



Closing event of the preparatory action

"RURBAN - sustainable rural-urban partnerships"

Seminar organized jointly by EP Urban Intergroup and the European Commission

28 January 2014 - 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Brussels, Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Room 0D

DRAFT AGENDA

Moderator: Mr Jan Olbrycht, chair of the Urban Intergroup of the European Parliament

10h00 – 11h00: Introductory session - the rationale behind RURBAN and overview of key results

Welcome and introduction

- Mr Walter Deffaa – Director-General, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy
- Mr Jerzy Plewa – Director-General, Directorate-General Agriculture and rural Development
- Presentation of BBSR desk study - Mr Rupert Kawka
- Presentation of OECD study – Mr Joaquim Oliveira Martins, Mr Paolo Veneri, Mrs Betty-Ann Bryce

11h00 – 12h00: Panel session 1 - The involvement of regional and local stakeholders in RURBAN and the role of cohesion policy in stimulating rural-urban partnerships

Panel debate

- Mr Peter Simon, Vice-president of the Urban Intergroup of the European Parliament
- Mrs Christa Standecker, Managing director of Nuremberg Metropolitan Region
- Mrs Valerie J Carter, President of ECOVAST

- Mr Jerzy Zająkła, Rapporteur, Committee of the Regions
- Mrs Hilary Lawson, Secretary-General of PURPLE
- Mrs Juliane Kürschner, Vice president of METREX

12h00 – 13h00: Panel session 2 - The role of cohesion policy in promoting sustainable urban-rural partnerships

Panel debate

- Mr Romeo Stavarache, Rapporteur, Committee of the Regions
- Mr Michael Ralph, advisor to the Deputy Director-general, European Commission, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy
- Mr Mihail Dumitru, Director, European Commission, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development
- Mr Lothar Blatt, Director of the German-Austrian Urban Network
- Mr Joaquim Oliveira Martins, Head of division, OECD