



EPP-CoR Workshop – Open Days 2013

"Citizen and business mobility across regions and cities"

Wednesday, 9th October 2013, 14:30 - 17:00

Committee of the Regions (CoR), Room JDE51 (5th floor)

Followed by a networking event (17:00-17:30)

The workshop is to be seen in the context of the European Year of Citizens, the implementation of the Single Market Act II and the delivering of Europe 2020 strategy. It aims at focusing on the benefits that the citizens can obtain from the single market, including through the use of various EU programs for investments in growth and jobs. Free movement across borders is at the very basis of a single market and one of the foundations of the European Union. Practical and legal barriers to the mobility of citizens, business activities and investment funding still persist however. Citizen and business mobility is one of the strands of the single market act II, which are essential in order to deliver on its potential. Issues such as the administrative burdens encountered by businesses on cross border mobility, access to finance for entrepreneurs in trouble as well as the role of the EURES portal in boosting citizens' mobility will be addressed. Given the 2013 European Year for citizenship, the EPP will also present in this context its publication of 30 essays from young people on their vision for EU citizenship in 2020.

14:30-14:45

Opening of the workshop

by **Michael Schneider**, President of the EPP-CoR Group

14:45-16:15

Main discussion panel: Setting the framework and presentation of best case practices

Moderated by **Markku Markkula**, Head of the EPP Group Task Force on Europe 2020

Doede Ackers, Deputy Head of Unit Europe 2020: Employment Policies, Skills, Mobility and Employment Services, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: ***"The European job search network (EURES)"***

Teresa González Ventin, Coordinator of the EURES cross border partnership Galicia/Região Norte: ***"Living and working in a cross border region"***

Zbigniew Palenica, Member of the Board of Solaris Bus and Coach: ***"Solaris bus and coach: a success story of business mobility"***

Hank Kune, Think Tank New club of Paris: ***"Crossing Borders, Closing Gaps: How knowledge and ideas move across borders"***

16:15-17:00

Debate with participants

Moderated by **Markku Markkula**, Head of the EPP Group Task Force on Europe 2020

17:00-17:30

Networking session

(Designated area near the entrance of Room JDE51)