
Extraordinary meeting of the Committee of the Regions Bureau

Tuesday, 17 March

**Please note that Latvian time is one hour ahead of Brussels time*

Afternoon/evening Arrival to National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas Street 3

Registration
Venue: Accreditation Centre, 1st floor

18:00-19:30 Meeting of National Delegation Coordinators
Venue: Hall "Zemgale", 2nd floor

Meeting of Conference of Presidents
Venue: Hall „Rīga”, 2nd floor

Departure on foot for dinner venue (2-4 minutes from National Library of Latvia; 5-7 minutes from Radisson BLU Daugava Hotel)

20:00-22:00 Official dinner
Venue: Railway Museum, Uzvaras Boulevard 2A

Departure on foot to the hotel

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Arrival to National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas Street 3

Starting from 8:30 Registration of participants
Venue: Accreditation Centre, 1st floor

9:00 Welcome coffee
Hall „Daugava”, 2nd floor

9:30-11:00 Bureau meeting part I
Venue: Hall „Rīga”, 2nd floor

- Adoption of the agenda

- Minutes of the 157th Bureau meeting held on 12 February 2015

- Welcome address by Mr Nils Ušakovs, Chairman of Riga City Council

9:40 Debate “Investing in Connecting Europe: The Digital Agenda as a key territorial element”

Opening of the meeting:

- Welcome address by Mr Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions

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- Statement by Mr Arnis Daugulis, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvian EU Presidency
 - Statement by Ms Inese Vaidere, Member of the European Parliament
- 10:00–10:15 Key note speech by Mr Zoran Stančič, Deputy Director-General, Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), European Commission
- 10:15–10:50 Debate with the Bureau Members:
- Ms Anne Karjalainen, CoR Rapporteur on the Digital Agenda
 - Ms Odeta Žerlauskienė, CoR Rapporteur on the Digital Agenda
 - Ms Māra Jākobsone, Vice-President of the Latvian Information and Communications Technology Association
- 10:50-11:00 Conclusions:
- Mr Andris Jaunsleinis, President of Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments
 - Mr Karl-Heinz Lambertz, first vice-president of the CoR
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
Hall „Daugava”, 2nd floor
- 11:30-13:00 Bureau meeting part II
- Statement by the president
 - Consultative work
 - Communication Plan 2015
 - Setting-up/Renewal of Interregional Groups
 - Re-establishment of the Audit Committee and its composition
 - 2015 Action plan for Cooperation between the European Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank
 - AOB
- Venue: Hall „Rīga”, 2nd floor*
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch
Venue: Restaurant, 1st floor

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