



# INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

## ECONOMIC CONVERGENCE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

April 3, 2017 | Serralves Foundation, Porto

### PROGRAMME

09h30

Registration and welcome coffee

10h00

Opening Session

- **António Dieb**, President of the Cohesion and Development Agency
- **Nelson de Souza**, Secretary of State of Cohesion and Development

11h00

Panel "Regional Economic Convergence: evidence and paths"

**Chairman: Vítor Escária**, Professor at ISEG - Lisbon School of Economics and Management, Universidade de Lisboa

- **António Sampaio Ramos**, Head of Regional Policy Unit, Cohesion and Development Agency
- **Eric Von Breska**, Director of Policy Unit, DGREGIO, European Commission
- **Joaquim Oliveira Martins**, Head of Regional Development Policy Division, OECD
- **Rui Monteiro**, Head of Regional Development Unit, CCDR Norte

**Debate**

13h00 | 15h00

Free lunch break

15h00

Roundtable " Regional Development Policies: from lessons to future challenges"

**Chairman: John Bachtler**, European Policies Research Centre (EPRC), University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom

- **Luiz de Melo**, Deputy Director of Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD
- **Duarte Rodrigues**, Vice-president of Cohesion and Development Agency, Portugal
- **Piotr Zuber**, Director, Department of Development Strategy, Ministry of Economic Development, Poland
- **Peter Wostner**, Secretary, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy and Head of Smart Specialisation Unit, Slovenia
- **Georg Shadt**, Director of Department IV/4 – Co-ordination, Spatial Planning and Regional Policy, Federal Chancellery, Austria

**Debate**

17h00

Closing session

- **Fernando Freire de Sousa**, President of CCDR Norte
- **Eric Von Breska**, Director of Policy Unit, DGREGIO, European Commission
- **Margarida Marques**, Secretary of State for European Affairs