

Welcome Address



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It is my pleasure to welcome all speakers and participants here today. Building up this meeting with the Institut d'Aménagement et d'Urbanisme d'Ile-de-France has been a real pleasure.

We had the same objective: a reflection on metropolises in Europe with a special focus on Ile-de-France and a feedback from very recognised and well-known experts such as you.

European metropolises and cities pose a key challenge at a time when the European new

financial framework for the period 2014-2020 is being prepared.

Regional policy referring to economic, social and territorial cohesion will be decisive. The concept of territorial cohesion was recognised by the Lisbon Treaty. However, it remains to be seen how this future Cohesion policy will encompass our metropolises.

I will now pass the floor to Vincent Fouchier who will detail our theme for today's seminar.



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