

Cohesion Conference 2023:
Evaluating EU Cohesion policy – challenges and opportunities
23 October 2023, 10:00 – 16:30 (CET)

9:00 – 10:00	Welcome desk and coffee service	
10:00 – 10:10	Opening remarks	Annemie Turtelboom , Member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA)
10:10 – 10:30	Keynote speech	Kyriacos Kakouris , EIB Vice-President
10:30 – 11:50	Panel 1	Assessing the European added value of Cohesion policy: evidence from EU and national evaluations during the last three programming periods Panel moderator: Stef Blok , ECA Member • John Bachtler, EPRC Delft/University of Strathclyde • Friedrich Heinemann, ZEW Mannheim • Alison Hunter, EPC, Senior Adviser; EPPC Director • Adriaan Schout, Clingendael; Radboud University in Nijmegen
11:50 – 13:10	Lunch and coffee break	
13:10 – 13:30	Keynote speech	Elisa Ferreira , European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
13:30 – 14:40	Panel 2	Innovative methodological approaches to evaluations, particularly in the context of new data sources Panel moderator: Eva Lindström , ECA Member • Sue Almond, Board member at International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) • Peter Berkowitz, Director at DG Regio • Valentin Lang, Assistant Professor for International Political Economy and Development at the School of Social Sciences at Mannheim University • Aline Pennisi, Ministry of the Economy & Finance (MEF)
14:40 – 15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00 – 15:10	Keynote pre-recorded video	Mathias Cormann , OECD Secretary-General
15:10 – 16:20	Panel 3	Setting-up and auditing a robust evaluation system Panel moderator: Helga Berger , ECA Member • Alfredo de Feo, Scientific Director at the European College of Parma • Thomas Delahais, Evaluator and founding partner of Quadrant Conseil • Martina Jurjevic, State Audit Office of the Republic of Croatia • Jorge Nunez Ferrer, EIPA; Director at Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions; formerly associate senior researcher at CEPS
16:20 – 16:30	Closing remarks	Tony Murphy , ECA President
16:30 – 17:30	Networking drink	