

**HIGH-LEVEL WORKSHOP**  
**EUROPEAN POLICY ORIENTATIONS ON TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
*20<sup>th</sup> February 2017*  
**Committee of the Regions**  
**Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 101, Brussels**  
**(room JDE2253)**

12:30 *Welcome lunch*

13:30 **Introduction**

***Strategic Policy Orientations of ESPON 2020 Programme***

*Ilona Raugze, ESPON EGTC Director*

14:00 **Key-note interventions**

***EU level policy agenda on the development of regions and cities***

*Jiri Burianek, Secretary General of the Committee of the Regions*

*Normunds Popens, DG Regio Deputy Director-General for Implementation*

14:30 **Round-table discussion**

*Questions for debate:*

- 1. What are the key EU, national and regional level policy and political processes that will be launched in 2018 in the field of regional and urban development and/ or related sectoral policies (transport, environment, employment, industry/ economic development etc.)?*
- 2. What are the key questions/ topics/ priorities that will shape the policy and political agenda at EU, national and regional level in 2018 and beyond in the field of regional and urban development and/ or related sectoral policies (transport, demography, environment, employment, industry/ economic development etc.)?*
- 3. Which topics on the current and upcoming policy and political agenda require additional territorial evidence support? What type of support and when would be needed?*
- 4. Which of the indicated policy processes and political debates should be prioritized in the work of ESPON in 2018?*

16:30 **Conclusions**

*Participants: European Parliament, European Commission Directorates-General, Committee of the Regions, European Investment Bank, Eurostat, Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Eurocities, EU member and Partner States*