

## SEMINAR 2

# THE EU AND ITS RURAL AREAS: A CUMBERSOME LEGACY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY? EUROPEAN POLICIES FOR RURAL AREAS, KEYS TO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2013 • 9.30 > 17.30

Committee of the Regions - Jacques Delors Building - Room JDE 70

Street Belliard, 99-101B, 1040 Brussels

### PROGRAM (DRAFT)

#### 9.30 > Welcome

Rural areas, a cumbersome legacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Lessons drawn from the seminar in Valence

*Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute – Sol & Civilisation*

#### 10.00 > 10.30 Opening Speeches

**Anne Claire VIAL**, President of Sol & Civilisation (FR)

**Dacian CIOLOS**, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development (RO) (video message)

#### 10.30 > 12.30 Roundtable 1: Is the potential of rural areas exploited in the plans to exit the crisis?

*The UE facing territorial diversity – The role of local development facing the crisis*

**Guy BAUDELLÉ**, Professor at the university of Rennes (FR)

**Jerzy ZAJAKALA** – CoR member, Mayor of Lubianka (PL)

XX\* – Government Representative (IRL)

**Wladislaw PISKORZ**, HoUnit DG REGIO (PL)

Catherine MARCELLIN, HoU Ministry of agriculture, agro-food industry, forest (FR)

#### 12.30 > 14.00 Lunch break

#### 14.00 > 16.00 Roundtable 2: How can the EU take advantage of the rural areas as creators of value(s)?

*Promising innovative experiments – Social Cohesion projects – Valorisation processes based on territorial amenities and know-how*

**Mark SHUCKSMITH**, Director of the Institute for social renewal, University of Newcastle (UK)

**Astrid GERZ**, REDD, Lausanne (DE)

**Thierry STADLER**, Director of the IAR cluster (FR)

**Thierry BEDOS\***, National resource contact point for Nature Sports (FR)

#### 16.00 > 16.30 Conclusion:

**Mercedes BRESSO**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Committee of the regions (IT)

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