

## Staying competitive in a changing world – regional innovation and cohesion policies now and in the future

with the example of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen for the significance  
of ERDF assistance for the regional innovation system

### Programme

- 10.30 Registration open
- 11.00 Welcome  
**Gerhard Stahl**, Committee of the Regions
- 11.10 Innovation Systems and Regional Policy in a global perspective  
**Claire Nauwelaers**, Policy Analyst, Regional Competitiveness and Regional Governance Division of OECD
- 11.30 Flying with the tailwind - The Significance of ERDF Assistance for the regional Innovation System in the State of Bremen  
**Holger Bornemann**, business area manager, prognos AG
- 11.50 Panel discussion: Regional innovation and cohesion policies now and in the future  
**Mikel Landabaso**, DG Regio, Head of Unit - Thematic Coordination and Innovation  
**Martin Günthner**, Minister of Economic Affairs and Ports, Free Hanseatic City of Bremen  
**Danuta Hübner**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development, Former European Commissioner for Regional Policy (2004-2009)  
**Maria Da Graça Carvalho**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Former Minister of Science and Higher Education and former Minister of Science, Innovation and Higher Education  
**Andrea Benassi**, Secretary General, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME)
- 12.30 Questions and Answers
- 13.00 Reception

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