



EUROPEAN UNION



Committee of the Regions

Governing a multilevel Europe

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Governing a multilevel Europe

For the Committee of the Regions (CoR), European integration involves giving the EU's multiple levels of government a voice and increasing their visibility. It is self-evident for the Committee's members, presidents of regions, mayors, councilors and members of regional parliaments and assemblies that all levels of governance in the EU are interdependent and interconnected as are the local and regional administrations that apply and implement EU legislation and programmes. The recently adopted CoR Charter on Multilevel Governance highlights the role of Europe's regions and cities in EU policy-making and seeks to achieve Europe-wide recognition of this fact.

As a political manifesto, the Charter calls on all public authorities to make multilevel governance a reality in their everyday policy-making and delivery. This primarily involves working in partnership with the different levels of government (local, regional, national and European) and applying a set of principles that can guide efficient policy-making, such as participation, cooperation, openness, transparency, inclusiveness and policy coherence, all of which are essential conditions for ensuring the success of public policies in the interest of the citizens.

The conference will discuss the state of play regarding multilevel governance in the EU and focus on two key issues:

- EU cohesion policy and its connection with the Europe 2020 strategy;
- The role of regions and cities in communicating Europe and EU citizenship.

The event is open to national, regional and local members of government, high-level officials and representatives from the EU institutions, international organisations and European associations, as well as renowned academic experts.

More information and registration: <http://cor.europa.eu/MLG>

Programme

Tuesday | 2 December 2014

Committee of the Regions, JDE 62,
rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 99-101, Brussels

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Opening Session: **Multilevel governance in the EU: state of play**

Moderator: **Karen Coleman**, journalist

Welcome:

- **Michel Lebrun**, President of the Committee of the Regions

Introduction:

- **Luc Van den Brande**, Special adviser to the European Commission on multilevel governance and Vice-President of the CoR
- **Professor Dr Joseph H.H. Weiler**, President of the European University Institute, Florence

Comment

Debate with the floor

Parallel panel debates

Panel 1: **From EU cohesion policy to Europe 2020: stepping up the multilevel governance principle**

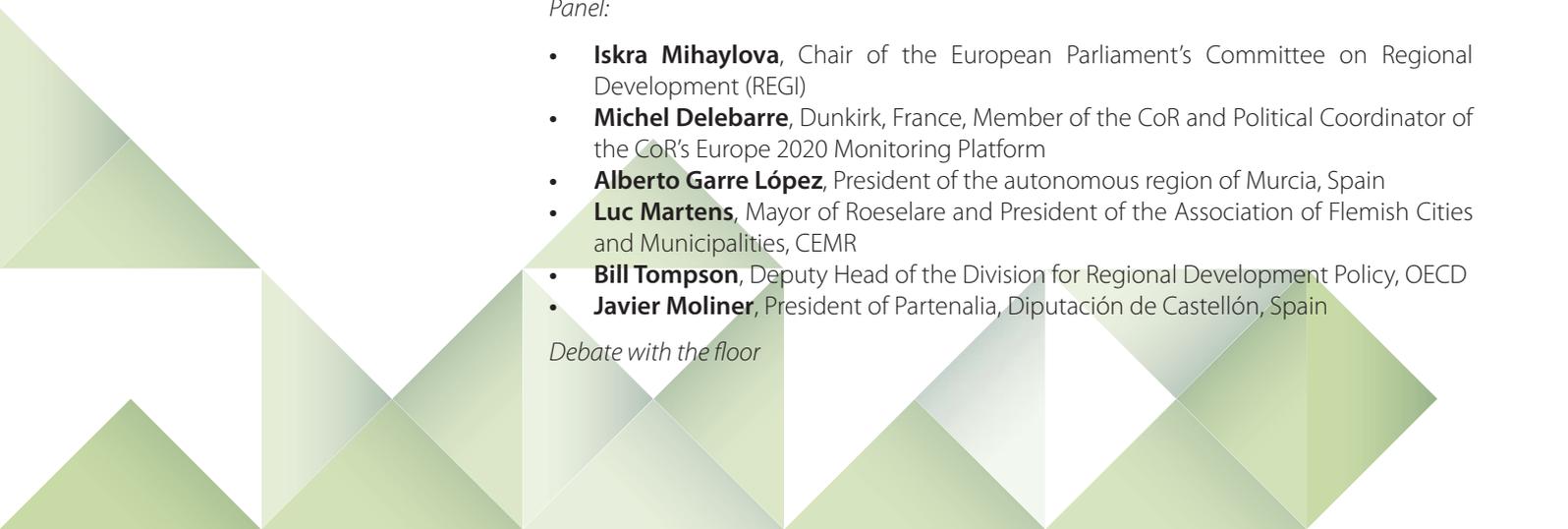
Room: JDE 62

Moderator: **Karen Coleman**, journalist

Panel:

- **Iskra Mihaylova**, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development (REGI)
- **Michel Delebarre**, Dunkirk, France, Member of the CoR and Political Coordinator of the CoR's Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform
- **Alberto Garre López**, President of the autonomous region of Murcia, Spain
- **Luc Martens**, Mayor of Roeselare and President of the Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities, CEMR
- **Bill Tompson**, Deputy Head of the Division for Regional Development Policy, OECD
- **Javier Moliner**, President of Partenalía, Diputación de Castellón, Spain

Debate with the floor



Panel 2: **Reconnecting citizens with the EU: the role of regions and cities**

Moderator: **Luciano Morganti**, Professor Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium (tbc)

Panel:

- **Christophe Rouillon**, Mayor of Coulaines, France, CoR member and rapporteur for the own initiative opinion on “Reconnecting Europe with its citizens”
- **Pavol Frešo**, President of the Bratislava Region, Slovakia, CoR member
- **Michael Schneider**, State Secretary, Delegate of the State of Saxony-Anhalt for the German Federation, CoR member
- **Heather Grabbe**, Director of the Open Society European Policy Institute (tbc)
- **Philippe Cova**, Head of Unit “Europe for Citizens” Programme, European Commission (tbc)

Debate with the floor

Networking Lunch, Atrium 6

12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.



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