



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY



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 Scrișteanu**, 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