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Hemicycle

### **PROGRAMME**

**Sunday, 21 January 2024**

- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**      **Accreditation of participants from national parliaments.**  
*Reception - rue du Lombard 69 - 1000 Brussels*
- 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.**      **Reception and dinner hosted by the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.**  
**Welcome address by the President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.**  
*Grand Salon and Salle des Glaces*

**22 January 2024**

- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.**      **Accreditation of participants from national parliaments.**  
**Reception of delegations.**  
*Reception - rue du Lombard 69 - 1000 Brussels*
- 9:15 – 9:30 a.m.**      **opening speech of the conference**  
*Hemicycle*
- Welcome address by the President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region

**9:30 – 11:00 a.m.      first session: FINANCING EU URBAN POLICIES**

*Hemicycle*

- Introductory speech by Mr Guy Vanhengel, First Vice-President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mr Thomas de Béthune, Team Leader for Urban Policy, Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development Unit, European Commission.
- Speech by Mrs Evi Cornelis, Director of the ERDF programme, Brussels International, Administration of the Brussels Capital Region.
- Speech by Mrs Nathalie Guri, Projects and Knowledge Sharing Director, Eurocities.
- Speech by Mr Dirk De Smedt, Director General of Bruxelles-Fiscalité.

Debate

**11:00 – 12:30 p.m.      second session: INVOLVING CITIZENS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR URBAN PROJECTS**

*Hemicycle*

- Introductory speech by Mr Rachid Madrane, President of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mr Kristiaan Borret, Bouwmeester of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mr Philippe Piereuse, Director of Urban Renewal, Urban.brussels.
- Speech by Mr Jörgе Knieling, Professor of Urban Planning and Regional Development at the University Hafencity of Hamburg.
- Speech by Mr Antoine De Borman, Director General of Perspective.brussels.

Debate

**12:30 p.m.                      Family photo**

*Grand salon*

**12:30 – 2:00 p.m.          Lunch hosted by the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region**

*Salle des Glaces*

**2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Third session: ADAPTING URBAN ENVIRONMENTS TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Hemicycle*

- Introductory speech by Mr Tristan Roberti, President of the Environment and Energy Committee of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mr Julien Ruelle, head of department for nature development, Brussels-Environment.
- Speech by Mrs Amandine Tiberghien, Brussels Policy Manager, and Mrs Charlotte Simon, Brussels Nature Network Project Manager, Natagora.
- Speech by Ms Paola Vigano, architect and urban planner, Professor of Urban Theory and Urban Design at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne and the IUAV in Venice (IT).
- Speech by Mr Simon De Muynck, Coordinator of the Urban Ecology Centre, researcher at ULB-LoUlsE and member of the Brussels Environment Council.

Debate

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Fourth session: URBAN MOBILITY ISSUES**

*Hemicycle*

- Introductory speech by Mrs Anne-Charlotte d'Ursel, President of the Mobility Committee of the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region.
- Speech by Mr Kris Vanherle, researcher at the University of Leuven's Transport and Mobility Centre and founder of Telraam.
- Speech by Mr Bruno Clerbaux, regional and urban planner, former Secretary General of the European Council of Town Planners, Honorary President of the Belgian Chamber of Town Planners, full member of the Regional Development Commission (Mobility section) and Director of the ACPGroup consultancy firm.
- Mr François Macq, Managing Director of Macq Mobility.
- Mr Alexandre Van Pestel, Director of Espaces-Mobilités (TBC).

Debate

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m. drinks and departure of the delegations**

*Cafeteria.*