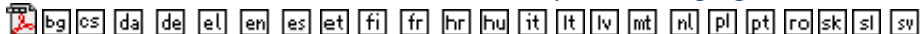


## **INVESTING IN GREEN, CARBON FREE EUROPE LOCALLY - POST 2020 - #COHESIONALLIANCE**

UDITE and VEOLIA will host a high level 'participative' workshops as part of EWRC 2018 (that takes place from **8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October** on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2018** from **14:30 – 16:00**. in **HALL 400** at the SQUARE – Palais Des Congrès in Brussels. For those of you who are not familiar with EWRC download the factsheet in your own language now -

 As a reminder, EWRC 2018 is wholly dedicated this year to raising the profile of the local and regional response to the recently tabled EU multiannual budget 2021 and 2027 and future Structural Funds proposals that are now before Member States and European Parliament for final political agreement. The workshop will take a detailed look at the [latest European Commission \(DG REGIO\) proposals for the Structural Funds 2021-2027](#) that include 5 policy objectives including two that we will explore in this workshop

- 1) **INVESTING IN GREEN, CARBON FREE EUROPE** and
- 2) **PROXIMITY TO CITIZENS THROUGH LOCAL LED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

### Draft programme

14:30 – 14:50 – Welcome & introduction from moderator **GEOFF MEADE** and introduction to 3 scene setters **MATTHIEU FICHTER (1)**, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, **TINA SOLVEBERG (2)**, INNOVATIVE PROCUREMENTS NORWAY & **NICOLAS BROOKES (3)**, CONFERENCE OF PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS

- 14:50- 15:10      **Session 1 – Legal framework & learning lessons from current period – Scene setter 1 / Question 1**  
15:10- 15:30      **Session 2 – Future challenges for low carbon – Scene setter 2 / Question 2**  
15 :30-15:50      **Session 3 – Local development approaches – Scene setter 3 / Question 3**  
15:50 – 16:00      Table rapporteurs conclusions + summary from moderator

### Format of world café

Each session will be based around 8-10 x round tables x 8 participants. A rapporteur will be nominated on each table to provide rapid feedback based on their table's discussion that differs or adds to the previous table to avoid repetition. Whilst we will not be rotating everyone in the three sessions we will move 3-4 people from each table following each round using a system of red, green and blue dots issued at the beginning of the event. The scene for the debate will be set by 3 scene setting speakers.

### **Session 1 - Legal framework & learning lessons from current period**

What is the current situation with the implementation of the funds and what happens in future? Longer term strategies should they come from top or bottom? Thematic concentration at EU or national level? Are we facing a situation of fewer regional programmes and more at the Member State level? Grants versus loans? Macroeconomic conditionality? How can we use interregional learning in future to influence and ensure other regions adopt best practices?

**QUESTION: Minimum thresholds for territories and types of funding has been an important characteristic of the Structural Investment Fund regulations up until now, How important is the EU framework to local and regional priorities for you?**

### **Session 2 - Future challenges for low carbon**

What do you think of a reach out programme in 5 regions to promote carbon free approaches? How will local strategies be affected if there is no regional strategy for the bio economy for example? Major environmental investments depend significantly on public – private partnerships – will the new approach help or hinder PPP creation at the local and regional level? How will local carbon free strategy implementation be affected by the fact that Rural Development is no longer linked to the ERDF through the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) for example?

**QUESTION: Large scale transformational projects in the low carbon arena require a mix of approaches that include grants and loans and mixed partnerships for the public and private sectors. What are your concerns for the challenges ahead?**

### **Session 3 - Local development approaches**

What is the future level of implementation for Cohesion Policy? Longer term development strategies – should they come from the top or the bottom? Fewer programmes and national level priorities means a less effective strategy at regional level? How can urban-rural cooperation be encouraged as part of local development strategies?

**QUESTION: How will you at the local level be affected by changes in the way that the funds will work and what are the risks to locally development and delegated management of the funds in the future?**