



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)
Maryna YAROSHEVYCH, Ukrainian Prism Europe, 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

12:55

Special Greetings

Séamus BOLAND, President, EESC Group III (Civil Society Organisations),
Designated Candidate for the EESC Presidency 2025-2028

Tuesday, 17 December 2024



- 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**

