

European Economic and Social Committee Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion

TOGETHER FOR AN INTEGRATED, INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ALPINE REGION

Public hearing on the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region

Thursday, 25 June 2015 from 10:00

DRAFT PROGRAMME

All speakers to be confirmed

10.00 WELCOME ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION

- Joost van Iersel, President of the Section for Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion (ECO), European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- **Roberto Confalonieri**, President of the EESC Study Group on the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- **Roberto Maroni**, President of Lombardy, the coordinator region of the seven Italian regions within the macro-region

Keynote speaker:

• Kai Böhme, Director of Spatial Foresight GmbH

10.45 BACKGROUND OF THE DEBATE

- Stefano Palmieri, Rapporteur of the opinion "EU Strategy for the Alpine Region", EESC
- Filomena Silva Carvalho, Team Leader EUSALP, European Commission
- *Herwig van Staa*, *Rapporteur of the opinion "An Alpine macro-regional strategy for the European Union", CoR, President of the Tirol Regional Assembly*
- **Ivano Magazzù**, Project Development and Knowledge Management Officer, INTERACT Point Valencia

11.30 ROUND TABLE: FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND PROMOTING INNOVATION IN THE ALPS

- Giuseppe Dematteis, President of Dislivelli
- Patrick Lévy, Project leader, Université Grenoble Alpes
- *Maria Chiara Cattaneo*, *Member*, *Council of Innovation Center Valtellina and Lombardy Green Chemistry Association*
- Elena Lattuada, Secretary General, General Confederation of Labour of Italy (CGIL)
- Mario Erba, Deputy Director General, Banca Popolare di Sondrio

Debate

13.00 Lunch

- **14.30 ROUND TABLE:** CONNECTIVITY FOR ALL
 - Elena Di Bella, Project coordinator, Dante
 - Helena Cvenkel, Slovenian project partner, Move on Green
 - Markus Reiterer, Secretary General, Alpine Convention

Debate

- **16.00 ROUND TABLE:** ENSURING SUSTAINABILITY IN THE ALPINE REGION
 - **Jörg Ruckriegel,** Chariman of the Commission of nature protection and alpine landscape planning, Club Arc Alpin
 - Georges Giraud, Scientific coordinator, EuroMARC
 - Anita Konrad, Deputy Managing Director, CIPRA International

Debate

17.30 CONCLUSIONS

Interpretation ... to ...