

Extraordinary meeting of the Committee of the Regions Bureau

Media programme

Wednesday, 18 March

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9:00	Media centre opens
9:30-11:00	Bureau meeting part I <i>Venue: Hall „Rīga”, 2nd floor</i> The session is open for press participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome address by Mr Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions- 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Andris Jaunsleinis, President of Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments- Mr Karl-Heinz Lambertz, first vice-president of the CoR
11:00-13:00	TIME FOR INTERVIEWS WITH: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions- Andris Jaunsleinis, President of Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments
13:00	Media centre closes