



Programme of Mayors Day - 6th Dec

Universities, Cities & Regions: A Civic Path for the Future?

PART 1: Inauguration of the CIVIS Representative Office at USquare		
<p>Venue: Usquare Campus, Avenue de la Couronne 227, 1050 Ixelles Time: 12:00 - 14:00</p>		
Welcome address	<p>Prof Eugenio Gaudio, Rector of Università di Roma and current President of the CIVIS Alliance</p> <p>talking points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General presentation of CIVIS 2. Focus on its CIVIC identity 3. "CIVIS for the cities and regions": emphasize on its strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - considerable database of experts (university expertise x8) - links to the 5 Hubs: ex: possibility of joint research projects to tackle common regional issues/challenges among the 8 cities (air pollution, traffic and transportation, public education...) - establishment of 8 open Labs for each CIVIS university 	Duration: 10'
Speech	<p>Mr. Pascal Smet, Secretary of State of the Brussels-Capital Region for European and International Relations</p>	Duration: 10'
Keynote speech	<p>Speech by Ms. Themis Christophidou, Director-General, European Commission, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC)</p>	Duration: 20-30'
Inauguration of the Brussels Representative Office	<p>Inauguration by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Eugenio Gaudio, Rector of Università di Roma - Prof. Yvon Englert, Rector of Université libre de Bruxelles - Ms Themis Christophidou, Director-General EAC 	Duration: 5'
Walking lunch		Duration: 50'

PART 2: Programme sessions on the cooperation of Higher Education Institutions with regional partners

Time: 14:30 - 17:30

Venue: European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99/101, 1040 Bruxelles

Welcome address	Mr. Alain Hutchinson , Member of the European Committee of the Regions and Brussels Commissioner for Europe and International Organisations	Duration 5'
Keynote speech	Prof. John Goddard , Emeritus Professor, Newcastle University "The civic university and the city"	Duration 25'

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The objective of this round table is to provide answers to the following questions:

- How can universities improve their contribution to the economic dynamism of their regions?
- How can universities, local authorities and citizen groups better collaborate on social and cultural issues?
- How can CIVIS universities become links between their regions?

Guidelines:

Speakers will be invited to discuss on **1 topic** of their choice during the event.

1. Prior to the event:

Each participant is invited to select 2 topics out of the 3 topics and submit their choices through this [link](#) by next **Monday 2nd December 2019** - 12pm (UTC+1).

The organising committee will then select the group of speakers per topic according to your choices and will email you the group you are in.

2. During the roundtables:

Speakers will be invited to make a speech of 5 minutes and intervene as much as is needed according to the debate and the requests of the moderator.

Topic 1	<i>CIVIS, a major actor to the dynamic and attractiveness of its cities and regions</i>	Duration: 40'
Agenda	<p>1. introduction of participants: - 3 people per country (1 city official, 1 regional official, 1 university representative)</p> <p>2. discussion proposal: - welcoming of international students and academics (accommodation, mobility, welcome facilities) - impact of external engagement activities of students</p>	
	Coffee break	Duration: 20''
Topic 2	<i>Civic universities: committed to the social, cultural and economic challenges of cities and regions</i>	Duration: 40'
Agenda	<p>Discussion proposal: - development of joint research projects between CIVIS universities on common urban challenges (air pollution, traffic and transportation, public education...) - example of successful actions (which could inspire other CIVIS cities) - establishment of Open Labs - working with local associations - implication in the CIVIS Consultative Council</p>	
Topic 3	<i>CIVIS, a trans-regional network opportunity: 8 universities 8 regions 8 cities</i>	Duration: 40'
Agenda	<p>Discussion proposal: - development of value chains: Smart Specialisation Strategies - becoming part of a CIVIS regional network - European community-building - best practices: smart cities...</p>	