



PROGRAMME

Tuesday 24 June 11h30 – 13h00

“Subnational public diplomacy: cities and regions for global impact”

European Committee of the Regions – **Van Merlant Building** - Rue Van Maerlant 2, Bruxelles

Room VMA 21

This event will showcase cities and regions as key players in public diplomacy, maintaining strong relations with counterparts outside the EU and spurring action on the ground.

*The event will be solely in **English***

Moderator: Béatrice Taulègne, Director Legislative Work, CoR

11h30-11h45 Opening: CoR President Kata Tüttö

11h45-11h55 Keynote: Commissioner for the Mediterranean Dubravka Šuica

Panel 1

11h55-12h25: ***“Cities and Regions, champions of multilateralism”***

Markku Markkula (FI/EPP), Vice-President of the CoR, Chair of the CoR Green Deal Going Local Working Group

Camilla Brückner, Director of the UN Office in Brussels

Geneviève Brisson, Delegate General – Québec Government Office in Brussels

Jan Dusík – Deputy Director-General DG CLIMA – European Commission

Panel 2

12h25-12h55: ***“City diplomacy and peer-to-peer cooperation to localise the EU strategic agenda”***

Joško Klisović (HR/PES), CoR Member and co-chair of ARLEM Commission

Benedetta Oddo - Nicosia Initiative Coordinator

Giorgio Ficarelli, Principal Administrator, European Commission DG International Cooperation and Development (INTPA) Unit G2 – Local Authorities, CSO and Foundations

12h55-13h00 Wrap up by the moderator