



Praha
5-6 March 2009
European Summit
of Regions & Cities

Regions and Cities for Europe

Programme



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Committee of the Regions



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Thursday, 5 March – Žofín Palace, Slovanský ostrov 226, Praha I

'Regions and Cities for Europe'

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Registration**

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM **First session:
'Europe's regions and
cities at the heart of the
global recovery'**

Welcome by Luc Van den Brande, President of the Committee of the Regions

Chair and Conclusions:

- **Claudio Martini**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, President of the CONST commission, President of Tuscany Region, President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

Keynote Address: Marcos Bonturi, Head of the Regional Competitiveness and Governance Division of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD

Panel Discussion led by **Alex Puissant**, Journalist

- **Flavio Delbono**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur on the Lisbon Strategy, Vice-President of Emilia-Romagna Region
- **Jo Leinen**, Member of the European Parliament, Chairman of Committee on Constitutional Affairs
- **Michel Vauzelle**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region
- **Omar El Jazouli**, Mayor of Marrakesh
- **Oldřich Vlasák**, Member of the European Parliament, Chairman of the Czech Association of Towns and Municipalities

Questions from the floor

30 minutes break

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Second session:
'Territorial cohesion, new
challenges, new
approaches'**

Chair and Conclusions :

- **Michael Schneider**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, President of the COTER commission, State Secretary for Federal and European Affairs, Representative of Saxony-Anhalt to the German Federal Government

Keynote Address: Indermit Gill, Director of the World Development Report 2009, World Bank

Panel Discussion led by **Pierre Lemoine**, Editor-in-chief, Europolitics

- **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur on Territorial Cohesion, Chairman of Brittany Regional Council
- **Jan Olbrycht**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-President of the REGI Committee
- **Mercedes Bresso**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, President of the Piedmont Region, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (REGLEG)
- **Herwig van Staa**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, President of the Tyrol Regional Parliament, President of the Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)
- **Isidoro Gottardo**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Member of the Italian Parliament

Questions from the floor

Concert

7.00 p.m - 8.00 p.m. **Doors open**

08:00 PM **Concert and Official Reception at the Municipal House (Obecní Dům) Varhan Orchestrovič Bauer & Immediate Film Orchestra (Czech classical and modern composers) followed by an Official Reception**
Obecní Dům, Náměstí Republiky, Praha I

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Festival "Get a taste of Europe"

Friday, 6 March – Žofín Palace, Slovanský ostrov 226, Praha 1

'Regions and Cities for Europe'

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration

Launch of the Consultation on the Lisbon Strategy for Sustainable Growth after 2010 by José Manuel Barroso and Luc Van den Brande

9:00 AM – 9:55 AM Official opening

Welcome by Pavel Bém and Luc Van den Brande

Official speeches:

- **Mirek Topolánek**, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, President of the Council of the EU
- **José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission
- **Pavel Bém**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Mayor of the Capital City of Prague
- **Luc Van den Brande**, President of the Committee of the Regions

Video clip presentation

9:55 AM-10:05 AM Keynote Address :

Danuta Hübner, European Commissioner for Regional Policy - First results of the consultation on the Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion

10:05 AM-11:25 AM First session: 'Europe will grow with its regions and cities'

Keynote Address: Philippe Maystadt, President of the European Investment Bank

Panel Discussion led by **Pierre Lemoine**, Editor-in-Chief, Europolitics

- **Cyril Svoboda**, Czech Minister for Regional Development
- **Mario Sepi**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Gerardo Galeote**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the REGI-Committee
- **Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz**, Mayor of Warsaw
- **José Montilla Aguilera**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, President of the Generalitat de Catalunya

11:30 AM- 12:50 PM Second session: 'Sharing responsibility and forging concrete partnerships'

Keynote Address: Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Vice-chair of the reflexion group "The Future of Europe", Former Latvian President

Panel Discussion led by **Alex Puissant**, Journalist

- **Michael Häupl**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Mayor of Vienna, President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- **Roberto Formigoni**, President of the Lombardy Region
- **Michel Delebarre**, First Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions, MP, Mayor of Dunkirk
- **Carlos Manuel César**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, President of the Regional Government of the Azores

12:55 PM-1:00 PM Conclusions

by **Luc Van den Brande**, President of the Committee of the Regions

30 minutes break

1:30 PM -2:30 PM Political debate (TV debate): 'Voting for Europe: What can the EU do for the citizens?'

