



The debate on the future of European cohesion policy, after the current funding period ends in 2013, is well underway with the publication of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Report in November 2010. As Director-General in the Commission's Directorate General for Regional Policy, I am convinced that the EU needs a strong territorial development policy supporting processes of structural adjustment across Europe and addressing key bottlenecks to growth. The recent global economic crisis has shown the extent to which economic downturns can have harsh effects across Europe's regions, even in regions which before the crisis showed significant economic growth.

Building on the policy's achievements, we will continue to work on the proposals for the policy's future beyond 2013. In the context of the preparation for the next financial framework, I am confident that the discussion between the academic and policy experts will help contribute to a greater understanding of the issues surrounding the future of European cohesion policy. I believe that the discussions and exchanges during this conference in Slovenia will widen the perspective of policy makers and improve their capacity to shape and implement cohesion policy in the best possible way.

I would like to thank the Regional Studies Association and the Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy of Slovenia for their excellent partnership and cooperation, as well as all the speakers, chairpersons and others who will participate in this event. I am sure that this conference will create excellent debate and I very much hope that it will lead to the development of new research agendas in European cohesion policy.

Dirk Ahner - Director General, Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission



We extend you a warm welcome to this special conference on What Future for Cohesion Policy? An Academic and Policy Debate here in the beautiful town of Bled.

The Regional Studies Association (RSA) has for many years organised key debates over EU Cohesion Policy. The topic has featured heavily in our annual international conferences, and this is the fourth conference we have organised around the theme.

We are especially delighted to be cooperating with the European Commission and the Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy in Slovenia. We are grateful to both partners for their help in organising this event, as well as to RSA staff for all their work.

Many of you will know of the Regional Studies Association, and be familiar with our two journals, *Regional Studies* and *Spatial Economic Analysis*. The Association is a major international learned society which promotes research and learning around regions and regional issues.

We have a rich stream of forthcoming events and conferences, including in Newcastle (2011), Beijing (2012), and Delft (2012).

The RSA has always been active at the interface between academia and the world of public policy and practice, and is committed to knowledge transfer activities, which are often delivered in cooperation with international agencies, government departments, think tanks and learned societies.

If you would like to get involved in the Association and our activities, please do get in touch. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Enjoy the conference.

David Bailey - Chair, Regional Studies Association

Sally Hardy - Chief Executive, Regional Studies Association



Quite a few years have passed since the negotiations about the financial perspective 2007-2013 were finished. These negotiations were the basis for the successful agreement on the operational programmes for drawing on the European Cohesion Policy funds. The implementation is in full swing and the success of the implementation depends also on the consequences of the economic, financial and social crisis which represent an especially grave challenge for regions and states in the process of real convergence. Cohesion Policy as the central development policy of the European Union has a special role. Indeed, it enables the preservation of social and economic competitiveness and solidarity among people and regions. Due to the fact that Cohesion Policy is one of the central policies which helps us to deal with the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century its future is, therefore, of extreme importance.

Despite the crisis there are several proofs of how successful Cohesion Policy is in Slovenia. This is why we are optimistic about the evaluation of the present financial perspective. It will pave the way for the period after 2013 when additional efforts will be needed for a full use of our development potentials. Deliberations on the guidelines and orientations about the future architecture of Cohesion Policy are extremely important. Independent research and analyses are its added value; this is why I welcome the efforts in this field. The basic aim of the debate on the future of Cohesion Policy is to gain a critical overview of the European Commission proposals and to attract ideas on the significance, role and its structure and place in the wider debate on the reform of the European budget and relation to other EU development policies. By uniting our strength and experience and our joint contribution I am certain that we will further strengthen the probability for a successful Cohesion Policy.

