



The Chair

Brussels, 31 March 2015

**For the attention of the members of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget**

**Subject:** 3rd meeting of the COTER commission and conference on *Integrated solutions for mobility and urban development in functional urban areas* on 12 and 13 May 2015 in Riga (Latvia)

Dear colleagues,

Please find enclosed the draft agenda of the COTER external meeting and an outline of the conference on *Integrated solutions for mobility and urban development in functional urban areas* to be held on 12 and 13 May 2015 in Riga (Latvia) at the invitation of Dainis Turlais, COTER member and Member of Riga City Council.

I would kindly ask you to:

- register for the COTER commission meeting and conference via the online registration form **by 17 April 2015**: (<http://selectsurvey-gen.cor.europa.eu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m6KH3m5M> – ID of the survey = m6KH3m5M. Please note that you will be requested to create a login and password for the online registration form. We strongly recommend you keep this login and password in case an update or modification to your registration is needed;
- **book your hotel** directly with one of the proposed hotels;
- submit your **confirmation of attendance** and any delegation of presence through the online tool which is accessible through the Members' Portal on the CoR main website using your personal username and password ([www.cor.europa.eu/members](http://www.cor.europa.eu/members)).

In accordance with Rule 66(1) of the Rules of Procedure, I hereby set **the deadline for tabling amendments** for the draft opinions to be discussed no later than **Tuesday, 21 April at 3 p.m.** (Brussels time). I look forward to seeing you in Riga and hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

**Raffaele Cattaneo**

**Enc.:** Appendices

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## Committee of the Regions

Brussels, 31 March 2015

### NOTICE OF MEETING

#### COMMISSION FOR TERRITORIAL COHESION POLICY AND EU BUDGET (COTER)

Meeting No	3
Chair	Raffaele Cattaneo (IT/EPP)
Venue	Room Omega, Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija, Riga
Date	Tuesday, 12 May 2015, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Amendment deadline	No later than 3 p.m. (Brussels time) on Tuesday, 21 April 2015 - Rule 66(1) of the Rules of Procedure
Deadline for submitting a delegation of presence	Midnight on Monday, 11 May 2015 (midnight before the meeting)

**10 a.m.** The political coordinators' meeting will be held in camera (**room Omega**).

Draft agenda:

#### **10.30 a.m.**

Welcome address by Mr Kaspars Gerhards, Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia

- 1. Adoption of the draft agenda**  
COR-2015- 01451-00-02-CONVPOJ
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the second meeting**  
COR-2015-01253-00-00-PV
- 3. Statement by the chair**

#### 4. **Organisation of future work**

For decision:

- 4.1 Opinions on the basis of consultations (Rule 41(a)) - Appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.2 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b i))
  - Decision to draw up an opinion
  - Appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.3 Own-initiative opinions (Rule 41b ii))
  - Decision to request Bureau authorisation for an opinion
  - Provisional appointment of rapporteurs
- 4.4 Decisions not to draw up an opinion
- 4.5 Ongoing work programme and decision on attributions by the president (COR-2015-00483-00-01-TCD)

For information:

- 4.6 Follow-up to opinions (COR-2015-00142-00-00-TCD)

#### 5. **Interinstitutional cooperation, priorities and future activities in the field of cohesion policy**

Statement by a representative from the European Commission, and debate with members (tbc)

#### 6. **Opinion –discussion and adoption**

#### **Outcome of the negotiations on the partnership agreements and operational programmes**

Commission document	N/A
Document	COR-2014-06248-00-00-PA
Type of opinion	Own-initiative (Rule 41 b) ii))
Dossier	COTER-VI-001
Rapporteur	<b>Ivan Žagar (SI/EPP)</b>
Presentation	Results of the online survey on the Outcome of the negotiations on the PAs and OPs
Statement by	A representative from the European Commission (tbc)
Adoption planned for the plenary session	8-9 July 2015

## 7. Opinion – exchange of views

### Financial instruments in support of territorial development

Commission document	Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013
Document	COR-2015-01772-00-00-DT
Type of opinion	Own-initiative (under Rules 41 b) ii) and 44)
Dossier	COTER-VI-005
Rapporteur	<b>Mr Adam Struzik (PL/EPP)</b>
Statement by	Mr Brian Field, Urban Planning and Development Adviser, European Investment Bank (tbc) A representative from the European Commission (tbc)
Discussion and adoption (planned date)	13 July 2015
Adoption planned for the plenary session	12-14 October 2015

