

4REGIONS4FUTURE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS IN EUROPE

Final Event of the Project 4Regions4Future
EXPLORING FUTURE COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES

25TH OF OCTOBER 2022 | ONLINE

PROGRAMME

- **10:00 | WELCOME BY THE MODERATOR**
Alexander Thamm
- **10:05 | OPENING**
Frank Geets | The Agency for Facility Operations, Government of Flanders
- **10:15 | PRESENTATION OF THE WALTER-HALLSTEIN-PROGRAMME**
Dorothee Baur | Baden-Württemberg Foundation
- **10:20 | EVALUATION RESULTS OF THE PROJECT 4REGIONS4FUTURE**
Kristine Clev | Rhine-Neckar Regional Association
Peter Dhondt | Province of Flemish Brabant
- **10:25 | KEYNOTE**
'Cooperation for agile and sustainable administrations in Europe'
Thorsten Kohlisch | Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform
- **10:40 | DIALOGUE**
Moderator: Alexander Thamm
 - **'Making public administrations more sustainable: Lessons learned and project takeaways'**
Matthias Lange | Regierungspräsidium Karlsruhe
Tine Moens | The Agency For Facility Operations, Government of Flanders
Silke Böhringer-Schalk | Rhine-Neckar Regional Association
Stefaan Van Baelen | Province of Flemish Brabant
 - **'Opportunities for further transnational cooperation'**
Krista Kampus | Head of EU and International Cooperation and Director Urbact Global Goals for Cities Network Tallinn
Peter Wollaert | Managing Director CIFAL Flanders
Valentina Schippers | Coordinator Urban Agenda Partnership on Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement / Chair Eurocities Working Group Public Procurement
Ville Taajamaa | SDG Project Manager for the city of Espoo
Remco de Jong | Senior strategic purchase advisor Province of Noord-Brabant
Followed by a discussion with the audience
- **12:15 | OUTLOOK AND FOLLOW-UP PERSPECTIVE**
Tanja Richt | Regierungspräsidium Karlsruhe
- **12:25 | CLOSING REMARKS** *Alexander Thamm*
- **12:30 | END OF THE EVENT**

DATE

Tuesday, 25th of October 2022

TIME

10:00 - 12:30

REGISTRATION

Please register via europa@rpk.bwl.de by 20th October 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](#)). Please note that the event will be recorded.

Participation is free of charge.

Simultaneous translation will be provided in German and English.

MORE INFORMATION

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



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.



THORSTEN KOHLISCH, project manager at G.A.C. Group, an international consulting firm with the mission to accelerate the responsible development and sustainable growth of businesses and territories, and part of the team of the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform. The Platform aims to boost EU-wide policy learning and builds on good practices related to regional development policies and the know-how of regional policy experts and peers. Thorsten's expertise is based on his previous functions in various Interreg programmes (Interreg Euregio Meuse-Rhin, Interreg South Baltic, Interreg IVC).



VALENTINA SCHIPPERS-OPEJKO is the Coordinator of the EU Urban Agenda Partnership on Innovative and Responsible Public Procurement, the Chair of Eurocities working group on Public Procurement, and the Coordinator on Circular Procurement of the Metropolis Region Amsterdam (NL). She is one of the co-trainers of the URBACT Online Course on Strategic Procurement.



KRISTA KAMPUS has an academic background in governance and political science and has more than 20 years of experience in sustainable urban development, climate and regional policy. She has led the UN 2030 Agenda and climate cooperation at the Council of the Baltic Sea States. In addition, Krista was in charge of establishing the City of Tallinn Smart City Projects Competence Centre and the Green Transition Competence Centre. Currently, she is working as the Executive Director of the European Green Capital 2023 and the Head of the EU Affairs and International Cooperation at the Tallinn Strategic Management Office.



VILLE TAAJAMAA is the SDG Project Manager for the city of Espoo, the second largest city in Finland. His interests lie in innovation and education and how these approaches can be used to promote global sustainable development. Holding a Doctor of Science (Technology) in engineering education from the University of Turku, he believes that the growth of awareness in a single human being is the basis for any community and the whole of humanity to become prosperous - sustainably.



PETER WOLLAERT is a social entrepreneur, trainer, and SDG expert. Since March 2013 Peter is managing director of CIFAL Flanders, a UNITAR affiliated International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders, part of the CIFAL Global Network composed of 24 CIFALs across the globe. Through his work at CIFAL Flanders, Peter contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in local authorities, higher education institutions, companies, and civil society organisations. He combines theoretical knowledge in business ethics, corporate social responsibility, and sustainable development with a broad range of practical experience in Flanders and far beyond.



REMCO DE JONG has been Strategic Purchase Advisor for the Infrastructural Projects program within the Project Management Expertise Center of the Province of North Brabant since 2017. He is responsible for the integral procurement of larger and/or more complex (infrastructural) works and services.