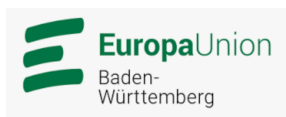




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A Vital Player in the European Committee of the Regions

1. and 2. July 2021

On Zoom, Part of the Conference on the Future of Europe

Organizer and Chair

Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler, Jean Monnet Chair

Registration:

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Thursday, July 1st, 2021

13.00 h Welcome

Prof. Dr. Joachim Beck, Rector, University of Public Administration Kehl

Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt, Chairwoman of the Board, Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration, University of Darmstadt

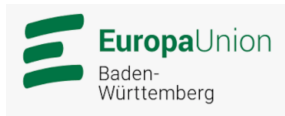
Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Public Administration Kehl

- 13.15 h** **Introduction: The Local Level in the Committee of the Regions**
 Chair: FLORIAN ZIEGENBALG, Deputy Chairman of the Europa-Union Baden-Württemberg and Member of the Presidium of the Europa-Union Deutschland, Stuttgart, Germany
- The Committee of the Regions: An institutional Success Story***
 Dr. CHRISTIAN GSODAM, Head of Cabinet to the Secretary General, Committee of the Regions, Brussels, Belgium
- Multi-level Governance and the Role and Functions of Local Authorities in the European Union***
 Prof. Dr. ANNEGRET EPPLER, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Kehl, Germany
- 14.15 h** **Coffee Break**
- 14.30 h** **Local Actors in the CoR in Times of Crisis**
 Chair: ANNEGRET EPPLER, Hochschule Kehl
- How German local and regional governments face crisis after crisis***
 MASTER STUDENTS from Hochschule Kehl, facilitated by Dr. ALEXANDER WEGENER and Prof. Dr. GERT FIEGUTH
- Local and Regional Authorities as Actors of the European Response to the COVID-19 CRISIS***
 Mag. Dr. DORIS DIALER, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- The CoR in the Context of the Conference on the Future of Europe***
 WOLFGANG PETZOLD, Deputy Director for Communication, Committee of the Regions, Brussels, Belgium
- 15.45 h** **Coffee Break**
- 16.15 h** **Role and Influence of Local Actors in the CoR**
 Chair: Dr. OTMAR PHILIPP, Europa-Union Ortenaukreis, Oberkirch, Germany
- Is there a Heterogeneity of Actors in the Committee of the Regions?***
 Prof. Dr. JÜRGEN MITTAG, Chair, Stiftung Geschichte des Ruhrgebiets; Professor, Institut für Europäische Sportentwicklung und Freizeitforschung, Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln; Bochum and Köln, Germany
- Vienna in the CoR and the Assertion of Austria's Positions in the CoR Decision-Making Processes***
 Mag. HARALD BÜRGER, Co-Head Liason Office of Vienna to the EU, Vienna, Austria
- Integration of Local and Regional Interests in Germany's Position in the CoR***
 LARS KOENIG, Representation of Lower Saxony to the EU, Brussels, Belgium
- Enlargement of the Number of Local Representatives in the CoR?***
 Dr. DAVID LINSE, Head of Department for International and European Affairs, City administration of Mannheim, Germany



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- 17.30 h** **Wrap-up**
Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler
- 18.00 h** **Fire-Side Talk – in German: Die zukünftige Rolle der subnationalen Ebene in Europa**
- Moderation:**
Prof. Dr. ANNEGRET EPPLER, Jean Monnet Chair, Hochschule Kehl
Prof. Dr. JENS WOELK, Euregio Chair, University of Trento, Italy
- Diskussion mit:**
- KARL-HEINZ LAMBERTZ**, Ausschuss der Regionen, Brüssel, und Präsident des Parlamentes der deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft in Belgien
- TONI VETRANO**, Oberbürgermeister der Großen Kreisstadt Kehl
- Dr. ANDREAS KIEFER**, Generalsekretär, Kongress der Gemeinden und Regionen, Europarat, Straßburg
- Prof. Dr. GABRIELE ABELS**, Jean Monnet Chair, Vorsitzende, Europäisches Zentrum für Föderalismus-Forschung, Universität Tübingen
- UWE FROMM**, Master Student, Universität Göteborg, Schweden
- 19.30 h** End of Day 1

Friday, July 2nd, 2021

8.30 h Local Networks in EU Affairs

Chair: Dr. DORIS DIALER, University of Innsbruck, Austria

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

FRÉDÉRIC VALLIER, Secretary General, and MARTIN REVAULT, both Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Brussels, Belgium

EUROCITIES and Other Networks of Local Actors

Dr. SERAFIN PAZOS-VIDAL, Head of Brussels Office - Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), Brussels, Belgium

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

GÜNTER BURGER, Head of the International Contacts Unit, City Administration, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany

Networking of a City: Sindelfingen and its Role in EUROTOWNS

JULIAN SCHAHL, Secretary General, Eurotowns, and Referent for EU Affairs, City Administration, Sindelfingen, Germany

Town Twinning – the Example of Pforzheim

ANNA-LENA BEILSCHMIDT-PILZ, Referent for EU Affairs, City Administration, Pforzheim, Germany

9.45 h Coffee Break

10.00 h Local Interests in the Institutions of the European Union

Chair: Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler, Hochschule Kehl

MEPs – Between Electoral District Office and Parliamentary Work in Brussels

Dr. MONIKA VANA MEP, Member of the REGI Committee, The Green/EFA, Austria

“Linking the Levels”: Local Interests in the European Parliament

KLEMEN ŽUMER, Head of Unit "Linking the Levels", European Parliament

The European Commission: Local Interests and Cooperation with the CoR

AGNÈS MONFRET, Deputy Director, European Commission - Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, Brussels, Belgium

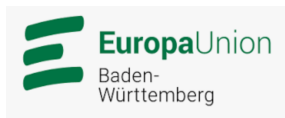
How to bring Local interests to the EU Institutions

PATRICK WEGENER, Head of the “Büro der Baden-Württembergischen Kommunen”, Brussels, Belgium



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11.00 h Coffee Break

11.30 h Pre-Lunch Event (in German): Die Stimme junger Europäerinnen und Europäer im Ausschuss der Regionen

Moderation: ANNI SCHLUMBERGER, Integrata Stiftung Tübingen

Präsentation von Schülerinnen und Schüler

SOPHIE BERG mit Schülerinnen und Schülern der Klasse 4b der Grundschule Goldscheuer, Kehl

Eine europäische Identität Aufbauen

Diskussion mit Dr. EVA LICHTENBERGER, Lehrerin, ehemalige Europa-Abgeordnete und Mitglied des Club of Rome, Innsbruck, Österreich

Die Interessen von jungen Menschen im Ausschuss der Regionen

KLAUS HULLMANN, Direktion D - Communication, Ausschuss der Regionen, Brüssel, Belgien

12.15 h Conclusions and Farewell

Prof. Dr. Anne Eppler