

Successful territorial reform

Causes and methods of subnational reform in Council of Europe member states

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Draft programme

09.10 Opening session

Opening speeches by:

- Oliver **PAASCH**, Minister-President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium
- Karl-Heinz **LAMBERTZ**, First Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions, Senator of the German-speaking Community of Belgium, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, President of the Association of European Border Regions
- Luis **LEITE RAMOS**, General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg

09.40 Round Table 1 – Reforms driven by economic crisis

*Moderator: Alexander **HOMANN**, Ministry of the German-speaking Community of Belgium*

Keynote speech:

- Francesco **PALERMO**, Head of Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, Bolzano, Italy

Case studies:

- Jari **PARTANEN**, State Secretary at the Ministry of Local Government and Public Reforms, Finland
- Liam **KENNY**, Director of the Association of Irish Local Government, Ireland

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 Round Table 2 – Reform for better governance

*Moderator: Alexander **HOMANN**, Ministry of the German-speaking Community of Belgium*

Keynote speech:

- Jens **WOELK**, Senior researcher, Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, Bolzano, Italy

Case studies:

- Vache **TERTERYAN**, First Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Development, Armenia
- Franz **MAJCEN**, former President of the Regional Parliament (Landtag) of Styria, Austria
- Paul **ROWSELL**, President of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg; Deputy Director, Democracy, Department for Communities and Local Government, United Kingdom
- Prof. Eva Maria **BELSER**, Co-Director, Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

12.05 Round Table 3 – Accommodating strong regional identities

*Moderator: Alexander **HOMANN**, Ministry of the German-speaking Community of Belgium*

Keynote speech:

- Serafin **PAZOS-VIDAL**, Doctoral Researcher on Subsidiarity and Multilevel Governance (UNED, Spain), Head of Brussels Office, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), United Kingdom

Case studies:

- Christian **BEHRENDT**, Professor of constitutional law, University of Liège, Belgium
- Lóránt **VINCZE**, President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities, Brussels, Belgium
- Amadeu **ALTAF AJ**, Representative of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union, Spain

*Debate***13.05 Lunch****14.45 Round Table 4 – Reforming to consolidate power?**

*Moderator: Alexander **HOMANN**, Ministry of the German-speaking Community of Belgium*

Speeches by:

- Luc **MARTENS**, CEMR Vice-President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Brussels; President of the Association of Flemish Towns and Municipalities; member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities; Municipal Councillor of Roeselare, Belgium
- Bettina **PETERSOHN**, Lecturer in politics, Swansea University, United Kingdom
- Leonce **RÖTH**, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne, Germany

*Debate***15.50 Conclusions**

- Karl-Heinz **LAMBERTZ**

16.00 Reception