

## Event Fostering Integrated and Sustainable Urban Development in the Future EU Cohesion Policy

**19 February 2025**

**13:00 - 18:00 CET Brussels**

*Reception 18:00-19:00*

### Venue:

*Beethoven Hall,*  
Permanent Representation of the Federal  
Republic of Germany to the European Union,  
Rue Jacques de Lalaing 8/14, 1040 Brussels



## Important logistical information:

- Security checks will be carried out upon entering the building: Please arrive early with a **valid photo ID**.
- Please note there is no bike parking in front of the building.
- Large luggage cannot be brought into the conference.
- Photographs of the event and participants will be taken during the meeting for documentation and the network's public relations.
- The event will be **held in English**. No translation provided.

*The event will be moderated by Martin Grisel (EUKN) and Daniela Patti (Eutropian)*

13:00-13:30 **Registration and security check**

13:30-13:45 **Welcome and opening of the conference**

- **Till Spannagel**, Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union in Brussels
- **Dietmar Horn**, Director General Urban Development and Territorial Cohesion, German Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building (BMWSB)
- **Nicola De Michelis**, Acting Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)

13:45-14:40 **Implementing Cohesion Policy and the urban dimension: a stocktaking across Europe**

- **Renata Calak**, Director of Department of Strategy, Polish Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Poland
- **Barbara Crome**, German Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building and **Dr. Rene Peter Hohmann**, German Association for Housing, Urban and Spatial Development, Germany
- **Karen van Dantzig**, Dutch Urban Envoy, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, the Netherlands
- **Jan Schneider**, Director-General, Section Regional and Housing Policy, Strategies and Analyses, Czech Ministry of Regional Development, Czechia

14:40-15:00 **Coffee break**

15:00-16:15 **Cities in Europe and Europe in cities: realising Cohesion Policy on the ground**

- **Alessandra Barbieri**, Head of Funding Research Service and PON Metro, City of Florence, Italy
- **Benedek Jávör**, Head of the Representation of Budapest to the EU
- **Laura Polverari**, Associate Professor in Political Science, University of Padua, Italy
- **Jiří Starý**, Head of ITI Management Unit, Department of Urban Organisations, Strategic Development and Investment, City of Ústí nad Labem, Czechia

16:30-17:45 **Striving for an ambitious policy agenda for cities: an outlook**

- **Federica Bordelot**, Director Policy and Impact, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- **Marcos Ros Sempere**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Anton Schrag**, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO)
- **André Sobczak**, Secretary General, Eurocities
- **Thomas Wobben**, European Committee of the Regions

18:00-19:00 **Network Reception**