Video clip presentation

Debate led by **Václav Moravec**, journalist Czech television:

- **Luc Van den Brande**, President of the Committee of the Regions
- **Pavel Bém**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Mayor of the Capital City of Prague
- **Wilfried Martens**, President of the European People's Party (EPP)
- **Poul Nyrup Rasmussen**, President of the Party of European Socialists (PSE)
- **Kristiina Ojuland**, Vice-President of European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party (ELDR)
- **Michał Tomasz Kamiński**, President of Alliance of Europe of the Nations (AEN) (tbc)

2:30 PM-4:00 PM Lunch at Žofín Palace

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Festival "Get a taste of Europe"



Luc Van den Brande,
President of the Committee of the
Regions

"**C**ities and regions are the first to be able to boost the economy and businesses, and are best placed to guarantee social cohesion and bring citizens on board the European political project. This means that Europe cannot impose itself on its citizens but should build itself through them and in the areas where they live and work."



Pavel Bém,
Mayor of Prague

"**T**he central theme of the Summit will be cohesion policy in Europe today and, above all, the future of the European Union. At this summit, we shall try to identify together the direction in which we want to move forward with this common European policy, whose primary aim is to bolster the least developed areas of Europe. The purpose of the summit is to provide a forum for all those of you who want and have something to say about the cohesion policy of the future, and I am greatly looking forward to the findings and initiatives that will come out of this meeting."



José Manuel Barroso
President of the European Commission

"**E**urope is not some abstract idea, it begins with our regions and cities. So this Summit will play an important role in building a strong Europe, a diverse Europe, a Europe of citizens."

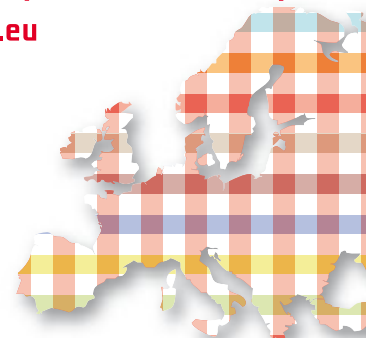


GET A TASTE OF EUROPE

FESTIVAL OF EUROPEAN REGIONS IN PRAGUE

5-7 March 2009, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Wenceslas Square, Old Town Square
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Involve all your senses and relish a unique mix of culture, specialities and presentations from all corners of our continent. Get to know the regions and you will have a full view of all Europe.



To mark the occasion of the European Summit of Regions and Cities in Prague, the "Taste Europe" festival will take place on the Old Town Square and Wenceslas Square from 5-7 March 2009.

Visitors of the festival will have the unique opportunity to get to know the traditions and cultures of various European regions through products typical for the given territory. Right in the heart of Prague they will be able to sample specialties from Bohemia, Moravia, and more than twenty other European regions. Presentations will take place at dozens of booths

located on the Wenceslas and Old Town Squares.

The three-day happening will be accompanied by a diverse cultural programme. The organisers have prepared a taste of the most original music, customs, and culture from the participating regions. While the top Czech and European pop-rock stars trade off on the main stage, the second stage will acquaint visitors with works of traditional and folk culture, including dance troupes and bands from practically all of Europe.

The Old Town Square will offer an

accompanying programme, focused primarily on Bohemian and Moravian traditions. The festive atmosphere will be rounded out with tastings of typical Czech dishes, which without question include fresh pork delicacies. Visitors can find out about the details of the activities of EU regions and cities at the individual stands.

The European Union is made up of diverse regions and cities with unmistakable histories and local colour – something that all visitors to the festival will discover for themselves!