



2nd Forum for Managing Authorities on Building Administrative Capacity 2021-2027



Tuesday 18 April 2023, 09:30 – 17:00 CET, Brussels/Hybrid, Interpretation to/from EN, ES, FR, IT, PL

09:30 – 09:40

Introduction by Moderator **Diana Madill**

09:40 – 10:10

OPENING SESSION – WHAT IS GOOD GOVERNANCE?

The importance of good governance for cohesion policy and what it means in practice.

- **Sofia Alves**, Director, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- **John Bachtler**, Professor of European Policy Studies and Director of the European Policies Research Centre at the University of Strathclyde

10:10 – 11:00

1. NEW CHALLENGES → NEW COMPETENCES

Different perspectives and views on what new competences and skills are needed to deal with new/key challenges for EU regional policy, such as the Just Transition Fund (JTF), green and digital transition, and coordination with the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF). Discussions will include suggestions on how capacity building gaps can be addressed.

Short interventions and panel discussion involving:

- **Ivan Sergejev**, Coordinator of the Just Transition process? Ministry of Finance, Estonia
- **Maria Kasotaki**, Director, Managing Authority of “Crete” region, Greece
- **Piotr Żuber**, Principal Advisor, Ministry of Funds and Regional Development, Poland
- **Elisa Roller**, Director, Twin Transition, Economic and Social Affairs, Secretariat-General
- **Sander Happaerts**, Policy Coordinator, Just Transition Fund, DG Regional and Urban Policy

11:00 – 11:30 BREAK

11:30 – 12:30

2. STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

On benefits of adopting a strategic approach on administrative capacity building through development and implementation of a Roadmap involving stakeholders or through other types of strategies, for example on human resources. Experiences and lessons learned will be shared by managing authorities.

Short interventions and panel discussion involving:

- **Mafalda Ferreira**, Head of Unit, Cohesion and Development Agency, Portugal
- **Irina Pintilescu**, Director of Legal and Human Resources Department, North - East Regional Development Agency, Romania
- **Sandro Sanna**, Official in charge of RP Sardegna ERDF 2021-2027, Autonomous Region of Sardinia, Italy



- **John Bachtler**, Professor of European Policy Studies and a Director of the European Policies Research Centre at the University of Strathclyde
- **Stefan Appel**, Head of Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 15:00

3. CAPACITY BUILDING OF BENEFICIARIES

Beneficiaries are an important part of the ecosystem for implementation of cohesion policy. The capacity of beneficiaries to develop and implement projects is a key factor for successful achievement of programme objectives. This session covers different perspectives and views on how to build capacity of beneficiaries.

Short interventions and panel discussion involving:

- **Michał Olszewski**, Deputy Mayor of the Capital City of Warsaw, Poland
- **Maria Varina Michalun**, Head of Unit, Governance and Strategic Planning for Regional Development, OECD
- **Radana Leistner Kratochvílová**, Department Director, Ministry of Environment, Czechia
- **Annika Rosing**, Head of Unit, Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Sweden
- **Valérie Lapenne**, Head of unit Strategy, Cooperation and Territories at the National Agency for Territorial Cohesion (ANCT), France

15:00 – 16:00

4. SELECTION OF OPERATIONS

DG Regional and Urban Policy has commissioned a study that analysed the different steps of the entire process of selection of operations. The main findings will be presented followed by an exchange on the topic and presentation of some good practice.

Short interventions and panel discussion involving:

- **Johanna Bähn**, Senior Policy Advisor, National Coordinating Body, the Netherlands
- **Enda Hogan**, Assistant Director, Southern Regional Assembly, ERDF Managing Authority, Ireland
- **Urmo Merila**, Head of Grants Development Department, Managing Authority, Estonia
- **Jevgenija Kučuna**, Head of the MIS unit, Central Finance and Contracting Agency, Latvia
- **Ieva Cerniute**, Policy Officer, DG Regional and Urban Policy

16:00 – 16:50

CLOSING PLENARY

Short interventions and panel discussion on perspectives/ideas on how to tackle administrative capacity building challenges. How can the Commission support Managing Authorities to build administrative capacity of the cohesion policy ecosystem?

- **Claudio Pérez-Olea Meyer-Döhner**, Senior Advisor, Directorate General for European Funds, Spain
- **Marina Hudolin**, Head of Department for Administrative Capacity Monitoring and Development, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia
- **Rūta Dapkutė-Stankevičienė**, Cohesion policy attaché, Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the EU
- **Stefan Appel**, Head of Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy

Closing statement, including main take-aways from the day.

- **Sofia Alves**, Director, DG Regional and Urban Policy

N.B. **A networking buffet dinner** for participants will take place on **Tuesday 17 April 19.00-21.30**