

EPP-led Cities Joining Forces to Deliver Sustainable Solutions for Citizens

#HelsinkiEPPCoR

EPP Congress Side Event - Wednesday, 7 November 2018, 11:00–12:30
Messukeskus Helsinki Expo and Convention Centre, room 203, Messuaukio 1, 00520, Helsinki, Finland
Interpretation: FR, DE, EN, FI, BG (spoken & listening) - DE, EN, FI, BG (listening)

11:00-11:15 Opening – EPP cities working together for a better future

Introduction by **Sari Rautio**, Chair of Hämeenlinna city board, Vice-chair of the board, Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities

- **Michael Schneider**, President of the EPP Group, European Committee of the Regions
- **Joseph Daul**, President of the European People's Party
- **Esther de Lange**, EPP Vice-President, EPP-EP Group Vice-Chair and coordinator of the EU 2019 elections
- **Antti Häkkänen**, Minister of Justice, Vice-Chair of Kokoomus

11:15-11:50 Cities delivering smart solutions to climate change – EPP priorities in view of the EU 2019 elections

Impulse statement by **Alexander Stubb**, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank

Jan Vapaavuori, Mayor of Helsinki

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dialogue
with*

Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President of the European Commission,
Commissioner for Jobs, Growth, Investment & Competitiveness

Yordanka Fandakova, Mayor of Sofia

Raffaele Cattaneo, Regional Minister for Environment of Lombardy Region,
EPP-CoR Group

Moderation by Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the European Parliament

Objective: *What are some of the concrete challenges related to climate change your cities are experiencing at the local level? How can cities work together to overcome/prepare for these challenges? How can innovative and smart solutions help fight climate change and achieve the EU's energy Union targets at the local level?*

11:50-12:25 EPP Local Dialogues – Citizens' expectations towards the future European Commission to achieve a sustainable Europe

Impulse statement by **Manfred Weber**, Chair of the EPP Group in the European Parliament

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia, political coordinator for the 2019 EU elections of the EPP-CoR Group

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Nikola Dobroslavić, President of Dubrovnik-Neretva Region,
CoR rapporteur on the Multiannual Financial Framework package 2021-2027, EPP-CoR Group

Deirdre Forde, Councillor of Cork County Council,
EPP-CoR Group

Bianca Debaets, State Secretary, Brussels Government

Moderation by Markku Markkula, Chair of Espoo city board, First Vice-President of the CoR, EPP-CoR Group

Objective: *As part of the EPP Grassroots Engagement in view of the 2019 European elections, a number of EPP Local Dialogues with citizens have taken place in EU's regions and cities. What concrete solutions the citizens expect from the future European Commission President to deliver to achieve better quality of air, energy efficiency, mobility and climate resilience in Europe's cities and regions?*

12:25-12:30 Closing

- **Dara Murphy**, Vice-President of the EPP, Campaign Director for the 2019 European Elections

Study visit to city of Espoo

12:40–14:30 EPP Showcasing Finnish local government's commitment to sustainable development – Study visit to city of Espoo

Introductions by:

Markku Markkula, Chair of Espoo city board, First Vice-President of the CoR, EPP CoR Group

Jukka Mäkelä, Mayor of Espoo

Sustainable mobility – Electric buses in action, Transfer from Helsinki to Espoo and back

Sustainable energy – Visit to St1 Deep Heat geoenery research site, Otaniemi, Espoo

Sustainable innovation and entrepreneurship – Introducing Aalto Sustainability Hub and Espoo Innovation Garden – **lunch included**

Diipoli, Aalto University, Otaniemi, Espoo