



European Committee of the Regions and United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Joint Conference

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| **Disaster Risk Management in European Regions and Cities**  ***Towards reducing the number of affected people***  **Agenda** |

**Venue: European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 101, Brussels, room JDE 51**

**Date: 12 October 2017, 14:30h-17:00h**

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14:00 Registration

14:30 High – level plenary session

- Mr. Karl –Heinz LAMBERTZ (BE/PES), President of the European Committee of the Regions

- Ms. Corina Crețu, European Commission, Commissioner for Regional Policy

- Mr. Robert Glasser, UNISDR, Special Representative of the Secretary General

15:00 Local and regional authorities: Key players in disaster prevention.

*The session will focus on best practices in reducing disaster risk, lessons learned and prevention-related policies.*

Moderator: Mr. Adam BANASZAK (PL/ECR), CoR Rapporteur, Vice-president of Kujawsko-Pomorskie Regional Assembly

- Mrs. Catiuscia Marini (IT/PES), President of the Umbria Region, Italy

- Mrs. Nacira BOULEHOUAT, European Commission DG ECHO - Head of Unit "Disaster Risk Reduction, European Voluntary Humanitarian Corps"

- Mr. Herwig van Staa, President of the Regional Parliament, Tyrol, Austria

- Mr Hannes Kont – Deputy Secretary General for Rescue Policy and Crisis Management, Ministry of Interior, Estonia

- Q&A session and discussion

16:00 Closing the gaps in disaster risk governance

*The session will focus on financing of projects, funding instruments and the role of private companies, as well as avoiding economic downturn after disasters.*

Moderator: Mr. Vito Santarsiero (IT/PES), CoR rapporteur, Member of the Basilicata Regional Council

- Mr. Leonard Reinard, European Investment Bank, Head of Division

- Mrs. Alanna Simpson, World Bank, Regional Coordinator for Europe and Central Asia

- Mr. John Scott, Chief Risk Officer Commercial Insurance, Zurich Insurance Company

- Mr Pavel Branda (CZ/ECR) Deputy-mayor of Rádlo Municipality, chairman of the

Interregional group on cross-border cooperation of the CoR

- Q&A session and discussion

17:00 Conclusions

Moderator: Mr. Harvey Siggs (UK/ECR), CoR Rapporteur, Leader of Mendip Council

- Professor Mr. Angelo Masi, University of Basilicata, IT

- Contributions from the audience

- Conclusions by Mr. Harvey Siggs