

**European Summit of  
Regions and Cities  
Wroclaw, Poland  
19 and 20 May 2005**

*Programme, 13<sup>th</sup> May 05*

**Thursday 19 May**

**4.15 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.**

Press Conference

**5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

**Official opening of the Summit by:**

- Mr **Rafał Dutkiewicz**, Mayor of Wroclaw
- Mr **Peter Straub**, President of the Committee of the Regions

**Interventions by:**

- Representative of the Polish Government
- Mr **Jean-Marie Halsdorf**, Minister for Home Affairs and Town C Planning, Luxemburg, Council Presidency
- Mrs **Danuta Hübner**, Commissioner for Regional Policy
- Mr **Josep Borrell**, President of the European Parliament (video mes

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**6 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.**

### **Political debate on “Decentralisation and cohesion”**

*Question:*

*Under which conditions does European solidarity ensure the economic and convergence and the territorial cohesion of the enlarged Union? Is decentralisation a useful tool to reinforce cohesion?*

**Introduction:**

- Mrs **Danuta Hübner**, Member of the European Commission responsible for regional policy

**Panel:**

- Mrs **Theodora Bakogianni** (EL), Mayor of Athens
- Mr. **Albert Bore** (UK), First Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions, Member of Birmingham City Council
- Mr **Peter Chudik** (SK), President of Presov region
- Mr **Gábor Demszky** (HU), Mayor of Budapest
- Mr **Michael Häupl** (AT), Minister President of Vienna, President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions
- Mr **Riccardo Illy** (IT), President of Friuli Venice-Giulia, President of the Assembly of European Regions
- Mr **Jacques Pélissard** (FR) President of the Association of French Mayors
- Mr **Lambert van Nistelrooij** (NL) President of the Association of European Border Regions, Member of the European Parliament

**General Debate with amongst others:**

- Mr **Roman Bezsmertnii** (UA), Vice-Prime Minister of Ukraine on Administrative and Territorial Reform
- Mr **Adrien Zeller** (FR), President of Alsace
- Mr **Marcelino Iglesias Ricou** (ES), President of Aragon
- Mr **Alberto João Jardim** (PT), President of Madeira
- Mr **Jan Olbrycht** (PL), Member of the European Parliament
- Mr **Lubomir Roman** (SK), President of the Bratislava region

**8.30 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.** Official Reception

<b>Friday 20 May</b>
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<b>9.30 a.m. – 11.15 a.m</b>	<p><b>Political debate on “<i>Decentralisation and competitiveness</i>”</b></p> <p><i>Question:</i></p> <p><i>What are the necessary tools for implementing competitiveness and development prosperity at territorial level? Which factors have promoted development in our regions, as compared to others. What role does decentralisation play in this context? How can Europe promote and facilitate the exchange of good practice at local regional level?</i></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr <b>Ivan Pilip</b> (CZ), Vice President of European Investment Bank</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr <b>Richard Leese</b> (UK), Leader of Manchester City council, President of EUROCITIES</li> <li>- Mr <b>Claudio Martini</b> (IT), President of Tuscany, President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe</li> <li>- Mr <b>Raymond Forni</b> (FR), President of Franche-Comté</li> <li>- Mrs <b>Eva-Riitta Siitonen</b> (FI), Mayor of Helsinki</li> <li>- Mr <b>Wolfgang Tiefensee</b> (DE), Mayor of Leipzig</li> </ul> <p><b>General Debate with amongst others:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr <b>Lars Engberg</b> (DK), Lord Mayor of Copenhagen</li> <li>- Mr <b>Johannes Flensted-Jensen</b> (DK), County Mayor of Aarhus Region</li> <li>- Mr <b>Ander Gustav</b> (SE), Mayor of the City of Solna</li> <li>- Mrs <b>Fabienne Keller</b> (FR), Mayor of Strasbourg</li> <li>- Mr <b>Carlos Manuel César</b> (PT), President of the Autonomous Government of the Azores</li> <li>- Mr <b>Gabriel Mato Agrover</b> (ES), President of the Canary Islands’ Parliament</li> <li>- Mrs <b>Danica Simšič</b> (SI), Mayor of Ljubljana</li> </ul>
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<b>Friday 20 May</b>	
<b>11.30 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Political debate on “Decentralisation and democracy”</b></p> <p><i>Question:</i></p> <p><i>How does decentralisation contribute to strengthening European citizenship, and cohesion?</i></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr <b>Eberhard Sinner</b> (DE), President of the Conference of European Regions with Legislative Power, Bavarian Minister for European Affairs</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr <b>Ernest Benach i Pascual</b> (ES), President of the Conference of the European Legislative Assemblies</li> <li>- Mr <b>Michel Delebarre</b> (FR), Mayor of Dunkerque, Former State Minister</li> <li>- Mr <b>Leonardo Domenici</b> (IT), Mayor of Florence and President of the Regional Council of Tuscany</li> <li>- Mr <b>Juan José Ibarretxe Markuartu</b> (ES), President of the Government of the Basque Country</li> <li>- Mr <b>Charles Picqué</b> (BE), Minister President of Brussels Capital Region</li> <li>- Mr <b>George Reid</b> (UK), Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament</li> <li>- Mr <b>Pedro Sanz Alonso</b> (ES), President of the Basque Country</li> </ul> <p><b>General debate with amongst others:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr <b>Isidoro Gottardo</b> (IT), Councillor of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region</li> <li>- Mr <b>Giovanni Di Stasi</b> (IT), President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities</li> <li>- Mr <b>Brunon Synak</b> (PL), Chairman of regional assembly of Pomorskie region</li> <li>- Mr <b>Alessandro Tesini</b> (IT), President of the Conference of the Italian Regional Parliaments</li> <li>- Mr <b>Peter Winter</b> (DE), Councillor for European affairs for the county of Saarland</li> </ul>
<b>1.15 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.</b>	<p>Adoption of the final declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr <b>Valéry Giscard d’Estaing</b>, former president of the Convention for the future of Europe (video message)</li> <li>- Summit conclusions by the President of the Committee of the Regions <b>Peter Straub</b></li> </ul>

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