

Final program
Conference on “Road to Recovery”

26 May 2023

09:00-13:30

KOSICE, Slovakia

Location : Kasárne Kulturpark, Kukučínova 2

Interpretation: EN SK

08:30 Registration of participants

09:00-09:20 Welcome by

Ivan ŠTEFANEC MEP, Head of the Slovak delegation in the EPP Group

Jaroslav POLAČEK, Mayor of Košice

Lucia GURBÁL'OVÁ, Vice-Mayor of Košice, President of the KDH for Košice region

09:20-09:30 Introductory remarks by

Siegfried MUREŞAN MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the EP,
Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies

09:30-10:00 Keynote speech

Eduard HEGER, Former Prime Minister of Slovakia

10:00-11:20 **Panel I**

*Involvement of local authorities in the design and implementation of the Recovery Plan:
lessons learnt*

Moderated by

Jan OLBRYCHT MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the EP

Opening by

Rob JONKMAN, Alderman of the municipality of Opsterland, Netherlands, Member of
EPP-CoR

Special intervention by

Ľuboš JANČÍK, State Secretary of Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic

Speakers:

Arsen MELKUMYAN, Deputy Chairman of Uzhorod City Council, Ukraine

Peter POLLÁK MEP, Committee on Regional Development (REGI)

František OLHA, Mayor of Prešov

Open debate

11:20-11:50 Coffee Break

11:50-13:10 **Panel II**

Enhancing digital and sustainable transformation: key to a speedy recovery, competitiveness and jobs

Moderated by

Olgierd GEBLEWICZ, President of the EPP Group in the European Committee of the Regions and President of West Pomerania Region

Opening by

Radim SRŠEŇ, Deputy Minister of Regional Affairs, Mayor of the Municipality of Dolní Studénky, Czech Republic, Member of EPP-CoR

Special intervention by

Mikuláš DZURINDA, Former Prime Minister of Slovakia, President of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES)

Speakers:

Michal STRNÁL, Mayor of Oravská Polhora, (candidate on Chairman of the Association of Cities)

Vladimír BILČÍK MEP, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

Roman OROS, Head of the Business and Marketing Department of the Cassovia New Industry Cluster (CNIC), Member of Board of Directors

Miroslav KIRAL'VARGA, President of the National Employers Union

Open debate

13:10-13:30 Concluding remarks by

Siegfried MUREŞAN MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group, Chairman of the Working Group for Budget and Structural Policies

Lunch, Kasárne Kulturpark