

Invitation to the informal Meeting of EU Ministers responsible for cohesion policy, territorial cohesion and urban matters on the 20-21st May

15th of April 2025

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, it is my great pleasure to invite you to the informal Meeting of EU Ministers responsible for cohesion policy, territorial cohesion and urban matters that will take place on the 20-21st of May 2025 in Warsaw.

Discussion

At the informal Meeting of Ministers we invite the delegations to discuss our joint policy issues, with a particular focus on highlighting the importance of the place-based approach. Recognising the need to preserve and strengthen the territorial dimension within EU, national and regional policies, we will reflect on possible ways to enhance the territorial sensitivity of policies adopted at different levels. It is of the utmost importance, especially in light of the challenges we are currently facing and the new EU priorities. During the Meeting the joint declaration of the Ministers of the three portfolios shall be adopted to indicate the possible solutions to tackle these challenges. The ministerial discussion will be introduced by a keynote speech delivered by Prof. **Andrés Rodríguez-Pose**.

Moreover, the European Committee of the Regions will present its opinion *'Cohesion policy as a key engine in achieving EU*

goals and reforms: how to further build on its performance-based approach while respecting decentralisation, partnership and multilevel governance’.

Agenda

The Meeting will convene on Wednesday, 21st of May at the Polish Army Museum at the Warsaw Citadel and is expected to conclude with lunch around 14.00 hrs.

Prior to the meeting, on Tuesday, 20th of May we kindly invite you to join the welcome dinner preceded by a cultural programme, which will start at 19.15 hrs at the Palace of Commonwealth, one of the most beautiful Baroque, aristocratic palaces in Warsaw.

Registration

The format of the meeting will be Head of Delegation + 2 for EU member states, the General Secretariat of the Council, the European Commission and non-EU member states. Head of Delegation + 1 format is applicable for the delegations representing organizations and institutions.

We kindly invite you to confirm your participation no later than by the 6th of May 2025 via the online accreditation system. To this end, please send us the name and e-mail address of your Delegation Accreditation Officer (DAO) by the end of 23rd of April to: informal.GAC.cohesion@kprm.gov.pl.

Please find enclosed the draft agenda for the Meeting and the Practical Information Note (PIN) with logistical details.

We look forward to welcoming you to Warsaw,

Yours sincerely,

Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy



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