## 8. Any other business

## 9. Confirmation of the date of the next meeting: Monday, 13 July 2015 in Brussels

### 1 p.m. - End of meeting

**Working languages:** 23/23 BG/ES/CS/DA/DE/ET/EL/EN/FR/HR/IT/LV/LT/HU/MT/NL/PL/PT /RO/SK/SL/FI/SV

#### Interpreting:

(participants may speak in their own language) 11 CS/DE/EL/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/NL/PL/SL

(participants may listen in) 10 CS/DE/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/NL/PL/SL

Amendments must be submitted through the online tool for tabling amendments (available on the Members' Portal at: <http://www.cor.europa.eu/members>).

**N.B.: Only members of this commission and alternates delegated to attend the meeting will be entitled to travel and subsistence payments.**

Members are asked to use the online system for delegation of presence and voting rights in order to confirm their attendance at the meeting or to notify the secretariat of any delegation of presence to another member or alternate under Rule 5(2) of the Rules of Procedure. The online system is accessible through the Members' Portal on the CoR main website.

**The Helpdesk (+32-2-546-9697; email: [helpdesk@cor.europa.eu](mailto:helpdesk@cor.europa.eu)) will be happy to provide any further assistance you may need.**

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## **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

### **Tuesday, 12 May 2015**

- 9.30 a.m. Meetings of the political groups
- 10 a.m. Meeting of the political coordinators (in camera)
- 10.30 a.m. COTER commission meeting
- 1 p.m. Buffet lunch
- 3 p.m.<sup>1</sup> Departure from Radisson Blu hotel for the study visits
- 5.30 p.m. Return to Radisson Blu hotel after the study visits
- 7 p.m. Departure from the hotels for the official dinner

### **Wednesday, 13 May 2015**

- 8.30 a.m. Registration of participants
- 9 a.m. COTER commission conference on *Integrated solutions for mobility and urban development in functional urban areas*
- 1 p.m. End of the COTER commission conference
- 1.15 p.m. Buffet lunch

For more information, please refer to the practical information below.

#### ***Venue:***

*Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija, Riga*

<sup>1</sup>

We would like to inform members of the COTER Working Group on the EU Budget that they are invited to attend its first meeting from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Omega room – A separate invitation will be addressed to them in due time.

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## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

### **COTER commission conference on Integrated solutions for mobility and urban development in functional urban areas**

**Riga (Latvia), 13 May 2015 – from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The European Union has a unique polycentric structure built around large, medium-sized and small towns and cities, where around 68% of its population live. Citizens and businesses in these urban areas rely on access to efficient and sustainable transport systems. However, mobility needs do not end at the administrative borders of cities. Cities and economic centres are functionally interlinked and embedded into their respective conurbations and hinterland. When planning urban transport systems, these functional linkages have to be taken into account in an integrated and comprehensive way, aiming at all modes and forms of transport in the entire functional area of a city or urban agglomeration, in order to ensure that the mobility needs of citizens and businesses can be fulfilled. To this end, cooperation between towns and cities with their surrounding rural municipalities on sustainable urban mobility solutions is of utmost importance, also in view of embedding mobility in the broader concept of spatial planning and urban development, not only to improve urban transport and infrastructure but also to combat urban sprawl and rethink the relationship between cities and their surrounding urban-rural environment. The cooperation seen in functional urban areas is also needed in other areas of urban development, in order to find integrated and cost-effective solutions that promote quality of life for inhabitants of urban areas.

#### ***Session 1: Integrated mobility planning in functional urban areas***

The first session will discuss integrated approaches to urban mobility planning that aim at creating a sustainable urban transport system by comprehensively addressing all modes and forms of transport in the entire functional area of a city or urban agglomeration and embedding mobility planning into the broader concept of spatial planning and urban development.

### ***Session 2: Innovative solutions for public transport in functional urban areas***

The second session will discuss best practice examples of innovative and cost-effective solutions for public transport in functional urban areas, including the use of alternative and eco-friendly fuels.

### ***Session 3: Integrated solutions for urban development***

The third session will widen the scope beyond transport and discuss integrated solutions for urban development aiming at promoting quality of life for inhabitants, in particular in urban areas affected by outmigration and shrinking/ageing populations.

