



**7<sup>th</sup> Subsidiarity Conference**  
**SUBSIDIARITY MONITORING AND BETTER REGULATION IN THE EU**

**17 November 2015**  
**Flemish Parliament, Brussels**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

9.00–9.30	Arrival and registration
9.30–9.45	<b>Opening of the Subsidiarity Conference - Welcome addresses</b>  Jan Peumans, President of the Parliament of Flanders Marku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions (CoR)
9.45–11.15	<b>High level round table</b> <b>Subsidiarity: a driving force for Better Regulation?</b>  Introduction and moderation: François Decoster, CIVEX chair, CoR  Frans Timmermans, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, European Commission Nicolas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg, Presidency of the Council of the European Union <i>tbc</i> Pavel Svoboda, MEP, JURI Chair, European Parliament <i>tbc</i>
11.15–11.45	Coffee break

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- 11.45–13.00                    **Subsidiarity Monitoring: where are we going?**  
*Panel discussion on the main developments since the 6<sup>th</sup> Subsidiarity conference regarding subsidiarity and proportionality monitoring.*
- Introduction and moderation *tbc*
- Lolita Čigāne, Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the Latvian Saeima *tbc*  
Karl Vanlouwe, Member of the Flemish Parliament and CoR  
Pascal Leardini, Director, Secretariat-General, European Commission  
Sajjad Karim, MEP, JURI Committee, European Parliament
- 13.00–14.30                    Lunch
- 14.30–16.00                    **Better regulation in practice**  
*Panel discussion on the Better regulation package with a practical focus.*
- Introduction and moderation *tbc*
- Elizabeth Golberg, Director, Secretariat-General, European Commission  
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, MEP, AFCE and JURI Committees  
Spyros Spyridon, CoR rapporteur general on Better Regulation  
Philippe Laurent, Vice President of Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and Mayor of Sceaux, France  
Alfonso Rueda, Vice President of the Galicia Government, Spain *tbc*  
Michael Gibbons, Chairman of the Regulatory Policy Committee, UK *tbc*
- 16.00–16.30                    **Closing session**  
**Quality EU legislation for citizens and businesses – the way forward**
- Ronald Plasterk, Dutch Minister of Interior, forthcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union  
Michael Schneider, Chair of the CoR Subsidiarity Steering Group
- 16.30–17.00                    Networking cocktail

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*NB: Participants may speak in EN,NL,FR,DE,IT,ES, GR. Interpretation is provided into EN,NL,FR,DE,IT,ES.*