Duša Trobec Bučan - Minister Responsible for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy - Republic of Slovenia

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

- 14.00-18.00**     **Excursion**  
 Visit of Seaway, the world's leading boat development company, based on the J&J design studio created in 1983 by Jernej and Japac Jakopin followed by a visit to Bled Castle.
- 17.00**            **Registration desk opens at the Golf Hotel**
- 19.00**            **Drinks reception at the Golf Hotel and welcome speech by:**
- Elisa Roller - DG REGIO, European Commission
  - David Bailey - Chair of the Regional Studies Association, England
  - Peter Wostner - Government office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy, Slovenia
- 20.00**            **Buffet style reception at the Golf Hotel**

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

- 08.00**            **Registration desk opens at the Golf Hotel**
- 09.00**            **PLENARY SESSION 1**  
**AFTER THE FIFTH COHESION REPORT**  
**CHAIR:** Peter Wostner, Government Office For Local Self-Government And Regional Policy, Slovenia
- Duša Trobec Bručan**, Minister Responsible For Local Self-Government And Regional Policy, Slovenia
- Veronica Gaffey** - DG REGIO, European Commission
- Andres Rodriguez-Pose** - London School of Economics, England
- Lucio Gussetti** - Committee of the Regions
- Room: Jupiter**
- 11.00**            **Coffee**
- 11.30**            **MORNING SESSIONS**  
**EUROPE 2020 AND COHESION POLICY: NEW POLICY DIRECTIONS**  
**CHAIR:** Ana Maria Dobre, DG REGIO, European Commission
- Cohesion Policy: Contributing To Sustainable Development?**  
*Ioli Christopoulou, Tufts University, Greece*
- JESSICA And Investment Funds: «JESSICA Urban Development Funds. An EU Policy Vehicle Supporting The Sustainable Transformation Of European Cities»**  
*Gianni Carbonaro, European Investment Bank, Luxemburg*
- Locational And Network Determinants Of International Competitiveness: A Common Future For Cohesion Policy?**  
*Frank Van Oort, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, Mark Thissen, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, The Netherlands, Teodora Dogaru, «Ioan Slavici» University, Romania.*
- Room: Jupiter 1**

### THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COHESION POLICY – LESSONS AND OPTIONS FOR CHANGE

**CHAIR:** Andreas von Busch, DG REGIO, European Commission

#### **The Effectiveness Of Cohesion Policy Implementation: Conflicting Accountabilities And Accountability / Efficiency Trade-Offs**

*Laura Polverari, EPRC, Strathclyde University, Scotland*

#### **Institutional Cohesion And The Implementation Of Regional Policy In Poland**

*Artur Kasza, European School Of Law And Administration, Poland*

#### **The Influence Of Cohesion Policy On Strategic Objectives And Governance In Member States**

*Grzegorz Gorzelak, Marek Kozak, EUROREG, Poland, Fiona Wishlade, EPRC, Scotland*

#### **An Alternative Approach In Implementation Of Cohesion Policy**

*Nena Dokuzov, Government Office For Local Self Government And Regional Policy, Slovenia*

**Room: Jupiter 2**

### THE FUTURE OF COHESION POLICY – CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES

**CHAIR:** José-Enrique Garcilazo - OECD, France

#### **Cohesion Post 2013; Limit Ambitions; Step Up Capacity!**

*Willem Molle, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands*

#### **Institutional Capacity And The Redesign Of Cohesion Policy After 2013**

*Lisa De Propris, Ioannis Vasileiou, Birmingham Business School, England, David Bailey, Coventry University Business School, England*

#### **Is The Logic Behind Funds Allocation Compromising Cohesion Policy? The Budgetary Review And The Challenges For Structural Funds**

*Simona Milio, London School Of Economics And Political Science, England*

#### **Conditionality: A Sheep In Wolf's Clothing?**

*Peter Berkowitz, Elisa Roller, DG REGIO, European Commission*

**Room: Concordia**

### TERRITORIAL COHESION

**CHAIR:** Jean Peyrony - DG REGIO, European Commission

#### **Cohesion Policy Contributing To Territorial Cohesion - Scenarios**

*Andreas Faludi, Delft University Of Technology, The Netherlands, Jean Peyrony, DG REGIO, European Commission*

