



Committee on Regional Development
The Chair

To the Chair of the committee concerned

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development will be holding an interparliamentary committee meeting with the Member States' parliamentary committees responsible for regional development and cohesion policy, on the following subject:

Cohesion Policy 2014-2020: Towards a Common Strategic Framework and Partnership Contracts.

The meeting will take place on **11 October 2012 from 9.00 to 12.30** in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels, as part of the monthly meeting of the Committee on Regional Development.

As you well know, the negotiations on the legislative package for the future cohesion policy 2014-2020 are advancing apace. The legislation that is adopted will predefine the framework for the future programming period and determine the effectiveness of the future policy.

The legislative package provides for the establishment of new policy instruments: the Common Strategic Framework and the Partnership Contracts. However, their form and content are still the subject of debate and controversy. In this context, our meeting in October will give national parliaments the opportunity to express their views on these crucial elements of the new cohesion policy.

I am certain that our discussions will make a strong parliamentary contribution to the ongoing debate on the future of cohesion policy.

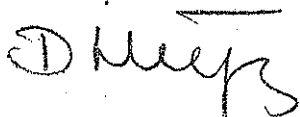
We are therefore pleased to invite up to four representatives from each national parliament – accompanied by one parliamentary official – to participate in the event and to make a short presentation of their committee's views on the matter. As is customary, this four-member limit also applies to bicameral parliaments.

Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution that could be distributed to participants.

Please find attached the preliminary draft programme for the meeting. The practical details will be forwarded to the representatives of your parliament directly responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I look forward to your participation in our discussions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hübner', with a horizontal line above the 'H'.

Danuta Hübner



Committee on Regional Development
4th Interparliamentary Committee Meeting with national Parliaments

**Cohesion Policy 2014-2020:
Towards a Common Strategic Framework
and Partnership Contracts**

11 October 2012 - 9h00 - 12h30
József Antall building (JAN) - room 2Q2
European Parliament
Brussels

PROGRAMME (PROVISIONAL)

- 8:00 - 9:00 **Registration of participants:** The Solidarność 1980 Esplanade,
József Antall building (JAN) entrance
- 9:00 - 9:10 **Welcome and introductory remarks**
Mrs Danuta Hübner, Chairperson
Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament
- 9:10 - 9:40 *Mr Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy,*
European Commission (TBC)
- 9:40 - 10:00 *Minister of European Affairs*
Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU (TBC)
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Launching the debate:**

**"Partnership-building in a strong multi-annual strategic
agreement - key principles for programming and implementation
of the future Cohesion Policy":**
- **3 keynote speakers - preferably chairs of Committees
on regional policy from National Assemblies. (tbc)**
- 10:30 - 12:20 **Open Debate**
*between members of the European Parliament and national
Parliaments*
- 12:20 - 12:30 **Conclusions:** *Mrs Danuta Hübner, Chairperson*
Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament
- 12:30 **Cocktail**