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## **European Congress of Rural Communes – COTER seminar**

**“Which Cohesion Policy for rural areas after 2013?”**

20 October 2011

*Venue: Warsaw, Poland, “Kongresowa” Hall of the Palace of Culture and Science, Plac Defilad 1*

9:30-11:00            Registration of participants

10:30            Musical performance

11:00 – 11:40    **Opening of the Congress**

- Mr Mariusz POZNANSKI, Mayor of Czerwonak, President of the Union of Rural Communes of the Republic of Poland
- Mr Michel DELEBARRE, Mayor of Dunkirk, Chairman of the COTER Commission
- Mr Waldemar PAWLAK, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy, Poland
- Mrs Mercedes BRESSO (IT/PES), President of the Committee of the Regions
- Mr Adam STRUZIK (PL/EPP), Member of the Committee of the Regions, Marshal of the Mazovia Region

**11:40-12:45 Session 1 - Development challenges of rural areas within the European Union and Cohesion Policy's answers after 2013**

*Chairperson: Michel DELEBARRE (FR/PSE), Mayor of Dunkirk, Chairman of the COTER Commission*

- **Mr Johannes HAHN**, Commissioner for Regional Policy
- **Mrs Elzbieta BIENKOWSKA**, Minister for Regional Development of Poland
- **Mrs Danuta HÜBNER**, Chairwoman of the Committee on regional development, European Parliament

## Discussion

12:45-13:50 **Session 2 –What development approach is most favourable to real and sustainable development of cities and rural areas?**

*Chairperson: **Luis DURNWALDER** (IT/EPP), Member of the CoR, Chairman of the Management Board of the autonomous province of Bolzano, Rapporteur for the CoR on "The CAP towards 2020"*

- **Mr Marek SAWICKI**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland
- **Mrs Mercedes BRESSO**, President of the Committee of the Regions
- **Mr De CASTRO (ES/PSE)**, President of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, European Parliament
- **Mr John MORLEY**, Consultant, METIS GmbH, author of the report "*The effects of Cohesion Policy in rural areas and experience in co-ordinating with rural development programmes*"

## Discussion

13:50-14:20 **Session 3 – Experience and lessons from local and regional authorities in using Structural Funds for the development of rural areas**

*Chairperson: **Mariusz POZNANSKI**, Mayor of Czerwonak, President of the Union of Rural Communes of the Republic of Poland*

- Mr Vanik BERBERIAN, President of the Association of Rural Communes (France)
- speech of a representative of the Union of Rural Communes of the Republic of Poland (Mr **Jerzy ZAJAKALA** (PL/EA), Member of the Committee of the Regions – **tbc**)
- Mr Nicolean MOLDOVAN, Mayor of Beclean and 1er Vice President of the Association of Rural Communes of Romania.

## Discussion

14:20-14:30 Summary and adoption of the **Warsaw Declaration** of the Congress – Mr **Michel Delebarre**, Mayor of Dunkirk, Chairman of the COTER Commission and Mr **Mariusz Poznański**, President of the Union of Rural Communes of the Republic of Poland

14:30 Lunch hosted by Mr **Mariusz Poznański**, President of the Union of Rural Communes of the Republic of Poland