#### **The Territorial Cohesion Objective Within European Cohesion Policies From A Territorial Capital Perspective**

*Roberto Camagni, Ugo Fratesi, Politecnico Di Milano, Italy*

#### **Promoting Territorial Cohesion And Understandings Of Spatial Justice**

*Dabinett Gordon, University Of Sheffield, England*

#### **Territorial Cohesion: What Does The 5th Cohesion Report Say?**

*Lewis Dijkstra, DG REGIO, European Commission*

**Room: Libertas**

## TERRITORIAL COOPERATION: THE CONCEPT OF MACRO-REGIONS

**CHAIR:** Johann Sollgruber - DG REGIO, European Commission

### **Territorial Coordination: Aligning Territorial Development In Macro-Regions Without A Governance Framework**

*Marko Peterlin, Institute For Spatial Policies, Slovenia*

### **Macro-Regional Approaches For The Benefit Of North Sea-English Channel**

#### **Co-Operation: Adding Value?**

*Mike Danson, University Of The West Of Scotland, Scotland, Ingrid Dobson, East Of Scotland European Consortium, Scotland*

### **Looking Into The Future Of The European Union: Regional Cohesion And Macro-Regions**

*Stilianos Alexiadis, Ministry Of Rural Development & Foods, Greece, Christos Ladias, University Of Sterreas Elladas, Greece, Antoneta Polio, Eqrem Cabej University, Albania*

**Room: Venera**

13.00

**Lunch**

14.30

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS (I)

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF COHESION POLICY – PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION**

**CHAIR:** John Bachtler - EPRC, University Of Strathclyde, Scotland

#### **The Future Of The Partnership Principle At Project Level**

*Oto Potluka, University Of Economics Prague, Czech Republic*

#### **Partnership-Working As Part Of Structural Funds Programmes In Poland: ‘Shallow’ Adjustment Or Internalization Of The European Mode Of Cooperative Governance?**

*Marcin Dabrowski, Institute For European Integration Research, Austrian Academy Of Sciences, Austria*

**Room: Jupiter 1**

## THE ADDITIONALITY OF COHESION POLICY

**CHAIR:** Veronica Gaffey - DG REGIO, European Commission

#### **Evaluation Of Cohesion Policy: Are EU Funds Really Additional?**

*Peter Wostner, Government Office For Local Self-Government And Regional Policy, Slovenia, Sonja Šlander, University Of Ljubljana, Slovenia*

#### **Additionality And Regional Development: Are EU Structural Funds Complements Or Substitutes Of National Funds?**

*Chiara Del Bo, Massimo Florio, Università Degli Studi Di Milano, Italy, Emanuela Sirtori, Silvia Vignetti, Csil - Centre For Industrial Studies, Italy*

#### **Institutionalising EU Structural Funds Evaluation In Lithuania**

*Ana Stankaitiene, Ministry Of Finance Of The Republic Of Lithuania, Lithuania*

**Room: Jupiter 2**

## EUROPE 2020 AND COHESION POLICY – WHAT KIND OF A RELATIONSHIP?

**CHAIR:** Lucio Gussetti - Committee of the Regions

#### **The Interaction Between Cohesion Policy And Europe 2020**

*Robert Leonardi, London School Of Economics and Political Science, England*

#### **The Interrelationship Between Cohesion Policy And Europe 2020 For The New Member States**

*Dora Illés, University Of Pécs, Hungary*

**Room: Concordia**

## FUTURE OF COHESION POLICY - CHALLENGES FOR MEMBER STATES AND REGIONS

**CHAIR:** Lisa de Propriis - Birmingham Business School, England

### **EU Cohesion Policy 2014+, Its Challenges in the Czech Republic and their Implications in a Broader Context**

*Jan Vozáb, Czech Technical University, Czech Republic*

### **The Hungarian Preparations for the 2014-2020 Regional Policy**

*Sandor Gyula Nagy, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary*

### **The Future Of EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020: Will The UK LEPS Deliver?**

*John Shutt, Leeds Metropolitan University Business School, England*

**Room: Libertas**

## THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COHESION POLICY 1

**CHAIR:** Elisa Roller, DG REGIO, European Commission

### **Have Regional Inequalities Increased Or Decreased In The Hungarian Regions Due To The Structural And Cohesion Funds?**

*Henrietta Nagy, József Káposzta, Adrienn Nagy, Kitti Kollár, Szent István University, Hungary*

### **The European Social Fund And Its Impact On Lipari’s Small Economy**

*Rose Marie Azzopardi, University Of Malta, Malta*

### **The Evaluation Success Of The Cohesion Funds In The Visegrad Group Countries With The Assistance Of The New Modified Human Development Index**

