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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 (REGI) will organize an interparliamentary committee meeting with the committees of the Member States' Parliaments responsible for regional development and cohesion policy, on the following subject:

***"The implementation challenges of the future cohesion policy:
Towards productive investment for growth and cohesion through improved
synergies between local, national and EU level to deliver EU 2020 Strategy"***

The meeting will take place on **27 November 2013 from 15.00 to 18.30** in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels, in the framework of the monthly meeting of the Committee on Regional Development.

As you will know, the negotiations on the legislative package for the future Cohesion policy 2014-2020 are advancing at full speed. The adopted legislation will predefine the framework of the future programming period and the effectiveness of the future policy.

The legislative package foresees the establishment of new policy instruments aimed at improved strategic planning and coordination -the Common Strategic Framework and the Partnership Agreements. These new tools are introducing a new philosophy to the policy, which will become more integrated providing common guidance to all five funds. The new partnership principle, reinforced at all levels of the policy making and implementation, will guarantee a more important role for local and regional authorities and partners.

In this context, our meeting in November will offer the possibility to national Parliaments to express their views on these crucial elements of the new Cohesion policy with a special focus on the implementation challenges at national level.

We are therefore pleased to invite up to four members of each national Parliament (two from each chamber in case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to participate in the event and to make a short presentation of your Committee's views on the matter.

Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Please find attached the preliminary draft programme of the meeting. Practical details regarding the event will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept the invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 27 November 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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

Danuta HÜBNER



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5th INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE
MEETING

European Parliament - National Parliaments

**The implementation challenges of the future Cohesion
Policy:**

Towards productive investment for growth and cohesion
through improved synergies between local, national and EU
level to deliver the EU 2020 Strategy

Wednesday, 27 November 2013, 15:00 - 18:30

European Parliament, Brussels

Room - TBC

All speakers have yet to be confirmed

Organised with the support of the Directorate for Relations with national Parliaments

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Order of business

Wednesday, 27 November 2013

14.00 - 15.00 **Registration of participants**

15.00 - 15.10 **Welcome and introductory remarks by Danuta HÜBNER** Chair of the Committee on Regional development of the European Parliament

15.10- 16.50	<i>SESSION I - The future Cohesion Policy - A modernised and result based policy for sustainable growth and jobs in the EU</i>
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Moderator: **Ms Danuta HÜBNER**, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development of the European Parliament

Speakers:

15.10-15.30 **Mr Lambert VAN NISTELROOJ** and **Ms Constanze KREHL**, MEP's, co-rapporteurs on the Cohesion Package 2014-2020

15.30-15.50 **Mr Johannes HAHN**, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission

15.50-16.10 **H. E. Mr Raimundas KAROBLIS**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the EU

16.10-16.50 Debate with national Parliamentarians and MEPs

16.50 - 18.30

SESSION II - The implementation of the new policy in Member States: What challenges?

Possible topics for discussion in this session could include:

- The role of national Parliaments and of European Parliament in monitoring the new cohesion policy.
- Strategic programming and coordination of the funds (European Structural and Investment funds) and policies (Cohesion Policy; Horizon 2020; COSME;...) or how to improve synergies in a multi-level governance process.
- Co-financing, administrative capacity and quality of projects.
- How to strengthen the territorial dimension of the new policy ?

Moderator: **Ms Danuta HÜBNER**, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development of the European Parliament

Speakers:

16.50-17.00.

Mr Derek VAUGHAN, MEP, rapporteur on the EU Member States on preparedness and timely start of the new cohesion Policy programming period.

17.00-17.20

Mr Walter DEFFAA, Director General for regional and urban policy, European Commission

17.20-17.30

Keynote speaker from the corresponding committee of a national Parliament

17.30-17.40

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17.40-18.20

Debate with national Parliamentarians and MEP's

18.20-18.30

Closing remarks by **Ms Danuta HÜBNER**, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development of the European Parliament

18:30

Cocktail

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETING

This meeting is open to the public. However, for security reasons, participants who do not have a European Parliament access badge must obtain a pass in advance. Those wishing to obtain such a pass should contact the secretariat (regi-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu) **before** It is essential to provide us with your **LAST NAME, First name, date of birth, nationality, type of ID (passport, identity card, driving licence, etc.), number of ID, address and company/institution/organisation**. Without this information, the Security Service will not provide entry passes.¹

All participants from national Parliaments (Members, officials and Brussels-based representatives) need to complete the online registration form for the event at the following web address: *(to be communicated soon)*

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATE

- During the discussion, so as to make it possible for the highest number of parliamentarians to intervene, speaking time of speakers will be **ten and twenty minutes** and speaking time of other participants at least **two minutes** per contribution or question.
- Members are kindly asked to fill in the sheet requesting speaking time (indicating their name and Parliament/Chamber) which will be distributed in the meeting room.
- Speakers wishing to supplement their speeches may do so in writing by submitting a document (preferably in English or French) in advance to the respective secretariats of the REGI committee (email: regi-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu) and of the Directorate for relations with national Parliaments (email: national.parliaments@europarl.europa.eu). These documents will be circulated during the meeting.
- Meeting documents will be progressively added to the Events section of the REGI Committee pages: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/homeCom.do?language=EN&body=REGI> and to the WebNP event webpage: <http://europarl.europa.eu/webnp>

THE MEETING IS BROADCASTED LIVE AND RECORDED

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