

Draft Agenda

Future of macro-regional strategies in the EU post 2020

Date: 23th of May 2017

Venue: Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU, Brussels

Address: Rue de Trèves 92-98, 1040 Brussels

The main purpose of the seminar is to facilitate an open discussion about the future of macro-regional strategies in the European Union by gathering the experiences and recommendations from all existing Strategies. The discussions should focus on how the functioning of macro-regional strategies can be improved in the near future, what the best practices are in terms of their implementation, what are the key challenges and obstacles they are currently facing and what role should/could they play post2020.

- 10.00 – 10.10 Opening remarks by
- Tibor Stelbaczky, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU
- 10.10 – 10.50 Statements from
- Gábor Jenei – EU Strategy for the Danube Region Presidency
 - Erik Kiesow – EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Presidency
 - Vassilis Tselios – EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region Presidency (TBC)
 - Katharina Hellmann – EU Strategy for the Alpine Region Presidency
- 10.50 – 11.10 Q&A
- 11.10 – 11.30 Presentation of the European Commission on the current state of macro-regional strategies and their possible future perspectives
- 11:30 – 11:45 Presentation of Katharina Hellmann on ‘Embedding macro-regional strategies into EU policy post 2020’
- 11.45 – 12.00 Q&A
- 12.00 – 12.15 Filip Chybalski (TBC) New grass root initiatives – Carpathian Macro-Regional Strategy
- 12.15 – 12.30 Q&A
- 12:30 – 13:15 Light lunch



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- 13:15 – 14:15 **Presentation of the future prospects of macro-regional strategies from a programmingperspective:**
- Imre Csalagovits, Danube Transnational Program
 - Niclas Forsling, EUStrategy for the Baltic Sea Region Presidency
- 14.15 – 14.45 **Q&A**
- 14:45 – 15:15 **Jörg Mirtl: "Results and conclusions from the studies conducted by Interact"**
- 15:15 – 15:25 **Concluding remarks from the Hungarian Presidency**

Please confirm you participation at the event with Nikoletta Oláh
(Nikoletta.Olah@mfa.gov.hu)until 12 May (Friday) close of business.