

ECR Localism Summit 2018

19 September 2018 – Milan

9.00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:45	Opening speeches
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Jonkman, ECR CoR Group President • Attilio Fontana, President of Lombardy Region • Francesca Brianza, Deputy President of Lombardy Regional Council
9:45 – 10:35	What role for cities and regions in the future of Europe?
	<p>Local and regional authorities are impacted by approximately 70% of EU legislation and are responsible for approximately 1/3 of all public expenditure and 2/3 of all public investment. Currently, through the CoR, they are consulted on EU legislation and have the powers to take the EU to Court if the principle of subsidiarity is not respected. This panel will look at what role they currently play in the EU and what role they could play in the future governance of Europe. It will also look at the reforms needed to ensure that the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality are better upheld.</p> <p>Moderator: Themistoklis Asthenidis, Deputy Director of ACRE</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Stefano Bruno Galli, Minister of Autonomy and Culture of Lombardy Region • László Lóránt Keresztes, Member of Parliament, Hungary • Richard Milsom, Chief Executive, Alliance of Conservatives and Reformists in Europe • Linda Robinson, Leader of Wychavon Council, UK
10:35 – 10:50	Coffee
10:50 – 11:25	Fireside chat (tbc)²
11:25 – 12:15	The business of running cities
	<p>This panel will look at the business of running our cities i.e. the delivering of urban services. Cities, an "industry" that account for more than 80% of global GDP, house an annually increasing number of our population. Already today, 600 urban centers alone generate about 60% of global GDP. By 2050, over 80 percent of citizens in Europe are expected to live in urban spaces. Macroeconomic trends and technological innovations make the running of our cities ripe for disruption. This panel will look at the most effective and efficient ways of running these urban spaces in Europe and the role that the private sector and the different tiers of government (EU, national and local and regional) can play.</p> <p>Key-note: Marcin Ociepa, Polish Deputy Minister for Entrepreneurship and Technology</p> <p>Moderator: Daniele Lepido, Bloomberg</p>

Speakers:

- **Juraj Droba**, President of the Bratislava Self-Governing Region, Slovakia
- **Alberto Zilio**, Director of Public Affairs Europe, AT&T
- **Luca Spada**, CEO, Eolo
- **Simonpaolo Buongiardino**, Vice-president of Confcommercio Lombardy

12:15 – 13:15

Lunch

13:15 – 14:05

Climate change and resilience to natural disasters

Tackling climate change and minimising its effect is a priority for the EU. In recent years, the frequency and intensity of natural disasters has increased and is considered to be linked to climate change. This panel will look at the role of cities and regions in climate action and the steps that need to be taken by the public and private sectors as well as local communities to address climate change and achieve greater resilience to disasters.

Keynote: **Daiva Matoniene**, Member of Siauliai city municipal Council, former deputy Minister for Environment of Lithuania, CoR rapporteur renewable energy and internal electricity market

Moderator: **Neva Sadikoglu-Novaky**, Secretary-General ECR Group

Speakers:

- **Roberto Ciambetti**, President of the Veneto Regional Council
- **Maurice Golden**, Member of Scottish Parliament for the West Scotland region
- **Debbie Dooley**, President of Green Tea Coalition and Conservatives for Energy Freedom
- **Adam Banaszak**, Vice President of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Regional Parliament, Poland, CoR rapporteur on disaster resilience

14:05 – 14:55

Combatting social inequality

Almost a quarter of European citizens are at risk of poverty or social exclusion according to Eurostat. Building a fairer Europe and strengthening its social dimension is a key priority for the Commission. This session will aim to address the following questions: do we need an EU welfare state? What role do local community solutions play? What role does the private sector play? How can we make sure that local citizens will be put at the heart of the new social "contract" drawn up between the EU institutions and public?

Keynote: **Dario Galli**, Italian Undersecretary for economic development

Moderator: **Laura Tecce**, Libero Quotidiano

Speakers:

- **Jonathan Werran**, Chief Executive at Localis Think-Tank
- **Emanuele Monti**, President of the Health Commission, Lombardy Regional Council
- **Oldřich Vlasák**, Councillor of the City of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic
- **Victor Santana**, Chief of Staff of Daniel Hannan MEP

14:55 – 15:10

Coffee break

15:10 – 16:00

Migration and integration

This panel will look at how cities, regions and their local communities are responding to the migration and refugee crisis experienced in Europe. It will look at how these local experiences can be used to shape the future EU migration and integration policies.

Moderator: **Alexandros Koronakis**, Editor and CEO of New Europe

Speakers:

- **Riccardo De Corato**, Lombardy regional Minister for immigration and security
- **Mayor Ellen van Selm**, Mayor of Opsterland; President of the P10, the association of largest rural municipalities in the Netherlands
- **David Simmonds**, Deputy Leader of London Borough of Hillingdon, Leader of the Conservative Group at the Local Government Association representing England and Wales
- **Prof Alessandro Meluzzi**, political commentator

16:00

Closing remarks

- **Carlo Fidanza**, MP and Member of Rosazza Municipal Council
- **Matteo Bianchi**, MP and Mayor of Morazzone
- **Rob Jonkman**, ECR CoR Group President