### **Venue**

*Omega Room - Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija, Riga*

### **Interpreting arrangements**

9: CS/DE/EL/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/PL (*languages in which participants may speak*)

8: CS/DE/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/PL (*languages into which the proceedings will be interpreted*)

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# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**3rd meeting of the COTER commission and conference on *Integrated solutions for mobility and urban development in functional urban areas* on 12 and 13 May in Riga (Latvia)**

## Venue

Both the COTER meeting and the conference will be held in *Room Omega* at the *Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija*, *Elizabetes street nr. 55, LV-1010 Riga*, Tel.: +371 67 772 222

Website: <http://www.radissonblu.com/latvijahotel-riga/meetings>

**Important:** Please note that this Radisson Blu *Latvija* Hotel is not the one where the Bureau of 18 March was held.

The meetings of the political groups will be held in the following rooms (EPP: *Room Lambda*, PES: *Room Sigma 2*, ALDE: *Room Epsilon*, EA: *Room Gamma 2*, ECR: *Room Gamma 1*)

## Interpreting arrangements

Please note that, subject to confirmation, interpreting for the COTER meeting will be provided in the following languages:

11: CS/DE/EL/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/NL/PL/SL (*languages in which participants may speak*)

10: CS/DE/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/NL/PL/SL (*languages into which the proceedings will be interpreted*)

Please note that, subject to confirmation, interpreting for the conference will be provided in the following languages:

9: CS/DE/EL/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/PL (*languages in which participants may speak*)

8: CS/DE/EN/FR/IT/LV/LT/PL (*languages into which the proceedings will be interpreted*)

## Registration

For the COTER commission meeting of 12 May 2015 and the COTER conference on 13 May 2015, members must submit any delegation of presence or confirmation of attendance via the online tool, which is accessible through the Members' Portal on the CoR's main website using a personal username and password.

Each CoR member has received detailed information about the system, as well as their personal username and password to enable them to access the online system.

A Helpdesk is also at your disposal to provide you with any assistance you may need (email: [helpdesk@cor.europa.eu](mailto:helpdesk@cor.europa.eu), tel. + 32 2 546 96 97)



Direct access to the Members' Portal is at the following web address: [www.cor.europa.eu/members](http://www.cor.europa.eu/members)

**N.B.:** The deadline for submitting a delegation of presence is midnight on Monday, 11 May 2015 (midnight before the meeting).

We would kindly ask you to register for the COTER commission meeting and conference events via the online registration form by **Friday, 17 April 2015**: <http://selectsurvey-gen.cor.europa.eu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m6KH3m5M> - ID of the survey = m6KH3m5M. Please note that you will be requested to create a login and password for the online registration form. We strongly recommend you keep this login and password in case an update or modification to your registration is needed.

### **Hotel accommodation**

Participants are requested to book a hotel using the hotel reservation information available via the survey which can be found through the following link <http://selectsurvey-gen.cor.europa.eu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m6KH3m5M> - ID of the survey = m6KH3m5M. We kindly remind each participant to register directly via the chosen hotel.

<b>HOTELS</b>	<b>CONTACTS FOR RESERVATION</b>	<b>PRICE PER NIGHT</b> <i>(including breakfast and taxes)</i>
<b>Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija ****</b> (meeting venue)	Tel.: +371 67 772 222 Email: <a href="mailto:info.latvija.riga@radissonblu.com">info.latvija.riga@radissonblu.com</a> Fax: +371 677 72 221 Address: Elizabetes street nr. 55 – 1010 Riga Website: <a href="http://www.radissonblu.com/latvijahotel-riga">http://www.radissonblu.com/latvijahotel-riga</a>  Booking link <a href="http://www.radissonblu.com/booking-entrance?language=en&amp;siteCode=RIXZL&amp;adults_room1=2&amp;rooms=1&amp;children_room1=0&amp;arrival=11/05/2015&amp;departure=13/05/2015&amp;paccode=COTER">http://www.radissonblu.com/booking-entrance?language=en&amp;siteCode=RIXZL&amp;adults_room1=2&amp;rooms=1&amp;children_room1=0&amp;arrival=11/05/2015&amp;departure=13/05/2015&amp;paccode=COTER</a>  Promotional code: COTER	Single/Double: EUR 119  CANCELLATION POLICY: there is no charge if cancellation is received at least <b>FOUR</b> days before scheduled arrival. Otherwise, cancellation of a confirmed reservation will be subject to a 100% cancellation policy.  PRE-BOOKING DEADLINE: Please note that <b><u>the availability of pre-booked rooms will not be guaranteed after 17 April 2015.</u></b>

