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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 (REGI) will organize an interparliamentary committee meeting with the committees of the Member States' Parliaments responsible for regional development and cohesion policy, on the following subject:

***"The implementation challenges of the future cohesion policy:
Towards productive investment for growth and cohesion through improved
synergies between local, national and EU level to deliver EU 2020 Strategy"***

The meeting will take place on **27 November 2013 from 15.00 to 18.30** in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels, in the framework of the monthly meeting of the Committee on Regional Development.

As you will know, the negotiations on the legislative package for the future Cohesion policy 2014-2020 are advancing at full speed. The adopted legislation will predefine the framework of the future programming period and the effectiveness of the future policy.

The legislative package foresees the establishment of new policy instruments aimed at improved strategic planning and coordination -the Common Strategic Framework and the Partnership Agreements. These new tools are introducing a new philosophy to the policy, which will become more integrated providing common guidance to all five funds. The new partnership principle, reinforced at all levels of the policy making and implementation, will guarantee a more important role for local and regional authorities and partners.

In this context, our meeting in November will offer the possibility to national Parliaments to express their views on these crucial elements of the new Cohesion policy with a special focus on the implementation challenges at national level.

We are therefore pleased to invite up to four members of each national Parliament (two from each chamber in case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to participate in the event and to make a short presentation of your Committee's views on the matter.

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 of the meeting. Practical details regarding the event will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept the invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 27 November 2013.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danuta Hübner', with a horizontal line above the 'n'.

Danuta HÜBNER