LAUNCH OF THE EU REGIONAL SOCIAL PROGRESS INDEX 2.0 - 2024 EDITION
23 MAY 2024, 10:00-13:00

Location: Committee of the Regions, rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 101, room JDE 51

10:00-10:05 Video message by Vasco Alves Cordeiro, President of the European Committee of the Regions

10:05-10:15 Opening speech
   - Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms

10:15-10:35 Presentation of the EU regional Social Progress Index 2.0 – 2024 edition
   - Peter Berkowitz, Director for Policy at the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission

10:35-11:15 Presentations by invited regions, moderated by Slawomir Tokarski, Director for European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programmes Implementation I at the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission
   - Markku Markkula, President of the Helsinki region (Finland)
   - Guillermo Peláez Álvarez, Regional Minister of the Treasury and European Funds of Principado de Asturias (Spain) or Raquel García González, Director General of European Affairs, Principado de Asturias
   - Jan Zámečník, Deputy Governor for Regional Development of the South Moravian Region (Czechia)

11:15-11:40 Coffee Break
11:40-12:30 Panel debate on relevance of measuring social progress, at the regional level, but also beyond the regional level. Moderated by Michaela Saisana, Head of Unit at the Science for Modelling, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.

- Petra Krylova, Research director at Social Progress Imperative
- Andreea-Alexandra Scrioșteanu, Board member at the European Youth Forum
- Thomas Wobben, Director for Legislative Works at the European Committee of the Regions

12:30-13:00 Q&A session and closing

- Moderated by Jorge Durán Laguna, Head of the Economic Analysis Sector at the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission