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Committee on Regional Development
The Chair

To the Chair of the committee concerned

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development will organize an interparliamentary committee meeting with the committees of the Member States' parliaments responsible for regional development and cohesion policy, on the *"Future Cohesion Policy in the light of new legislative proposals"*.

The meeting will take place on 6 October 2011 from 15.00 to 18.30 in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels.

As you know legislative proposals due to be adopted in July by the European Commission are of particular importance for cohesion policy as they will define the framework for the next programming period. The October meeting will therefore, be the first occasion for national Parliaments to express their views on the legislative package and I am sure that our deliberations will allow for a strong parliamentary input into the ongoing debate on the future of the cohesion policy.

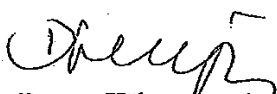
I am therefore pleased to invite up to four members of the relevant Committee(s) from every national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend the meeting.

Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Please find attached the preliminary draft programme for the meeting. The practical details will be forwarded directly to your Parliament's Representatives responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I look forward to your participation in our discussions.

Yours sincerely,


Danuta Hübner



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Committee on Regional Development

3rd Interparliamentary Committee Meeting with national Parliaments

FUTURE COHESION POLICY IN THE LIGHT OF NEW LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

*6 October 2011 - 15h00 - 18h30
Room JAN 2Q2 (József Antall building)*

*European Parliament
Brussels*

Preliminary Draft Programme

- 14:00 - 15:00 **Registration of participants**
*Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), MAIL entrance
Place du Luxembourg*
- 15:00 - 15:20 **Welcome and introductory remarks**
*Mrs Danuta Hübner, Chairperson
Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament*
- 15:20 - 15:40 *Mrs Elzbieta Bienkowska, Minister of Regional Development
Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU (tbc)*
- 15:40 - 16:00 *Mr Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy,
European Commission (tbc)*
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Launching the debate**
*Future cohesion policy: some reflections from the national
Parliaments (with two keynote speakers)*
- 16:30 - 18:20 **Open Debate**
*between members of the European Parliament and national
Parliaments*
- 18:20 - 18:30 **Conclusions**
*Mrs Danuta Hübner, Chairperson
Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament*
- 18:30 **Cocktail (tbc)**