

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

9:00 – 10:00	Welcome desk and coffee service	
10:00 – 10:10	Opening remarks	<b>Annemie Turtelboom</b> , Member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA)
10:10 – 10:30	Keynote speech	<b>Kyriacos Kakouris</b> , EIB Vice-President
10:30 – 11:50	Panel 1	<p><b>Assessing the European added value of Cohesion policy: evidence from EU and national evaluations during the last three programming periods</b></p> <p>Panel moderator: <b>Stef Blok</b>, ECA Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John Bachtler</b>, EPRC Delft/University of Strathclyde</li> <li>• <b>Friedrich Heinemann</b>, ZEW Mannheim</li> <li>• <b>Alison Hunter</b>, EPC, Senior Adviser; EPPC Director</li> <li>• <b>Adriaan Schout</b>, Clingendael; Radboud University in Nijmegen</li> </ul>
11:50 – 13:10	Lunch and coffee break	
13:10 – 13:30	Keynote speech	<b>Elisa Ferreira</b> , European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
13:30 – 14:40	Panel 2	<p><b>Innovative methodological approaches to evaluations, particularly in the context of new data sources</b></p> <p>Panel moderator: <b>Eva Lindström</b>, ECA Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sue Almond</b>, Board member at International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)</li> <li>• <b>Peter Berkowitz</b>, Director at DG Regio</li> <li>• <b>Valentin Lang</b>, Assistant Professor for International Political Economy and Development at the School of Social Sciences at Mannheim University</li> <li>• <b>Aline Pennisi</b>, Ministry of the Economy &amp; Finance (MEF)</li> </ul>
14:40 – 15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00 – 15:10	Keynote pre-recorded video	<b>Mathias Cormann</b> , OECD Secretary-General
15:10 – 16:20	Panel 3	<p><b>Setting-up and auditing a robust evaluation system</b></p> <p>Panel moderator: <b>Helga Berger</b>, ECA Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alfredo de Feo</b>, Scientific Director at the European College of Parma</li> <li>• <b>Thomas Delahais</b>, Evaluator and founding partner of Quadrant Conseil</li> <li>• <b>Martina Jurjevic</b>, State Audit Office of the Republic of Croatia</li> <li>• <b>Jorge Nunez Ferrer</b>, EIPA; Director at Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions; formerly associate senior researcher at CEPS</li> </ul>
16:20 – 16:30	Closing remarks	<b>Tony Murphy</b> , ECA President
16:30 – 17:30	Networking drink	