

REGLEG Conference of Presidents- 4-5/12/2008 - Brussels

Conference programme

Final

Interpretation is foreseen during the Plenary sessions into (ENG, NL, FR, DE, ES, IT, SV and PT). The working language for the Working Groups of 4 December, however, is English. No interpretation will be foreseen.

Thursday 4 December

time	Activity	Speakers	
12.30	Arrival and registration		
13.00	Buffet lunch		
14.30	Plenary session		
	Welcome	Mrs Marleen Vanderpoorten, President of the Flemish Parliament	
	Opening	Mr Kris Peeters, Flemish Minister-president	
		Mr Kurt Vandenberghe, Chief of Cabinet of Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research	Socio economic challenges the EU faces by 2020, after the Lisbonstrategy
		Mr Karel Vinck, president of the Flanders in Action project	How Flanders as a regio deals with the socio economic challenges towards 2020
		Mr Jo Leinen, President of the AFCO Commission in the European Parliament	Institutional challenges for the EU - concrete challenges towards the Lisbon Treaty and beyond
		Mr Luc Van den Brande, president of the Committee of the Regions	Institutional and socio economic challenges for regions towards 2020
	Interventions by the Presidents		
15.45	Coffee break		
16.20	Brussels Declaration- presentation + invitation to comment on 5/12	Mr Kris Peeters	

16.30	Working Groups		
	Constitution of WG's and appointment of rapporteurs	Mr Koen Verlaeckt, Secretary-general of the Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs and REGLEG Secretary-general	
	Working Group 1 - The future of the cohesion policy	Mrs Mercedes Bresso, President of Piemonte	EU theme : future of the cohesion policy
	Working Group 2 - Regions with legislative power in the EU - future prospects	Mrs Anna Terrón i Cusí, Secretary for the European Union of the Government of Catalunya	Institutional theme : REGLEG regions in the future - prospects - added value
18.00	Presentation conclusions WGs + remarks	Mrs Mercedes Bresso and Mrs Anna Terrón i Cusí	
	Info evening activity		

Reception and dinner at Tour and Taxis location at 20.00 pm.

Friday 5 December

If necessary, a Co-ordination Committee meeting can take place at 9.30 am.

Time	Activity	Speakers	
10.00	Arrival and coffee		
10.30	Report of the Flemish Presidency	Mr Koen Verlaeckt	
10.45	Political Declaration	Mr Kris Peeters	Discussion and approval
11.15	Election 2009 presidency	Mr Koen Verlaeckt	
11.30	2009 : work programme	Mrs Mercedes Bresso	Presentation of the Work Programme by Piemonte
12.00	Closure	Mr Koen Verlaeckt	
12.15	Group picture		
12.30	Press conference + walking lunch		