



NextMed Conference: from ENPI to ENI

What role for cross-border cooperation in the new European Neighbourhood Policy?

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Venue: Committee of the Regions

Jacques Delors building

Rue Belliard 99-101

Room JDE 51 (5th floor)

Draft agenda



11.00 – 11.15: Inauguration of the poster session dedicated to the projects funded under the ENPI CBC Med Programme

Mr. **Francesco Pigliaru**, President of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia, will introduce the poster session and selected project beneficiaries to Commissioner Johannes Hahn.

11.15 – 12.15 First session: what role for cross-border cooperation in the new European Neighbourhood Policy?

Moderated by Franco Zallio, senior economist

Welcome address

Francesco Pigliaru, President of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia

Speeches

- Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations
- Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions (tbc)
- Raouf Saad, Ambassador, Chairman of the National Steering Bureau for the implementation of Egypt-EU Partnership Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Egypt
- **Renato Soru**, Member of the European Parliament; President of the Committee for Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights, Parliamentary Assembly Union for the Mediterranean, Italy (*tbc*)
- **Moufida Jaballah Srarfi**, Director General of cross-border cooperation with the European Union, Ministry of Development and International Cooperation, Tunisia

12.15 – 13.20 Second session: achievements and perspectives of cross-border cooperation in the Mediterranean. Focus on the ENPI CBC Med Programme and its projects

Moderated by **Bodil Persson**, Head of Sector Cross Border Cooperation, DG NEAR, European Commission



Introduction

• Anna Catte, Director of the Joint Managing Authority, ENPI CBC Med Programme

Experience of project beneficiaries

- Social inclusion
- Business development
- Research and innovation

13.20 – 13.30 **Closing remarks by Henri Malosse**, President of European Economic and Social Committee

13.30 End of the conference