

AER Autumn Bureau Meeting
Nijmegen, Gelderland (NL), 22 November 2018

How to come prepared?

To ensure you get the best out of the meeting here is what members need to prepare for the AER Bureau Meeting in Gelderland on 22 November.

The AER Manifesto for the European Elections

In the run-up to the 2019 European Parliament elections and appointment of the new Commission, AER is launching a manifesto to inform candidates about the priorities of European regions for the upcoming mandate.

Working Document: Available [here](#).

We would like to hear from you on:

- **your regions' priorities for the upcoming mandate of the European Parliament and the new Commission.**
- **your views on what issues should be prioritised by political groups, candidates and EU leaders to further the regions' agenda.**

A Regional Debate: Migration, Diversity and Integration

This debate will look at the challenges facing regions in the areas of migration, diversity and integration and engage European regional policy-makers in a debate about the most effective approaches to promoting diversity and social cohesion.

Background Note: Available [here](#).

Please read the background document and come prepared with questions, comments, ideas and examples of policies, programmes and actions from your region on:

- What are the migration trends in Europe? What are the impacts and benefits – demographic, economic, environmental, economic, social and cultural? How are the changes in migration and the settlement, relocation and return processes affecting Europe?
- How do EU migration policies respond to these trends? How a better communication and cooperation could help more effectively respond to these trends?
- How do regions address the reality of migration? Is there a common approach among the actors involved in welcoming and integrating migrants?
- How to make the multi-level and multi-actor migration governance work, fulfilling the human rights of all migrants and realising the benefits of diversity towards cohesive societies?
- How do EU, Member States and regions policies address the processes leading to a full citizenship horizon for migrants? Are we still focusing only on migration management and welcoming policies or should we shift to a wider perspective focusing in citizenship and diversity management policies?

Discussion and adoption of AER position on European Commission legislative proposals for the future EU cohesion policy

This position sets out the AER view on the European Commission legislative proposals for the future EU cohesion policy published on 29 May 2018, reflecting feedback from members and setting out the specific changes AER proposes to make to the new framework.

Working Document: Available [here](#).

This session will consist of plenary and group work where Bureau members will be invited to debate and amend the AER positions and recommendations.

- **Consider the draft position and if you have any changes to propose to make AER points stronger, please amend or add.**

Discussion and adoption of AER position on Social Innovation

As the EU sets the next Multiannual Financial Framework and spending programmes for the period 2021-2027, this paper outlines the AER's position on how the EU can best boost social innovation across Europe, supporting regions' leadership role in driving social innovation.

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Open Floor

Give individual Bureau members the opportunity to raise issues or topics that are relevant for their region or another body of the organisation.

This space is for you to comment, raise anything you want to cover or seek feedback on a particular issue of interest for you!