*Pal Goda, Ildikó Lampertné Akócsi, László Péli, Viktória Prohászka, Tamas Toth, Szent István University, Hungary*

**Room: Venera**

16.00

**Coffee/Tea**

16.30

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS (II)

### **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COHESION POLICY 2**

**CHAIR:** Mateja Čepin - Government office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy, Slovenia

#### **Do The Structural And Cohesion Funds Represent Real Means Of Development In The Least-Developed Territories Of Hungary?**

*Kitti Kollár, József Káposzta, Adrienn Nagy, Henrietta Nagy, Viktória Vudiné Prohászka, Szent István University, Hungary*

#### **Evaluation Of Synergies Between EU Policies And Challenges**

*Attila Korompai, Corvinus University Of Budapest, Hungary*

#### **The Effect Of European Funds On The Reduction Of Regional Disparities Between European Regions And Optimal Model For Absorbing European Funds**

*Monika Kirbiš, City Municipality Of Maribor, Slovenia*

#### **RHOMOLO: A Dynamic General Equilibrium Modelling Approach To The Evaluation Of The EU’s Regional Policies**

*Andries Brandsma, d’Artis Kancs, Ben Gardiner, JRC-IPTS, European Commission, Spain*

**Room: Jupiter 1**

## THE ROLE OF COHESION POLICY IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**CHAIR:** Frank Gaskell - Euromontana

### Cohesion Policy For Rural Areas After 2013 - A Rationale

*Andrew Copus, Nordregio, Sweden, Mark Shucksmith, University Of Newcastle, England, Thomas Dax, BABF, Austria, David Meredith, TEAGASC, Ireland*

### Rural Areas Development In Europe As A Field Of EU Cohesion Policy Intervention After 2013

*Malgorzata Michalewska-Pawlak, Institute Of Political Science, University Of Wrocław, Poland*

### Rural Europe 2+2+: A Conceptual Framework For A Rural Employment Policy

*Andrew Fieldsend, Research Institute For Agricultural Economics, Hungary*

### The Convergence Process Of The European Regions: The Roles Of Regional Policy And The Common Agricultural Policy

*Elisa Montresor, Francesco Pecci, Nicola Pontarollo, University Of Verona, Italy*

**Room: Jupiter 2**

## ROUNDTABLE: EUROPE 2020 AND COHESION POLICY

**CHAIR:** Thomas Bender - DG EMPL, European Commission

- **Iain Begg** - London School of Economics, England
- **Robert Leonardi** - London School of Economics, England
- **Willem Molle** - Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- **Ana Stankaitiene** - Ministry of Finance of The Republic of Lithuania, Lithuania
- **John Shutt** - University of Leeds, England
- **Lucio Gussetti** - Committee of the Regions

**Room: Concordia**

## TERRITORIAL COHESION 2

**CHAIR:** Gianluca Spinaci - Committee of the Regions

### The Multi-Scale Approach Of Territorial Cohesion: An Analysis From The European Periphery

*Daniel Gil, Margarida Pereira, José Afonso Teixeira, E-GEO/FCSH-UNL, Portugal*

### Conducting Creativity In Central Sweden: A Path Towards Territorial Cohesion

*Evangelia Petridou, Mid Sweden University, Sweden*

### Regional And Agricultural Policies Of The EU: Working In Favour Of Territorial Cohesion?

*Riccardo Crescenzi, London School of Economics and Political Science, England*

### Relevancy Of Functional Regions For Cohesion Policy

*Ivo Lavrac, Lidija Bajt, University Of Ljubljana, Slovenia*

**Room: Libertas**

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF COHESION POLICY

**CHAIR:** Laura Polverari - EPRC, Strathclyde University, Scotland

### Demographic Change And Gender Equality Dimensions Within ERDF Programmes: An Ex Post Evaluation

*Manuela Samek Lodovici, Flavia Pesce, Istituto Per La Ricerca Sociale, Italy*

### Cohesion Policy Monitoring System - A Useful Tool In Evaluation Or Fiction?

*Bartłomiej Rokicki, University Of Warsaw, Poland*

### Performance And Effectiveness Of Cohesion Policy: Evaluation Of The Allocation Mechanisms

*Lóránd Balázs, University Of Pécs, Hungary*

**Room: Venera**

18.00

End

20.00

Gala dinner at the Grand Hotel Toplice

# Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

08.30

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09.00

MORNING SESSIONS (I)