<p><b>Clarion Collection Hotel Valdemars****</b> (5 minutes' walking distance from the meeting venue)</p>	<p>Tel.: +371 67 33 44 62  Email: <a href="mailto:cc.valdemars@choice.lv">cc.valdemars@choice.lv</a>  Fax: +371 67 33 30 01  Address: K.Valdemara street nr. 23, LV-1010, Riga</p> <p>Website:  <a href="https://www.nordicchoicehotels.com/clarion-collection/clarion-collection-hotel-valdemars/">https://www.nordicchoicehotels.com/clarion-collection/clarion-collection-hotel-valdemars/</a></p> <p>Please book your room via the registration form attached in the survey</p>	<p>Single: EUR 61  Double: EUR 66</p> <p>CANCELLATION POLICY: there is no charge if cancellation is received before 4 p.m. Latvian time on the day of the scheduled arrival. Otherwise, cancellation of a confirmed reservation will be subject to a 100% cancellation policy (the first night booking value must be paid in full).</p> <p>PRE-BOOKING DEADLINE: Please note that <b><u>the availability of pre-booked rooms will not be guaranteed after 30 April 2015.</u></b></p>
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**Lunch on Tuesday, 12 May from 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.**

A buffet lunch will be offered by Riga City Council between 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the venue of the meeting.

**Study visits – Tuesday, 12 May from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.**

Two options are proposed but only one study visit can be chosen as they are both taking place at the same time:

Option 1 - New technologies of the Riga transport fleet with the possibility to see new transport units and traffic technologies – trams, buses etc.

Information will also be provided on the latest innovations such as e-governance of city traffic flows and the incorporation of hydrogen fuel cells technologies for better air quality in Riga City.

Option 2 - Riga Water Ltd, new infrastructure at the 'Daugavgrīva' purification station.

Information will be provided on the biological waste water treatment process that is developed in order to improve the quality of the Baltic Sea, the environment and to help reduce pollution. The visit will provide a possibility to see the biological waste water treatment basins and the results of the automatic control system of the 'Daugavgrīva' biological waste water treatment plant.

If you wish to attend a study visit, you are invited to register via the survey.

### **Official dinner on Tuesday, 12 May at 8 p.m.**

The Mayor of Riga will host an official dinner at the Blackheads House. This building is the current official residence of the President of the Republic of Latvia, Mr Andris Bērziņš, (Ratslaukums 6, Riga).

*For security reasons, there will be a strict access control to the venue.*

CoR members and assistants that will attend the dinner are asked to bring their CoR badge with them.

If the person accompanying a CoR member does not have a CoR badge they should inform the COTER secretariat and should bring his/her ID card to the dinner.

Only participants who have been duly registered for the dinner will be authorised to enter the venue of the dinner.

In order to facilitate smooth access, shuttles bringing dinner guests from the Radisson Blue Hotel Latvija to the venue will depart at 7 p.m.

### **Lunch on Wednesday, 13 May at 1.15 p.m.**

A buffet lunch will be offered by Riga City Council at 1.15 p.m. at the venue of the conference.

### **Guided tour of Riga on Wednesday, 13 May from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

A sightseeing tour of Riga by bus will be organised on Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested, please register via the survey.

### **Travel arrangements and shuttles**

#### **Arrivals and departures:**

Since the hotels and meeting venue are easily accessible from Riga International Airport (RIX), a transfer service will not be provided on arrival or departure.

Taxi services are available at Riga airport 24 hours a day and are located outside the arrivals area. The average fare from the airport to the city centre (Old Town) is €15-20. As usual, the fare depends on distance and time.

Public transport bus No 22 connects the airport with the city centre. The bus stop is located across the car park in front of Arrivals E. The service operates approximately every 15 minutes on Mondays to Fridays and approximately every 20 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays. It takes around 30 minutes to get to the City centre. For more information about public transport in Riga, please visit: [www.rigassatiksmes.lv/en/](http://www.rigassatiksmes.lv/en/)

Transport during the event:

A shuttle will be organised for journeys between Radisson Blue Hotel Latvija and the venue of the study visits.

A shuttle will also be organised for journeys between Radisson Blue Hotel Latvija and Clarion Collection Hotel and the venue of the official dinner.

Local time:

Latvian time is GMT+2

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