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

Welcome desk and coffee service 9:00 - 10:00 Annemie Turtelboom, Opening 10:00 - 10:10remarks Member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) **Kyriacos Kakouris**, Keynote 10:10 - 10:30 speech **EIB Vice-President** 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 Panel 1 10:30 - 11:50 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 Lunch and coffee break 11:50 - 13:10 **Keynote** Elisa Ferreira, 13:10 - 13:30 speech European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms 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 13:30 - 14:40Panel 2 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** Keynote Mathias Cormann, pre-recorded 15:00 - 15:10**OECD Secretary-General** video 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 15:10 - 16:20Panel 3 • 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 Tony Murphy, Closing 16:20 - 16:30 **ECA President** remarks

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