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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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Hemicycle

PROGRAMME

Sunday, 21 January 2024

- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **Accreditation of participants from national parliaments.**
Reception - rue du Lombard 69 - 1000 Brussels
- 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.** **Reception and dinner hosted by the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.**
Welcome address by the President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.
Grand Salon and Salle des Glaces

22 January 2024

- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.** **Accreditation of participants from national parliaments.**
Reception of delegations.
Reception - rue du Lombard 69 - 1000 Brussels
- 9:15 – 9:30 a.m.** **opening speech of the conference**
Hemicycle
- Welcome address by the President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. first session: FINANCING EU URBAN POLICIES

Hemicycle

- Introductory speech by Mr Guy Vanhengel, First Vice-President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mr Thomas de Béthune, Head of the Urban Policies Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission.
- Speech by Mrs Evi Cornelis, Director General of the ERDF Brussels.
- Speech by Mr Guillermo Alvarez, head of EU project financing, Eurocities (TBC).
- Speech by Mr Dirk De Smedt, Director General of Bruxelles-Fiscalité.

Debate

11:00 – 12:30 p.m. second session: INVOLVING CITIZENS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR URBAN PROJECTS

Hemicycle

- Introductory speech by Mr Rachid Madrane, President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mr Kristiaan Borret, Bouwmeester of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mr Philippe Piereuse, Director General of Urban.brussels
- Speech by Mr Jörgе Knieling, Professor of Urban Planning and Regional Development at the University of Hamburg.
- Speech by Mr Antoine De Borman, Director General of Perspective.brussels (TBC).

Debate

12:30 p.m. Family photo

Grand salon

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch hosted by the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region

Salle des Glaces

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Third session: ADAPTING URBAN ENVIRONMENTS TO CLIMATE CHANGE
Hemicycle

- Introductory speech by Mr Tristan Roberti, President of the Environment and Energy Committee of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mrs Roselyne de Lestrangle, Head of Biodiversity, Nature and Forests, Brussels-Environment.
- Speech by Mrs Amandine Thiberghien, Brussels Policy Manager, and Mrs Charlotte Simon, Brussels Nature Network Project Manager, Natagora.
- Speech by Ms Paola Vigano, architect and urban planner, Professor of Urban Theory and Urban Design at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne and the IUAV in Venice (IT).
- Speech by Mr Simon De Muynck, Coordinator of the Urban Ecology Centre.

Debate

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Fourth session: URBAN MOBILITY ISSUES
Hemicycle

- Introductory speech by Mrs Anne-Charlotte d'Ursel, President of the Mobility Committee of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mr Kris Vanherle, researcher at the University of Leuven's Transport and Mobility Centre and founder of Telraam.
- Speech by Mr Bruno Clerbaux, co-founder and director of Architecs in Brussels and For Urban Passion.
- Mr François Macq, Managing Director of Macq Mobility.
- Mr Alexandre Van Pestel, Director of Espaces-Mobilités (*TBC*).

Debate

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. drinks and departure of the delegations
Cafeteria.