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## PES GROUP SEMINAR

### THE EU AND REGIONAL SEPARATISM: FEDERALIST SOLUTIONS

Tuesday, 14th May from 14.30 to 18.15

Committee of Regions, Jacques Delors Building, room JDE 51 Brussels, Brussels

Interpreting: EN/FR/DE/ES/IT/NL

- 14.30      **Welcome and Opening:**  
**Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ**, *President of the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions and President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium*
- 14.45      **Impulse Statement: Federalism as an Answer to Regional Separatism?**  
**Dr Annegret EPPLER**, *European Centre for Research on Federalism, Tübingen*
- 15.00      **First Panel Debate: How to React to Regional Separatism?**  
  
Moderated by: **Eddy CAEKELBERGHS** *journalist, RTBF*  
**Bruno TOBBACK**, *Leader of the Sp.a*  
**Anna TERRON I CUSÍ**, *former Catalan MP and CoR member*  
**Irene OLDFATHER**, *former Scottish MP and CoR member*  
**Dr Tamara EHS**, *Post-Doctoral Researcher, Institut für Wissenschaft und Kunst (IWK) and Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna*
- **Debate** with the audience
- 16.15      Coffee Break
- 16.30      **Second Panel Debate: Regional Separatism and the EU**  
  
Moderated by **Jean-Pierre STROOBANTS**, *journalist for Le Monde*  
**Yves BERTONCINI**, *Director of European think-tank Notre Europe*  
**Patrizia TOIA**, *Member of the European Parliament*  
**Paul NEMITZ**, *Director for Fundamental Rights and Union Citizenship (European Commission)*  
**Graham MEADOWS**, *former Director-general for Regional policy (European Commission)*
- **Debate** with the audience
- 17.45      **Conclusions**  
**Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ**, *President of the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions and President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium*
- 18.15      **Cocktail reception**