**WORKSHOP**

**Simplification of the European Territorial Cooperation**

22 November 2017, CoR, Rue Van Marlant 2, Brussels, Room VMA 1

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13:00 Opening of the registration | Bring your national ID / Passport with you

13:15 **Networking lunch offered by Interact**

14:15 **Opening of the workshop**

 *Mr* ***Petr Osvald****, Chair of the CoR COTER Commission*

 *Ms* ***Ana-Paula Laissy****, Head of Unit D2, European Commission*

 *Introduction*

*Ms* ***Iulia Hertzog****, Member of the High Level Group on monitoring simplification for beneficiaries of ESI Funds; Head of Managing Authority for ETC Programmes in Romania*

14:45 **Simplification of ETC Programme management**

 *Moderator*

 *Ms* ***Katja Ecke,*** *Interact Programme*

*Introduction*

*Mr* ***Martín Guillermo Ramírez****, Secretary General of AEBR*

*Focus on audit matters*

*Ms* ***Anne Wetzel****, Directrice, Direction Europe, Région Hauts de France, MA of 3 ETC programmes*

 *State Aid simplification*

 *Mr* ***Przemyslaw Kniaziuk****, Interact*

 *Discussion*

16:15 **Coffee break**

16:30 **Simplification of ETC Project Management**

 *Moderator*

 *Mr* ***Thomas Wobben****, Director of Legislative Work, CoR*

 *Ms* ***Catrin Gutowsky,*** *Ministry of Sciences and Economic Affairs, Saxony-Anhalt, tbc*

 *Ms* ***Fenna Beekmans****, Director of Europa Decentraal*

 *Discussion*

17:30 **European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation, access to ETC programmes and issues of eligibility with EU funded programmes**

 *Moderator*

 *Mr* ***Pavel Branda****, CoR Member and Rapporteur on "People-to-people projects in cross-border cooperation programmes'*

 *Ms* ***Sandra Sodini****, EGTC GO Director*

 *Mr* ***Jörg Saalbach****, Director Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor EGTC*

 *Discussion*

18:15 **Closing remarks**

 *Ms* ***Petra Masacova****, Head of the Management Authority, Interact*

 *Mr* ***Ádám Karácsony****, CoR Member and Rapporteur on "Boosting Growth and Cohesion in EU Border Regions"*