i>, Ms Corina Crețu - <i>President of the Committee of the Regions</i>, Mr Markku Markkula
12:30 - 14:00	<p>Buffet Lunch for all</p> <p>Foyer of Room 2</p>
14:00 - 15:00	<p>Third Session (continued)</p> <p>The Urban Challenges of the Refugee Situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with reference to the questions from the Input Paper (2 min per intervention) • Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Commissioner for Regional Policy</i>, Ms Corina Crețu - <i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg</i>, Mr François Bausch

15:00 - 16:00	<p>Fourth Session</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 (short intervention of 1 min per delegation) • 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> • Presentation of the incoming Dutch Presidency • Presentation of the future Slovakian Presidency • A.O.B.
16:00 - 16:15	<p>Closing of the meeting</p> <p><i>Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Mr François Bausch</i></p>