



## MEDIA PROGRAMME

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### Monday 29 September online

11:00 – 12:00 **Pre-#EUregionsWeek meeting with journalists**

Via Webex – [use this link to connect](#).

### Monday 13 October in Brussels

10:00 **Security check and badge pick-up at the European Commission headquarter**

Berlaymont building, Rue de la Loi 200

11:30 – 12:00 **Press conference**

Berlaymont building, press room

- [Raffaele Fitto](#), EU Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms
- [Kata Tüttő](#), President of the European Committee of the Regions

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch break**

Berlaymont building, in front of press room

14:00 – 16:00 **#EURegionsWeek official opening and State of Regions and Cities speech**

[Hemicycle of the European Parliament](#), rue du Wiertz 60 – Session webstreamed

- [Roberta Metsola](#), President of the European Parliament
- [Raffaele Fitto](#), EU Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms
- [Kata Tüttő](#), President of the European Committee of the Regions

16:30 – 17:30 **DG REGIO's media call beneficiaries meeting**

European Parliament, room TBC

### Tuesday 14 October

9:30 – 17:00 **Final round Regiostars finalists and interview opportunities**

[SQUARE meeting centre, Mont des Arts, Hall 100](#)

**09:30 Technical briefing on the Mid-Term review of Cohesion Policy**

[SQUARE meeting centre](#), Mont des Arts, Panoramic hall

**10:30 – 12:30 Meeting with European Commission country experts on EU Cohesion Policy**

SQUARE meeting centre, Panoramic hall

**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break**

SQUARE meeting centre, Panoramic hall

**13:30 – 14:00 Data literacy workshop**

SQUARE meeting centre, Panoramic hall

- *Dominika Uhrikova*, Head of Stakeholder Relations and Outreach, Publications Office of the European Union

**14:00 – 15:00 Presentation of Cohesion Policy data tools ([Cohesion Data](#), [Kohesio](#) and [Eurostat](#))**

SQUARE meeting centre, room TBC

**15:00 – 16:00 Europe's housing crisis: the role of the EU and cohesion policy**

SQUARE meeting centre, Panoramic hall

- [Andres Jaadla](#), Member of Rakvere City Council (Estonia) and CoR rapporteur on Smart, sustainable and affordable housing
- [Zdeněk Hřib](#) (CZ/Greens), member of the local assembly of Prague
- *Tatiana Marquez Uriarte*, Housing Taskforce of the European Commission
- *Bianca Faragau*, Institutional Policy Officer, Permanent Representation of the European Investment Bank in Brussels

**18:00 – 19:00 Megalizzi-Niedelski Prize – Awards Ceremony**

SQUARE meeting centre, Panoramic hall

**19:00 Reception**

Grand Hall

**Wednesday 15 October**

**9:00 – 11:00 Interview opportunities with local and regional leaders on the sidelines of the Plenary of the European Committee of the Regions**

European Parliament, Hemicycle

- Get in touch with CoR press officers to request interviews and media opportunities.

**9:30 – 11:00 Possibility to follow #EURegionsWeek sessions**

[European Committee of the Regions](#), rue Belliard 99/101

- [Check the official programme](#) to find the session for you.

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 12:30 Cohesion Policy: future and priorities in an unpredictable world**

European Committee of the Regions, room JDE 51 (5<sup>th</sup> floor)

- [Vasco Alves Cordeiro](#), Chair of the commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget of the CoR and member of the regional assembly of the Azores (Portugal)
- [Eric Beißwenger](#) (DE/EPP), State Minister for European and International Affairs of Bavaria and vice-president of the CoR EPP group

- *Hugo Sobral*, Deputy Director General of the DG for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

**13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break**

European Committee of the Regions, Atrium 6 (6<sup>th</sup> floor)

**14:30 – 16:00 #CohesionAlliance event**

European Committee of the Regions, room JDE52 (5<sup>th</sup> floor)

**16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30 – 17:30 Eastern border regions at the forefront of Europe' resilience and security**

European Committee of the Regions, room JDE 51 (5<sup>th</sup> floor)

- [Władysław Ortyl](#), President of the Podkarpackie Region (Poland) and first vice-President of the ECR group at the CoR
- [Krzysztof Iwaniuk](#), Mayor of Terespol (Poland) and member of the European Committee of the Regions
- *Merike Niitepõld*, Head of Managing Authority at Central Baltic Interreg programme

**19:00 – Regiostars Awards ceremony**

SQUARE convention centre, Gold hall

**20:00 Reception**

Grand Hall