

A new regional policy for the new European Union?

Stakeholder Workshop

An event organised by *Fondation EurActiv*

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12 noon - 2pm

EurActiv Network Office, 1 Bd. Charlemagne, 1041 Brussels

The ratification of the Lisbon Treaty and the new EU '2020 Strategy' set a new scene in European politics and policymaking, which will particularly impact regions and local authorities:

The concept of subsidiarity is now enshrined in the institutional arrangements, giving national and sub-national authorities a stronger voice on EU legislation - a decisive step towards multi-level governance (MLG);

The 2020 Strategy creates momentum for a major role of regions in the overall strategy for sustainable economic growth, including innovation policy, fighting exclusion and green growth.

Meanwhile, the long-term direction taken by regional policy will be fundamentally determined by decisions made this year in the European Council - whose meetings will be chaired by two countries, Spain and Belgium, where political powers are highly devolved to regions.

- How will the EU's role in regional policy evolve?
- Will regions take responsibility for enforcing subsidiarity?
- Which smart financing measures should be made available to unlock the regions' potential?
- How can the debate on EU regional policy be raised and better communicated at national level?

Fondation EurActiv is glad to invite you to a round table debate to explore answers to these questions.

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Moderator:

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Chair:

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Programme:

- 12.00 - 12.30: Lunch and Networking
- 12.30 - 13.45: Impulse statements and open debate
- 13.45 - 14.00: Conclusions

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