

# Cities for Cohesion

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**Monday, 16th March**

**14:00 : Cities for Cohesion – What Future for the Urban Dimension?**

How innovative city governance can help Europe unlock economic growth

Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels. Room JDE52

**Chair: Arlene McCarthy MEP**

**Innovative Governance to Support Economic Growth : The Manchester Model**

Lord Smith of Leigh, Leader of Greater Manchester

**Manchester Independent Economic Review : Providing a Radical Strategy for Economic Growth in the Manchester City Region**

Baron Frankal, Director of Economic Strategy. Greater Manchester's Commission for Economic Development, Employment & Skills

**The Urban Dimension in the Current Programming Period**

Oldřich Vlasák MEP, tbc, Executive Chairman of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions

**Preparing a Regional Policy, post-2013**

Madeleine Mahovsky, Cabinet of the Commissioner for Regional Policy  
Danuta Hubner

**Context :** As Europe strives to meet its 2010 Lisbon goals of growth and jobs and appears to be in a time of economic uncertainty, it is more important than ever to recognise that our cities are key to unlocking economic growth. We are also at the beginning of a new EU funding programme and already looking ahead to developing a regional policy post 2013 that is fit for purpose.

In order to meet the challenge of creating future prosperity, Greater Manchester has created a new and unique governance model. Is it time for local areas to be given the power and resources to deliver?

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