



AER Bureau meeting & Forum Equal Opportunities 24 & 25 October 2016, Vienna (AT)

PROGRAMME

MONDAY 24 OCTOBER	
	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
12:00	Registrations and Welcome Lunch
	<u>BUREAU MEETING</u> EUROPE AFTER THE BREXIT: IS STATUS QUO AN OPTION? Moderated by Dr. Melanie Sully , Director of Go-Governance Institute
14:00	[Official opening] Ernst Woller , Member of the Viennese Parliament and AER Bureau member Hande Özsan Bozatli , President of the Assembly of European Regions
14:10	[Introduction] A post-Brexit system: How will Europe be reshuffled? Roy Perry , AER Vice-President for Institutional Affairs, Leader of Hampshire (UK)
14:20	[World Café*] Regions' recommendations for a renewed partnership Table #1: Vision and values: towards a common destiny? Table #2: Patterns and institutions: better delivery and more accountability Table #3: Communicate and promote: avoid bashing, back leadership Table #4: Federate: uniting stakeholders, not dividing <i>Tables animated by experts from the AER Observatory on Regionalisation.</i>
15:20	[Coffee Break]
15:50	[Presentation of the AER political priorities 2017-2019] Hande Özsan Bozatli , President of the Assembly of European Regions
16:00	[Debate] Conclusions from the World Café, writing and adoption of the declaration
16:30	[Share] "Europe begins in your municipality" Maximilian Huck , Advisor Press and Information, Austrian Ministry for Europe
16:40	[Inspire] Visionary speech: Europe is dead ? Long live Europe ! Jorg Wojahn , Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria
16:55	[AOB] AOB from the Bureau members and announcement of next Bureau meeting
17:00	Cocktail reception
	<i>Free evening</i>

* World Café is a format allowing more discussion. Each table is made of small groups and there is ONE main question establish in advance. Under the supervision of one expert, each participant has to answer the question (hence, can be prepared in advance). After 30 minutes, the participants change and go to another table to assess the ideas presented there by the previous group and write a concrete proposal. Each table writes its own statement and presents it to the members, before being discussed and voted by the Bureau members.

TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER

08:30 Participants' registration

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FORUM

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN RIGHTS AT REGIONAL LEVEL?

- 09:00 [Welcome statements]
Ana Tomanova Makanova, AER Vice-President for Equal Opportunities and Inclusion
Shams Asadi, Vienna Office for Human Rights (Menschenrechtsbüro)
Géraldine Guille, Moderator of the Forum
- 09:30 [Human rights at regional level]
Jan Haukaas, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
Fritz Boehm, Project Officer for Human Rights, Congress, Council of Europe (CLRAE)
Kristina Grapenholtm & Anna Jacobsson, Human Rights Plan in Västra Götaland
Géraldine Guille, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- 10:30 [Coffee Break]
- 11:00 [Regional experiences]
Lukas Mandl, Gender Budgeting in Lower Austria (AT)
Kenneth Johannesson, Värmland (SE)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia (SK) - TBC

12:00 Lunch

STUDY VISIT TO THE OSCE

ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

Only for registered participants - limited to 50 persons

- 13:00 [Meeting at Vienna's Rathaus and group departure to the OSCE premises]
- 13:30 [Registration and security checks – **please bring your ID/passport**]
- 14:00 [Welcome and presentation of the OSCE]
Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General
- 14:45 [Session #1 - Combatting Terrorism]
Guy Vinet, Head of Strategic Police Matters Unit, Transnational Threats Department
- 15:45 [Session #2 – Gender Equality]
H.E. Miroslava Beham, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues
- 16:45 [End of the Study Visit]

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY

Participants are welcome to enjoy the Austrian National Day, where official and historic building will be open to the public, and the military parade will perform in the city centre.