

Regional and Local Dimension of the Eastern Partnership

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Programme

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9:30-10:15

Welcome Addresses

- **Luc Van den Brande**, President of the Committee of the Regions,
- **Anders Henriksson**, Senior Special Adviser at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Jan Tombiński**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Poland to the European Union
- **Janos Herman**, European Commission, DG External Relations, Principal Adviser for regional cooperation, Deputy Political Director

10:15-12:30 Panel Debate

'Eastern Partnership' from a regional and local perspective

Moderator: **Mrs Lucia Najslova**, Editor-in-chief, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava

- **István Sértő-Radics**, Mayor of Úszka, Hungary, Chairman of the Committee of the Regions External Relations Commission, Rapporteur on the "Eastern Partnership"
- **Ian Micallef**, President a.i. of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Member of the Committee of the Regions
- **Michèle Sabban**, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER)
- **László Gazda**, President of the Észak-Alföld Regional Development Council, Hungary
- **Katlijn Malfliet**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Institute for International and European Policy

30 minutes discussion with the floor

12:30-14:00 Lunch buffet

14:00-15:30

Workshop 1: Territorial co-operation and economic development

Moderator: **Eva Gross**, Institute for European Studies, Free University of Brussels

- **Marek Wozniak**, Marshall of the Wielkopolskie region, Poland, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur for an own initiative opinion on the local and regional government in Georgia
- **Nathalie Thiberge**, European Commission, EuropeAid Co-operation Office
- **James Macbeth**, Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (gtz; German Technical Cooperation), Yerevan, Armenia
- **Oleh Luksha**, Executive Director, Transcarpathian Regional Branch of the Association of Ukrainian Cities and Communities
- **Jens Gabbe**, Honorary Member, Association of European Border Regions

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30

Workshop 2: Institution-building and good governance

Moderator: **Michael Emerson**, Center for European Policy Studies, Brussels

- **Uno Aldergren**, Member of the Executive Committee of Region Skåne, Sweden, Member of the Committee of the Regions
- **Daniel Popescu**, Head of Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France
- **Ana Guțu**, Vice-Rector, Free University of Chișinău, Moldova
- **Ghia Nodia**, Member of the Board of Caucasian Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development, Georgia
- **Srdjan Cvijic**, Association of Local Democracy Agencies, Brussels
- **Arif Yunusov**, Chief of Departments of Conflict and Migration Studies and State and Society, Institute of Peace and Democracy, Azerbaijan

19:00 - 22:00

Forum Reception (Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors Building, Atrium "Open Ledra Street", 5th floor)