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The Future of the European Cohesion Policy

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| 15 September 2017 |

VALENCIA

Museo del Carmen, Carrer del Museu, 2

 17.00–19.45 TOGETHER programme

 Interpretation from DE, EN, FR, ES, IT, RO toDE, EN, FR, ES, IT

17.00-17.05 "TOGETHER" video presentation

17.05-17.10Overview of the event by the moderator Carla González Ricarte

17.10-17.30Welcome by

Iratxe García Pérez, MEP S&D Group, Head of PSOE delegation in the European Parliament and Member of the PSOE Executive Board

Catiuscia Marini, President of the PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions and President of the Umbria region, Italy

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero, MEP S&D Group, PSPV-PSOE Valencia

Ximo Puig i Ferrer, President of the Regional Government of Valencia, Secretary-General of the PSPV-PSOE Valencia and CoR member

17.30-18.10 Postcards from European Cities and Regions illustrating the added value of the European Structural Funds for the economic, social and territorial cohesion in Europe

* **Valencia,** Spain by **Sandra Gómez Lopez**, vice Mayor
* **Thuringia,** Germany by **Babette Winter**, State Secretary for Europe and Culture and CoR member & **Patricia Roth**,  project manager Vocational Training Center of the Chamber of Trade of Erfurt
* **Constanţa,** Romania by **Decebal Făgădău**, Mayor and CoR member
* **Northern Periphery & Arctic region** by **Prof. Martin Charter**, Director of the Centre for Sustainable Design® of the University for the Creative Arts and partner of the project Circular Ocean
* **Nouvelle-Aquitaine**, France by **Isabelle Boudineau**, Vice President of the region and CoR member
* **Malmö,** Sweden by **Ilmar Reepalu**, former Mayor, local councillor and CoR member

18.10-19.00 Debate on the future of the European Cohesion Policy after 2020

Corina Cretu, European Commissioner for Regional policy

 Fabrizio Barca, Economist and Author of "An agenda for a reformed cohesion policy"

Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Isabelle Thomas, MEP, S&D Group Vice-President responsible for budget and cohesion policy

Followed by questions & answers from the audience in the room and via Twitter

19.00-19.15 Presentation ceremony for the Award "TOGETHER Ambassador" by João Albuquerque, President of the Young European Socialists (YES)

19.15-19.30 Presentation of the Statement on the future of the European cohesion policy by Isabelle Thomas, S&D Group Vice-President of the European Parliament and Catiuscia Marini, President of the PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions

and its **Adoption**

 European Anthem - Ode to Joy