## EUROPE 2020 AND COHESION POLICY: SMART GROWTH

**CHAIR:** Claire Nauwelaers - OECD, France

### Entrepreneurship And Cohesion Policy: Smart Specialization

*Aurelio Jiménez, INCYDE Foundation, Spain*

### The Role Of Structural Funds In Broadband Developments In The New Member States

*Adrienn Feko, Magdolna Sass, ICEG European Center, Hungary*

### Smart Specialisation Strategy Of A Reformed Cohesion Policy In The Context Of The Europe2020 Agenda

*Philip McCann, University Of Groningen, The Netherlands, Raquel Ortega-Argilés, Centre For Innovation, Technology And Policy Research, Portugal*

**Room: Jupiter 1**

## TERRITORIAL COOPERATION 1

**CHAIR:** Kristina Zumbusch - Institute For Public Services And Tourism University Of St. Gallen, Switzerland

### With "Regional Territorial Agendas" Towards Territorial Cohesion? The Emergence Of Supra-Regional Coalitions In Europe And Their Future Role In Cohesion Policy

*Robert Knippschild, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany*

### Conceptualizing "Macro-Regions": Viewpoints And Tools Beyond NUTS Classification

*Christos Ladias, University Of Central Greece, Greece, Nikolas Hasanagas, Region Of Western Greece, Greece, Eleni Papadopoulou, Aristotle University Of Thessaloniki, Greece*

**Room: Jupiter 2**

## ROUNDTABLE: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COHESION POLICY

**CHAIR:** Veronica Gaffey - DG REGIO, European Commission

**Grzegorz Gorzelak** - EUROREG, Poland

**Attila Korompai** - Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

**Laura Polverari** - Strathclyde University, Scotland

**Andrej Horvat** - State Secretary in Office of the Prime Minister, Slovenia

**Room: Concordia**

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE

**CHAIR:** John Shutt - Leeds Metropolitan University Business School, England

### Geographical Targeting In Social Inclusion, Especially Roma Inclusion Programmes

*Adam Kullmann, Tamas Berky, Budapest University Of Economics, Hungary*

### The Role Of Tourism In Cross Border Innovation Systems

*Adi Weidenfeld, Hanken School Of Economics, Finland*

**Room: Libertas**

## ESPON SESSION

**CHAIR:** Peter Mehlbye - ESPON

### ESPON Climate: Climate Change and Territorial Effects on Regions and Local Economies in Europe

*Stefan Greiving, ESPON*

#### **KIT Project: The Territorial Dimension Of The Innovation And Knowledge Economy**

*Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano - BEST-Building Environment Sciences and Technology, Italy*

**Room: Venera**

10.30

Coffee

11.00

## MORNING SESSIONS (II)

### EU COHESION POLICY AND SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

**CHAIR:** Mojmir Mrak - Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

#### **Evaluation of Transport and other National Policies for Sustainable Spatial Development as the key for Cohesion Policy in Slovenia – Experiences and Thoughts on the Future**

*Alma Zavodnik-Lamovšek, Samo Drobne, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, Jurij Kobal, Klemen Strmšnik, Tereza Ćernigoj, OIKOS, Svetovanje za razvoj, d.o.o., Slovenia*

#### **Croatia's Preparations for Cohesion Policy: Virtual Exercise or Real Strengthening of Development Policy?**

*Jakša Puljiz, Institute For International Relations, Croatia*

#### **Republic of Srpska in the Process of the NUTS Standardization**

*Goran Mutabdzija, Faculty of Philosophy, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

**Room: Jupiter 1**

### THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REGIONAL POLICY

**CHAIR:** Dora Illés - University of Pécs, Hungary

#### **The Spatial Aspects of the Allocation of European Development Resources in Hungary between 2004 And 2010**

*Zsolt Radics, János Péntzes, Ernő Molnár, University of Debrecen, Hungary*

#### **Lessons and Policy Options from Experimentation with Regional Programmes of Innovative Actions**

*Tomasz Jerzyniak, Technopolis Group, Belgium*

#### **What Coordination Mechanisms Work for Managing Regional Development Programmes? Insights from Southern Italian Regions**

*Mita Marra, University of Salerno, Italy/George Washington University, USA*

**Room: Jupiter 2**

### ROUNDTABLE: DRIVERS OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: INNOVATION, INSTITUTIONS OR INFRASTRUCTURE?

