



**DRAFT PROGRAMME**  
**European Week of Regions and Cities – CEMR Workshop**

***“Getting Europe back on its feet” – a view from local and regional governments***

**Wednesday 11 October 2017, 11.15-13.00**

**Address: European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels  
Meeting Room, JDE 62**

Outline of CEMR’s workshop

CEMR adopted its position on the Future of Europe at the Policy Committee meeting in Chios in June, and we are also finalising the publication “Europe 2030”. The key themes explored during CEMR’s discussion were:

- Europe closer to its citizens
- Europe fostering its diversity
- Europe focussing on the major issues
- An inclusive, innovative and sustainable Europe
- Europe playing its part in the world

CEMR’s workshop will take these themes as its starting point for the debate and will present diverse ideas on a remodelled European project, viewed from the perspective of local and regional governments. The workshop is organised under the theme **‘Regions and Cities as change agents’** heading and is entitled, *“Getting Europe back on its feet” – a view from local and regional governments.*

Format of the event

The event will be organised in 3 distinct sessions lasting 30 minutes and follow a similar format. In order to set the context for debate during each session, two contrasting presentations, lasting a **maximum of 3 minutes**, will be made. The aim is that these short, punchy presentations will help give an upbeat, dynamic start to the discussion. Once each speaker has made his/her contribution, a panel of respondents representing diverse views, will be invited make their comments on what they have heard and to provide additional insight drawn from their specific experiences.

**INTRODUCTION: Getting Europe back on its feet – paving the way for a revived model**

Moderators for the event: **Frédéric Vallier**, Secretary General, CEMR and **Angelika Poth–Mögele**, Executive Director European Affairs, CEMR

- Short introductory remarks (5 mins)

**SESSION 1: A diverse Europe, closer to its citizens and concentrating on the big issues (30 minutes)**

*Invited speakers*

- **Stefano Bonaccini**, CEMR President, President of Region of Emilia-Romagna, IT

*Panel of Respondents invited:*

- **Markku Markkula**, First Vice-President, European Committee of the Regions
- **Jan Olbrycht** MEP, President of the Urban Intergroup, European Parliament
- **Michelle Sutton**, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Commissioner Frans Timmermans

## **SESSION 2: An inclusive, innovative and sustainable Europe (30 minutes)**

*Invited speakers:*

- **Florence Forzy-Raffard**, Municipal Councillor, Bordeaux, CEMR French Association (AFCCRE)

*Panel of Respondents invited:*

- **Stefano Bonaccini**, CEMR President, President of Emilia-Romagna, IT
- **Eva Maydell** MEP, Vice-President of European Movement International
- **Rudolf Niessler**, Director, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy
- **Anna Widegren**, Secretary General, Youth Forum

## **SESSION 3: Europe that plays its part in the world (30 minutes)**

*Invited Speakers*

- **Gunn Marit Helgesen**, CEMR Co-President, President of Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
- **Carlos Martínez Mínguez**, CEMR Vice-President, Mayor of Soria, ES

*Panel of Respondents invited:*

- **Paolo Ciccarelli**, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG for International Cooperation and Development
- **Nelson Fernandez**, Director, International relations and cooperation Montevideo, Regional Secretary of Latin-America Metropolis
- **Kelmend Zajazi**, Secretary General, Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS)

*Concluding remarks*

**Dr Rainer Haas MA**, CEMR Co-President, President of County of Ludwigsburg, DE

**Session ends**

Interpretation throughout the event will be provided from and into **English, French and Italian**