



CzechReg Days

COHESION POLICY 2014+

<i>Date</i>	11th February 2009
<i>Time</i>	10:00 – 12:30
<i>Venue</i>	Committee of the Regions (room no. 52)

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Objective of CzechRegDays The programme of the Czech Presidency, with its motto "Europe without barriers", will feature political topics which are important for the future of the European Union and its regions. Above all, the discussion will deal with the future strategy of the cohesion policy including topics such as convergence, competitiveness, the Lisbon Strategy, cross-border cooperation and business development support. Another important item on the agenda is the revision of the TEN-T guidelines. These topics are particularly important for the integration of the regions of the new EU member states into a wider territorial context which will contribute to a higher level of cohesion within the EU. Since European policies have their real impact on towns and regions, their experience, attitudes and proposals are particularly useful having practical and realistic background. Therefore the Czech Regions in Brussels (CzechReg) come with an initiative of five seminars and conferences focused on these highly topical agendas in course of the CZ-PRES.

Objective of CP 2014+ To create a platform for presenting the latest outcomes of the Future Cohesion Policy discussion with a special focus on the culminating debate about territorial cohesion. At the end of the year of 2008, the FR-PRES published a report resulting from the exchange of views in the EU Council on territorial cohesion. The 11th February is a very timely day to ask the CoR and EP REGI committee about their ideas adopted in the opinion and draft report. Hand in hand with it the regions will be in an advance stage of drafting their contributions to the public consultation following the publication of Green Paper: "Turning Territorial Diversity Into Strength". Our motivation is to use the momentum to present the most up-to-date views on territorial cohesion on an inter-institutional, inter-national and multilevel basis.

Accompanying event Exhibition „South Bohemia known as well as forgotten”

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Programme:

- 9:30 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 – 10:20 Opening speeches:
- MEP Oldřich Vlasák – host of the event
 - Cyril Svoboda – Minister for Regional Development of the Czech Republic
 - Michael Schneider – President of the CoR Commission COTER
 - František Štangl – Member of the Regional Council of South Bohemia
- 10:20 – 10:50 Key note speeches:
- MEP Jan Olbrycht - Cohesion Policy 2014+ - expectations
 - Katarína Mathernová – Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion - expectations
- 10:50 – 11:30 Territorial cohesion seen from the perspective of the regions:
- Pavel Branda (Liberec region, CZ) - cross-border territorial cohesion
 - Mathieu Simon (Ile-de-France, FR) - urban – rural relation
 - Richard Arnold (Baden-Württemberg, DE) - EU macro-regions
 - Phil McVey (South-West England, UK) - thematic territorial cooperation
- Panel of regional experts interviewed by: Colin Wolfe
- 11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break
- 11:45 – 12:20 Comments from CoR, EP and the Presidency on territorial agenda:
- MEP Lambert van Nistelrooij - EP rapporteur
 - Cyril Svoboda – Minister for Regional Development of the Czech Republic
 - Petr Osvald – Vice-President of the CoR Commission COTER
 - Sir Albert Bore - chairman of the COTER working group on CP2014+
- 12:20 – 12:30 Conclusions:
- Rapporteur Petr Zahradník, Česká spořitelna EU Office
- 12:30 – 13:00 Opening of the exhibition - „South Bohemia known as well as forgotten“
with the presence of:
- Luc Van den Brande – President of the CoR
 - Cyril Svoboda – Minister for Regional Development of the Czech Republic
 - Jaromír Sliva – Member of the Regional Council of South Bohemia

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