

4REGIONS4FUTURE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS IN EUROPE

6TH OF MAY 2021 - ONLINE

PROGRAMME

- **9:00 | WELCOME BY THE MODERATOR**
Alexander Thamm
- **9:05 | OPENING**
Sylvia M. Felder
Regierungspräsidentin of the Regierungspräsidium Karlsruhe
- **9:10 | PRESENTATION OF THE WALTER-HALLSTEIN-PROGRAMME**
Violeta Llugaxhija | Baden-Württemberg Stiftung
- **9:15 | PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT 4REGIONS4FUTURE**
Tanja Richt | Regierungspräsidium Karlsruhe
Johan van Damme | Agency For Facility Operations, Government of Flanders
- **9:30 | KEYNOTES**
'Practise what you preach – actions for a climate neutral EU Commission' *Friederike Detry* | European Commission
'Lessons for sustainable policy - the Flemish perspective'
Dr. Kris Bachus | University of Leuven
'Sustainability policy in Baden-Württemberg - the important role of the public sector'
Dr. Brigitte Dahlbender | BUND Baden-Württemberg
- **11:00 | BREAK**
- **11:15 | PANEL DISCUSSION:**
'Opportunities and pitfalls for sustainable public administrations'
Stefan Kuhn (ICLEI)
Frank Geets (Agency For Facility Operations, Government of Flanders)
Peter Rabaey (HR Agency, Government of Flanders)
Prof. Dr. Diana Pretzell (Mayor of Environment, City of Mannheim)
- **12:30 | CLOSING REMARKS AND OUTLOOK**
Alexander Thamm

DATE

Thursday, 6th of May 2021

TIME

9:00 - 12:30

Simultaneous translation will be provided in German and English.
Participation is free of charge.

REGISTRATION

Please register via europa@rpk.bwl.de by May 3rd at the latest. We will send you your access details upon registration. By registering, you agree to the processing of your personal data. You can find information about the protection of personal data processed by the Regierungspräsidien on our Website ([data protection notices](#)), in detail: [kick-off event 4Regions4Future](#). Please note that the event will be recorded.

MORE INFORMATION

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



FRIEDERIKE DETRY is Policy Officer at the Directorate-General for Environment of the European Commission and is responsible for the EMAS scheme. She is involved in the action plan "Greening the Commission", which has the aim to make the European Commission climate-neutral by 2030. Friederike Detry will give an insight into the exact approach of the European Commission to reach this target and will illustrate how public administrations can benefit from this good practice.



DR. KRIS BACHUS is a research manager of climate and sustainable development at HIVA, University of Leuven (Belgium). He will outline the sustainable development policy framework in Belgium and Flanders. Drawing from a recent study, Kris Bachus will address spillover effects, the role of local governments, stakeholder participation, monitoring and indicators, mainstreaming and co-ordination challenges.



DR. BRIGITTE DAHLBENDER is the state chairwoman of the BUND Baden-Württemberg and a member of the State Government's Advisory Board for Sustainable Development. She will give an insight into selected aspects of the sustainability strategies of the federal government and the state of Baden-Württemberg, outline the opportunities and challenges for administrations and explain the important role of public sector in the overall context of sustainability.



STEFAN KUHN is Deputy Regional Director for Europe of ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability), supervising activities in the areas of urban governance and social innovation, sustainable mobility, cultural transition and social justice in Europe. He has been actively involved in the development of the 2020 Leipzig Charter, the European Green Capital Network, the Intelligent Cities Challenge (ICC) and the European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN).



FRANK GEETS is Administrator-General at the Agency For Facility Operations of the Government of Flanders. Being an Ambassador of sustainability, Frank Geets embedded it as one of the added values for the organisation and developed, together with his board of directors a mission, vision and objective framework with sustainability as the common thread. In 2020 the agency received an SDG-Champion Certificate from UNITAR.



PETER RABAEY is Administrator-General at the HR Agency of the Government of Flanders (AgO). Peter Rabaey, lawyer by education, heads AgO since 2016. Over the past years, AgO grew into a common service provider for HR and has worked on high-quality, efficient and customer-oriented HR services and HR policy. AgO supports 29.000 civil servants and HR-professionals in the fields of HR administration, regulation, selection and wellbeing and develops HR policy.



Since January 2021, **PROF. DR. DIANA PRETZELL** is the Mayor of Environment of Mannheim. She is responsible for environment and climate protection and the implementation of the European Green Deal at local level (Mannheim Message). Previously, Prof. Dr. Pretzell worked as a director of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Germany, last as a director for biodiversity policy.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME FOR THE PROJECT PARTNERS

- **13:30** | **PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT 4REGIONS4FUTURE**
Kristine Clev | Rhine-Neckar Regional Association
Peter Dhondt | Province of Flemish Brabant
- **13:40** | **NOTES ON THE BREAKOUT ROOMS**
Kristine Clev | Rhine-Neckar Regional Association
- **13:45** | **BREAKOUT ROOMS**
Human Resource Management | moderated by *Tanja Richt*
Mobility Management | moderated by *Kristine Clev*
Energy Management | moderated by *Peter Dhondt*
Sustainable Procurement | moderated by *Johan van Damme*
- **15:45** | **IMPULSES FROM THE BREAKOUT ROOMS - OUTLOOK**
Rapporteurs
- **16:00** | **CLOSURE OF THE EVENT**