



INVITATION

SECOND MACRO-REGIONAL CITIZEN AGORA

Brussels, 17 December 2024

Towards a macro-regional civil strategy

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee 6th Floor, Atrium
(rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 99-101, 1040 Brussels)

- 9:00-10:00** **Registration & networking**
- 10:00** Welcome by Miklos BARABAS, Director, European House Budapest
Introductory statements
Slawomir TOKARSKI, Director, European Commission, DG Regio
Ioannis VARDAKASTANIS, European Economic and Social Committee ECO President
- 10:30** Guiding word: DISCOVERING
Opening panel discussion
This is where we are: macro-regional strategies today
Anna HAGSTRÖM, Prime Minister's Office, Sweden (EUSBSR)
Dr Harald STRANZL, Ambassador, EUSDR Austrian Presidency (EUSDR)
Mathilde KONSTATOPOULOU, EUSAIR Hellenic Presidency (EUSAIR)
Hortense LUTZ-HERMELIN, Head, Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region Delegation, Brussels (EUSALP)
Igor STUDENNIKOV, Center for Regional Studies, Ukraine
- Discussion with the participants
- 11:30** Guiding word: INVOLVING
Towards the new Implementation Report on EU Macro-Regional Strategies of the Commission
Johan MAGNUSSON, Team Leader, European Commission, DG Regio
- 12:00** Guiding word: CONNECTING
From Budapest to Brussels
Yoan POMPET, Maison des Européens Lyon, France for the EUSALP
Pejo BOSNIC, EASTok, Croatia for the EUSAIR
Christiana PORDES, The World of NGOs, Austria for the EUSDR
Silva LAURE, Baltic Sea Youth Forum, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Youth Representatives, Latvia for the EUSBSR
- Discussion with the participants
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:00** Introduction to the Working Groups



14:20-15:30

Guiding word: SHAPING

Parallel Working Group sessions

Group 1

The future of EU macro-regional strategies

Moderator: Magda LESZCZYNA-RZUCIDLO, EUSBSR PA Tourism Coordinator,
Baltic Institute for Regional and European Affairs, Gdansk

Resource person: Stanka PARAC DAMJANOVIC, LDA Subotica, Serbia

Group 2

Everyday perspectives of the Cohesion policy

Moderator: Eli HADZHIEVA, European House Budapest

Resource person: Elena CALISTRU, European Economic and Social Committee

Group 3

Challenges of meaningful MRS youth participation

Moderator: Thomas KEUTHEN, former Member of the EUSALP Youth Council, Germany

Resource person: Gaby HAGMÜLLER, European Commission DG Regio

Group 4

A new initiative: the European Cross-Border Association (ECBA)

Moderator: Mathieu DE POORTER, CEDAG, Brussels

Resource person: Hanna SURMATZ, Philea, Brussels

15:30

Guiding word: SHARING

Plenary session

Feedback from the Working Groups

15:50

Preparation of the Agora Mood Poster

16:20

Evaluation of the day and farewell message

16:30

End of meeting

Tuesday, 17 December 2024