**CHAIR:** Lewis Dijkstra - DG REGIO, European Commission

**José-Enrique Garcilazo** - OECD, France

**Iain Begg** - London School of Economics and Political Science, England

**Andres Rodriguez Pose** - London School of Economics and Political Science, England

**Ugo Fratesi** - Politecnico Di Milano, Italy

**Room: Concordia**

## TERRITORIAL COOPERATION ACROSS EXTERNAL BORDERS

**CHAIR:** Dimitrij Pur - Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy, Slovenia

### Cohesion Policy outside EU Borders, A Tool for External Relations

*Massimo Merighi, Master in European Integration and Regionalism, Poland*

### EU Cross-border Cooperation in Croatia: A Critical Review of Developmental and Institutional Effects

*Marijana Sumpor, Irena Dokic, The Institute of Economics, Croatia*

### Integration Or Innovation? - Cross-Border Co-operation between the EU and Switzerland Challenged by Diverging Priorities

*Kristina Zumbusch, Institute For Public Services and Tourism University of St. Gallen, Switzerland*

**Room: Libertas**

## THE FUTURE OF COHESION POLICY: LESSONS FROM PRACTICE

**CHAIR:** Marc Botman - DG REGIO, European Commission

### What Future for Cohesion Policy? Can Slovenia Learn from the Welsh Experience?

*Frankie Asare-Donkoh, Cardiff University, Wales*

### The Third Sector and the Future EU Cohesion Policy

*Stefan August Lütgenau, Foster Europe, Foundation for strong European Regions, Austria*

### How can the Civil Organisations contribute to the future of Cohesion Policy?

*Adrienn Reisinger, Széchenyi István University, Hungary*

**Room: Venera**

12.30

Lunch

13.30

## PLENARY SESSION 2

### COHESION POLICY POST 2013: FUTURE RESEARCH AGENDAS

**CHAIR:** John Bachtler - EPRC, Strathclyde University, Scotland

**Peter Wostner** - Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy, Slovenia

**Philip McCann** - University of Groningen, The Netherlands and Special Adviser to Commissioner

*Johannes Hahn*

**Luc van den Brande** - Chairman of the Commission on Citizenship, Governance, Institutional Affairs and External Relations (CIVEX) and former President of the EU Committee of the Regions

**Room: Jupiter**

15.00

End of conference

This document gives an “at a glance” view of the conference programme and timetable. For more detail, cross reference this against the Conference Programme which will give you the names and titles of presentations to be made in each session.

**Please note:**

**Rooms:**

- All workshop rooms are held in the Golf Hotel
- All plenary sessions are held in the Jupiter Room at the Golf Hotel on the ground floor
- The Jupiter room gets divided into two rooms for the workshops: Jupiter 1 and Jupiter 2
- The following rooms are on the ground floor: Jupiter, Jupiter 1, Jupiter 2, Concordia and Libertas
- The Venera room is on the 5th floor of the Golf Hotel and accessible via a lift or stairs

**Coffee breaks, dinners and lunches:**

- Wednesday's drinks reception is held in the Jupiter foyer at the Golf Hotel
- Wednesday's buffet style dinner is held at the main restaurant at the Golf Hotel
- Thursday's Gala Dinner is held at the Grand Hotel Toplice
- Coffee breaks are held in the Jupiter foyer at the Golf Hotel
- All lunches are held at the main restaurant at the Golf Hotel

## Conference registration times of opening

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March: 17.00-20.00**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March: 08.00-18.00**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March: 08.30-15.30**

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

- 15.00**      **Excursion**
- 17.00**      **Registration desk opens - Golf Hotel**
- 19.00**      **Drinks reception - Jupiter Foyer- Golf Hotel**  
**Welcome speech by:**  
*Elisa Roller - DG REGIO, European Commission*  
*David Bailey - Chair of the Regional Studies Association, England*  
*Peter Wostner - Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy, Slovenia*
- 20.00**      **Buffet style dinner - main restaurant - Golf Hotel**

