MONDAY, 26 June 2017

09.00 - 14.00  Registrations open

12.30-14.00  Welcome lunch

14.00 -14.30  OPENING SESSION
  Room: Gasperi
  
  Welcome and setting the scene
  - Corina Creţu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

  Opening remarks/Keynote speech
  - Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President for Growth, Jobs, Investment and Competitiveness, European Commission

14.30 - 16.30  1st PANEL DEBATE – Cohesion, investment and structural reforms
  Room: Gasperi
  
  - Pierre Moscovici, European Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs
  - Peter Pellegrini, Deputy Prime Minister, Slovakia
  - Dana Reizniece-Ozola, Minister of Finance, Latvia
  - Claudio De Vincenti, Minister for Territorial cohesion and Mezzogiorno, Italy
  - Philippe Richert, President of Association of French regions and President of Region GrandEst, France

16.30-16.50  KEYNOTE SPEECH
  Room: Gasperi
  
  - Günther Oettinger, European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

16:50–17:00  Comfort break
**PARALLEL WORKSHOPS – The views from the other institutions**

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**Introductory speech:**

**Phil Hogan**, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development

**Speakers:**
- Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary General of the OECD
- Michael Schneider, Committee of the Regions, Member of the Committee of the Regions and State Secretary, Representative of the Land of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany
- Yordanka Fandakova, Mayor of Sofia, Bulgaria.
- Paul Soto, Team Leader of the Contact Point of the European Network for Rural Development

**Introductory speech:**

**Corina Crețu**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

**Speakers:**
- Georges Dassis, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- Patrizio Bianchi, Regional Minister for Coordination of European Policies for Growth, Education, Vocational training, University, Research and Employment of Emilia-Romagna, Italy
- Ann-Sofie Hermansson, Mayor of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Sorcha Edwards, Secretary General of Housing Europe

**Introductory speech:**

**Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

**Speakers:**
- Vazil Hudák, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank
- Karla Šlechtová, Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic
- Beate Merk, Minister of State for European Affairs and Regional Relations of the Free State of Bavaria, Germany
- Rosa Quintana Carballo, Regional Minister for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of Galicia, Spain

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**19.00 - 21.00** RECEPTION, Berlaymont Piazza

**Venue:** Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels Belgium
TUESDAY, 27 June 2017

08.30 - 09.30 Welcome coffee

09.30 - 10.00 KEYNOTE SPEECHES
   Room: Gasperi
   - Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament
   - Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission
   - Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister, Malta

10.00 - 12.00 2nd PANEL DEBATE – Globalization and technological change: a European response
   Room: Gasperi
   - Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions
   - Pedro Marques, Minister of Planning and Infrastructure, Portugal
   - Richard Ferrand, Minister of territorial cohesion, France
   - Enrico Rossi, President of Tuscany and Vice-President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

12.00 - 12.20 KEYNOTE SPEECH
   Room: Gasperi
   - Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility

12.20 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.30 KEYNOTE SPEECH: EU cohesion policy, a forward looking perspective
   Room: Gasperi
   - Fabrizio Barca, Author of 'An agenda for a reformed cohesion policy'

14.30 - 16.15 3rd PANEL DEBATE – Simple, more effective rules: a blueprint
   Room: Gasperi
   - Gabrijela Žalac, Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia
   - Stanislaw Tillich, Minister-President of Saxony, Germany
   - Kerstin Westphal, Member of the European Parliament
   - Siim Kallas, Chair of the High Level Group on Simplification
   - John Bachtler, Professor of European Policy Studies and Director of the European Policies Research Centre

16.15 - 16.45 CLOSING SESSION
   Room: Gasperi
   - Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy

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