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Meeting of the High-Level Group of Macro-regional Strategies

30 May 2016, 13:30 - 17:00

Agenda

Venue: Albert Borschette Congress Center (CCAB), Rue Froissart 36, Brussels

13:30 - 14:00	Registration
14:00 - 14:15	Welcome and opening by Ms Lena Andersson Pench, Director, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
14:15 - 14:45	Meeting chaired by Dr Andrea Mairate, Head of Competence Centre Macro-regions and European Territorial Co-operation - Transnational and Interregional Co-operation, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
	Key note speech by Kai Böhme (Spatial Foresight) on macroregional strategies and territorial cohesion.
	State of affairs of macro-regional strategies:
	Challenges to overcome
14:45 - 15:30	<i>What are the main challenges still ahead? Where do the problems come from? Are they clearly identified, as well as the responsibilities? Are there any ways to remedy them? How? Would it imply any change in the way strategies are designed and implemented?</i>
	Discussion
15:30 - 16.15	Concrete results
	<i>What has been achieved thanks to the macro-regional strategies since they were launched? What are the most satisfactory results achieved? Are there particular good projects/initiatives or political decisions that should be highlighted? Have they influenced policy decisions in certain areas? To what extent have they reinforced cooperation in the macro-regions concerned? Who has benefitted from it? Has it modified the internal governance structure in the countries/regions concerned? How?</i>
	Discussion
16:15 - 16:45	Future developments
	<i>How do you see the evolution of the existing strategies? What do you expect from them in the next years? What role should strategies play in the next cohesion policy post-2020? What contribution/added value could the concept bring into it? Do you think it provides a more appropriate response</i>

	<i>to global issues shared by all countries?</i> Discussion
16:45 - 17:00	Wrap-up and closing of the meeting