



CEPLI Political Conference :

« Territorial reforms in Europe, at the « public » service of the territories ? »

Département de Haute Garonne, 1, boulevard de la Marquette, Toulouse,

Thursday, Novembre 14th, 2019

2:15pm – 2:45pm, opening speeches

- **Georges MERIC**, President of the County Council of Haute Garonne
- **Dominique BUSSEREAU**, Former Minister, President of the County council of Charente-Maritime, President of the Assemblée des Départements de France
- **André VIOLA**, President of the County Council of Aude, General secretary of the Assemblée des Départements de France, President of the CEPLI

Moderator : Amandine VIGUIE, Euractiv

2:45pm-3:05pm, Introductory speech of **Isabelle BOUDINEAU**, President of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and Budget, Committee of the Regions

3:05pm – 3:30pm, "The future of local administrations in Europe"

Presentation of the COST study results, research carried out as part of an international project about the local public service in 31 countries, which draws lessons for policy makers in order to form the future of local authorities in Europe.

3:30pm – 3:45pm, « General view over territorial foresight: scenarios on the territories evolution »

Speech of **Ilona RAUGZE**, Director of the ESPON Program

3:45pm – 5:00pm, The intermediate local authorities in Europe : where are we now?

Round table of the Presidents, members of the CEPLI : local intermediate authorities, skills, reforms, impact.

Assemblée des Départements de France – ADF (France), Związek Powiatów Polskich – ZPP (Poland), Deutscher Landkreistag - DLT (Germany), Association des Provinces wallonnes - APW (Belgium) et Vereniging van Vlaamse Provincies – VVP (Belgium), UPI (Italy), Partenalia, Arc latin,

Opinions' exchanges with the participants

5:00pm – 5:15pm, Break

5:15pm – 6:00pm, Perspectives « Building 21st Century's local intermediate authorities »

Views :

« The Belgian provinces: between the devil and the deep sea »

Speech of **Herwig REYNAERT**, Professor at the Faculty of Political and social Sciences, Ghent University

« The future of the local management and the role of intermediate local governments », Foundation for Democracy and Local Governments

Speech of **Tomas FONT**, Professor of the Chair of Administrative Law of the Barcelona University and Director of the « annuaire du Pouvoir local », Fondation Democracia y Gobierno Local.

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6:00pm, Political Declaration and Conclusion: André VIOLA, President of the CEPLI