

A 360° Vision for EU Youth: Unlocking Territorial Potential

Tuesday, 14th October, 09:00 - 13:00

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Europe grapples with significant challenges, making the empowerment of its youth crucial for effective solutions. Despite numerous targeted actions, a coordinated, cross-sectoral youth policy co-created with regional stakeholders – those closest to young citizens – remains absent. In response to this, several regions have launched an informal EU Network for Youth. This initiative aims to become a reliable partner for EU institutions, showcasing successful approaches for a comprehensive EU youth strategy. A policy debate, featuring best practices from Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal and Slovenia, will demonstrate the path for decision-makers towards a holistic EU youth policy.

PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants

09:30 – 09:50 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **09:30 – 09:40** Draško Veselinovič – Director of the Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA)
- **09:40 – 09:50** Andrej Drnovšek – Head of Administration, Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the European Union

09:50 – 11:05 Individual Presentations on Regional Growth Strategies

- **09:50 – 10:05** Sabina Gabrijel – Senior Advisor, City Administration, Department of Culture, Office for Youth, Municipality of Ljubljana
- **10:05 – 10:20** Isabella Jansen Fiskå, Leader, Young Conservatives, Rogaland Høyre
- **10:20 – 10:35** Piotr Całbecki – Marshal of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodeship, Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region
- **10:35 – 10:50** Sara Hussein, Department for Italian Culture, Service for Youth
- **10:50 – 11:05** Daniel Aragão – President of FAIRe (Academic Forum for Information and External Representation, Student Association)

- **11:05 – 11:15** *Rob Verhofstad – Chairman of the Board, HAN University of Applied Sciences*

11:15 – 12:15 Panel Discussion: Best Practices and Future Outlook for Regional Initiatives

- **Panelists:**
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12:15 – 13:00 Networking Luncheon