



Towards a progressive strategy for cohesion policy post-2020

PES Cohesion Conference 2017

Date: 10th July, 10:00-16:45

Venue: [Bibliothèque Solvay - Leopoldpark, Rue Belliard 137, BRUSSELS](#)

Programme and the list of speakers

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and German.

10:00 – 10:45 Registration and welcome coffee

10:45 Welcoming

- **Yonnec Polet**, Deputy Secretary General of the Party of European Socialists

11:00 Opening speech

- **Sergei Stanishev**, President of the Party of European Socialists

11:20 Key-note speech

- **Corina Crețu**, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy

11:45 Guaranteeing solidarity in EU Cohesion policy post-2020

- **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions
- **Peter Pellegrini**, Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Information Society, Deputy Chairman of SMER - Social Democracy, Slovakia
- **Marjorie Jouen**, Advisor on Regional and Cohesion Policy, Jacques Delors Institute

13:00 Lunch for participants

14:00 Investing in solidarity: cohesion policy for quality jobs and equal societies across regions


- **László Andor**, former Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- **Isabelle Thomas**, S&D Group Vice-President for Budget and Cohesion Policy, France
- **Olga Zrihen**, Member of the Walloon Parliament, Vice-President of the PES Group in the CoR, Belgium
- **Eleftherios Antonopoulos**, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde

15:15 Making a just transition across the EU: cohesion policy as the engine of green economy

- **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice President of the European Commission for the Energy Union
- **Jo Leinen**, S&D Group Member of the European Parliament, Chair of PES Environment and Climate Change Network, Germany
- **Montserrat Mir**, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation
- **Kata Tüttő**, Municipal Councillor of Budapest, PES Group in the Committee of the Regions, Hungary

16:30 Concluding remarks: The way forward

- **Kerstin Westphal**, S&D Group Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Regional Development, Rapporteur on *Building blocks for a post-2020 EU cohesion policy*, Germany

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