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Please note that all times indicated in the programme follow Central European Time (CET).

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 11.00 SESSION 1 – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COHESION POLICY

- **Welcome and overview of the meeting agenda – introduction by the CZ PRES**
Kateřina Neveselá, Ministry of Regional Development CZ
- **Current challenges facing Cohesion Policy**
Kateřina Neveselá, Ministry of Regional Development CZ
- **Cohesion policy and the increasing complexity of EU funding**
John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre
 - Cohesion Policy and new EU instruments: overlaps and synergies
Benoit Nadler, European Commission – DG REGIO
Loris di Pietrantonio, European Commission – DG EMPL
 - Complementarities between Cohesion Policy with new EU instruments
John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre
 - Member State perspectives on the interactions between Cohesion Policy and other EU instruments
(tour de table – 3 minutes per each Member State) - questions include:
 - *What are the challenges and opportunities of interactions between Cohesion Policy and new EU instruments?*
 - *Is the mutual reinforcement of Cohesion Policy and the new instruments intended by the Commission being achieved so far?*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break



11.30 – 13.00 **SESSION 2 – ACHIEVING COMPLEMENTARITIES AND SYNERGIES IN PRACTICE**

- **Interactions between Cohesion Policy and new EU instruments e.g. through strategic frameworks, governance mechanisms, implementation processes, financial complementarities**

Martin Ferry, European Policies Research Centre

- **Member State reflections – managing the interaction between Cohesion Policy and new EU instruments**

case studies and open discussion – questions include:

- *What are the main motivations for Cohesion Policy authorities in pursuing complementarity – avoid overlap or seek synergies?*
- *What strategic, governance, implementation or financial mechanisms are being used to manage interactions?*

13.00 – 14.00 *Buffet Lunch*

14.00 – 15.30 **SESSION 3 – LONGER TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR COHESION POLICY FROM NEW EU INSTRUMENTS**

- **Introduction of the session**

John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre

- **Member State reflections**

case studies and open discussion – questions include:

- *Does the increasing complexity of EU funding create risks for Cohesion Policy?*
- *In the context of multiple funds, how can Cohesion Policy preserve its strategic focus on objectives of convergence and reduction of regional disparities, its territorial dimension and system of multi-level governance?*
- *Are there lessons that can be drawn from the experience of new EU instruments? Would it be practical and desirable to adopt some of the features of the RRF implementation system in Cohesion Policy?*

- **Conclusions – summary of the discussions and next steps**

John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre

Kateřina Neveselá, Ministry of Regional Development CZ

15.30 – 16.30 *Refreshments*