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**General Programme:**

- 08.00**      **Registration desk opens at the Golf Hotel**
- 09.00**      **PLENARY SESSION - REGIONAL POLICY**  
**Chair:** Peter Wostner, Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy, Slovenia  
**Mrs. Duša Trobec Bručan** - Minister responsible for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy, Slovenia  
**Veronica Gaffey** - DG REGIO, European Commission  
**Andres Rodriguez-Pose** - London School of Economics and Political Science, England  
**Lucio Gussetti** - Committee of the Regions  
**Room: Jupiter**
- 11.00**      **Coffee Jupiter foyer at the Golf Hotel**
- 11.30-13.00**      **MORNING SESSIONS**  
**Room: Jupiter 1**      Europe 2020 And Cohesion Policy: New Policy Directions  
**Room: Jupiter 2**      The Implementation Of Cohesion Policy - Lessons And Options For Change  
**Room: Concordia**      The Future Of Cohesion Policy - Challenges And Responses  
**Room: Libertas**      Territorial Cohesion  
**Room: Venera**      Territorial Cooperation: The Concept Of Macro-Regions
- 13.00**      **Lunch - Main restaurant - Golf Hotel**
- 14.30**      **AFTERNOON SESSIONS (I)**  
**Room: Jupiter 1**      Implementation Of Cohesion Policy - Partnership And Cooperation  
**Room: Jupiter 2**      The Additionality Of Cohesion Policy  
**Room: Concordia**      Europe 2020 And Cohesion Policy - What Kind Of A Relationship?  
**Room: Libertas**      Future Of Cohesion Policy - Challenges For Member States And Regions  
**Room: Venera**      The Effectiveness Of Cohesion Policy 1
- 16.00**      **Coffee/Tea**  
**Jupiter foyer at the Golf Hotel**
- 16.30**      **AFTERNOON SESSIONS (II)**  
**Room: Jupiter 1**      The Effectiveness Of Cohesion Policy 2  
**Room: Jupiter 2**      The Role Of Cohesion Policy In Rural Development  
**Room: Concordia**      Roundtable: Europe 2020 And Cohesion Policy  
**Room: Libertas**      Territorial Cohesion 2  
**Room: Venera**      Monitoring And Evaluation Of Cohesion Policy
- 18.00**      **End**
- 20.00**      **Gala dinner at the Grand Hotel Toplice**

# Friday 18<sup>th</sup> march

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**08.30**                    **Registration desk opens at the Golf Hotel**

**09.00**                    **MORNING SESSIONS (I)**

**Room: Jupiter 1**        Europe 2020 And Cohesion Policy: Smart Growth  
**Room: Jupiter 2**        Territorial Cooperation 1  
**Room: Concordia**      Roundtable: The Effectiveness Of Cohesion Policy  
**Room: Libertas**        Regional Development In Europe  
**Room: Venera**         ESPON Session

**10.30**                    **Coffee Jupiter foyer at the Golf Hotel**

**11.00**                    **MORNING SESSIONS (II)**

**Room: Jupiter 1**        EU Cohesion Policy And South Eastern Europe  
**Room: Jupiter 2**        The Effectiveness Of Regional Policy  
**Room: Concordia**      Roundtable: Drivers Of Regional Development: Innovation, Institutions Or Infrastructure?  
**Room: Libertas**        Territorial Cooperation Across External Borders  
**Room: Venera**         The Future Of Cohesion Policy: Lessons From Practice

**12.30**                    **Lunch- Main restaurant - Golf Hotel**

**13.30**                    **PLENARY SESSION**

**Cohesion Policy Post 2013: Future Research Agendas**

**Chair:** John Bachtler, EPRC, Strathclyde University, Scotland

**Peter Wostner** - *Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy, Slovenia*

**Philip McCann** - *University of Groningen, The Netherlands and Special Adviser to Commissioner Johannes Hahn*

**Luc van den Brande** - *Chairman of the Commission on Citizenship, Governance, Institutional Affairs and External Relations (CIVEX) and former President of the EU Committee of the Regions*

**Room: Jupiter**