



CEPLI Political Conference

« Local Intermediate Authorities: a safety net for our citizens in the global fight against the Covid crisis »

Friday, 20th November 2020, online session, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Moderator: Nicolas REYNES, Partenalia

Introductory remarks

- **André VIOLA**, President of CEPLI, Assembly of French Departments (ADF), President of the French national delegation of the European Committee of the Regions, Aude County
- **Manuel BALTAR**, Vice-President of CEPLI, President of the Diputacion de Ourense, President of Partenalia

➤ *The State of Union from a local and regional perspective*

- Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS, President of the European Committee of the Regions, Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia

I. "First EU responses to the Covid-19 crisis"

➤ *'React – EU', First response under the European Cohesion Policy*

- Nicola DE MICHELIS, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

II. "How the Local Intermediate Authorities (LIAs) support their territories and citizens during the Covid-19 crisis"

➤ *Geography of the COVID-19 outbreak and first policy responses in European regions and cities*

- Wiktor SZYDAROWSKI, Director of the EGTC ESPON

➤ *Case studies: Italy, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Poland, Romania, France*

Interventions :

- Luca MENESINI, Union of Italian Provinces (UPI), President of the Province of Lucca, member of the European Committee of the Regions, Italy
- Manuel BALTAR, Vice-President of CEPLI, President of the Diputacion de Ourense, President of Partenalía, Spain
- Hauke JAGAU, President of the Hanover Region, The German Counties Association (DLT), Germany
- Serge HUSTACHE, President of the Walloon Association (APW), President of the Hainaut County, Belgium
- Andrzej PLONKA, President of the Union of Polish Counties (ZPP), President of the Bielsko County, Poland
- Alin-Adrian NICA, President of the Timiș County, Member of the European Committee of the Regions between 2007-2020, Romania
- André VIOLA, President of CEPLI, Assembly of French Departments (ADF), Aude County, France

➤ **European Recovery Plan, state of play**

- Jan OLBRYCHT, MEP, the European Parliament's Standing Rapporteur on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, European Parliament

Presentation of the CEPLI Political Statement - André VIOLA, President of CEPLI