

## **Green, Digital, Inclusive and Fair: How can Cohesion Policy rise to the new territorial challenges?**

Third Joint EU Cohesion Policy Conference  
14-16 November 2022, The Westin, Zagreb, Croatia

*Jointly organised by the European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, RSA Europe, and the Croatian Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds*

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### **Monday 14 November**

19.00-21.00 Welcome Reception, offered by the Croatian Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds

### **Tuesday 15 November**

08.00-09.00 Registration

**09.00-09.15 Conference Opening**

**09.15-10.30 Plenary 1 Current and Future Cohesion Policy Challenges and Opportunities**

Commissioner tbc

Nataša Tramišak, LL.M., Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds, Republic of Croatia

Keynote speaker Alessandra Faggian, Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy

Moderator: John Bachtler, EPRC, University of Strathclyde, UK

10.30-11.00 Refreshment Break

11.00-12.30 Parallel Workshop Session 1

12.30-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15 Parallel Workshop Session 2

15.15-15.45 Refreshment Break

**15.45-16.45 Plenary 2 Development traps across EU Regions**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Representative from DG Regio

World Bank representative on WB Report 'Place, Productivity, and Prosperity: Revisiting Spatially Targeted Policies for Regional Development'

Moderator: Representative from Committee of the Regions, tbc

17.00-18.30 Parallel Workshop Session 3

20.00-22.30 Conference Dinner, offered by the Croatian Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds

### **Wednesday 16 November**

08.30-09.00 Registration

**09.00-09.30 Speech** (EP REGI Committee, to be invited)

**09.30-11.00 Plenary 3: Cohesion Policy and the Green and Digital Transitions**

JRC representative on the Strategic Foresight Report 2022, tbc

Peter Berkowitz on Cohesion Policy's contribution to green and digital transitions

Ron Boschma, Professor in Regional Economics, Utrecht University, The Netherlands on *Smart green policy: how EU regions can diversify in more green activities* (title TBC)

Moderator: Emily Sinnott, European Investment Bank

- 11.00-11.30 Refreshment Break
- 11.30-13.00 Parallel Workshop Session 4
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.00 **Plenary 4 Future Policy and Research Challenges**  
DG REGIO Director General (tbc)  
DG EMPL Deputy Director-General (tbc)  
Šime Erlić, State Secretary, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds,  
Republic of Croatia  
Simona Iammarino, London School of Economics and Political Science (confirmed)  
*Moderator:* Laura Polverari, University of Padova, Italy
- 16.00-16.15 Closing remarks