

Future of macro regional strategies in the EU post 2020

Draft Agenda

The main purpose of the seminar is to facilitate an open discussion about the future of macro-regional strategies in the European Union by gathering the experience and recommendations from all existing Strategies. The discussions will focus on how the functioning of macro-regional strategies can be improved in the near future, what key challenges and obstacles they are currently facing and what role they could play post 2020.

10.00– 10.10 Opening remarks

György Kozma, Head of Cabinet at the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU

10.10 – 10.50 Statements on the current functioning and challenges of the macro regional strategies

- EU Strategy for the Danube Region Presidency
Gábor Jenei, Deputy National Coordinator of Hungary
- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Presidency
Erik Kiesow, National Coordinator of Sweden
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region Presidency
Firbas Ioannis, National Coordinator of Greece
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region Presidency
Katharina Hellmann, Head of Unit, Bavarian State Chancellery

10.50 – 11.10 Q&A Session

11.10 – 11.30 'Current state of macro-regional strategies and their possible future perspectives'
Moray Gilland - Head of Unit for Policy Development and Economic Analysis, Directorate- General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

11.30 – 11.45 'Embedding macro-regional strategies into EU policy post 2020'
Katharina Hellmann - Head of Unit, Bavarian State Chancellery; Presidency of EU Strategy of the Alpine Region

11.45 – 12.00 Q&A Session

12.00 – 12.15 'New grass root initiatives – Carpathian Macro-Regional Strategy'
Filip Chybalski - First Secretary, Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU

12.15 – 12.30 Q&A Session

12.30 – 13.15 Lunch

13.15 – 14.15 'Presentations of the future prospects of macro-regional strategies from a programming perspective'

Alessandra Pala - Head of Joint Secretariat, Danube Transnational Program
Niclas Forsling - Policy Area Coordinator (Innovation), Nordic Council of Ministers
Secretariat - EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

14.15 – 14.45 Q&A Session

14.45 – 15.15 'Results and conclusions from the studies conducted by Interact'
Jörg Mirtl, Program Manager, Macroregional Strategies at Interact Programme

15.15 – 15.25 Concluding remarks - Hungarian Presidency of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region
Gábor Jenei, Deputy National Coordinator of Hungary