COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

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SOCIAL COHESION, SECURITY & RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

European Satellite Operators Association



PROGRAMME

11:15 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Christian Bruns, Vice-President, NEREUS & Aarti Holla, Secretary General, ESOA

11:30 BEST PRACTICE 1: CONSTANT & RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS DURING UNFORESEEN EVENTS & DISASTERS

Stefan Diehl, VVGM, Safety & Healthcare Organisation of the Mid-Gelderland region, Netherlands

11:45 BEST PRACTICE 2: ENHANCED SECURITY & CIVIL PROTECTION

Mario di Gennaro, German Red Cross, Hessen, Germany

12:00 BEST PRACTICE 3: DELIVERING BROADBAND INTERNET TO REMOTE CITIZENS, SCHOOLS & SMES

Carolina Blasco Delgado, Department of Telecoms & Public Works, Castilla Y Leon, Spain

12:15 BEST PRACTICE 4: MAXIMIZING ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANTS

Francesco Bisconti, UNCEM, Association of Mountain Municipalities, Toscana, Italy

12:30 Q&A & CONCLUSIONS

13:00 LUNCH, LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS &

BACKGROUND

Europe's EU 2020 Strategy has set the bar high for regions to achieve selected targets:

BROADBAND FOR ALL BY 2013



SECURITY & PREPAREDNESS FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS



REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS



Innovative satellite solutions are contributing to these targets across the EU & in member regions of NEREUS, the Network of European Regions Using Space Technologies. Little is known about these solutions, which are perceived as expensive & high-tech. Such myths prevent these modern services from reaching regions who are left with thousands of inhabitants disconnected from the Digital Era or authorities ill-equipped to deal with unforeseen emergency situations.

This workshop will showcase best practices from across Europe, providing information on service quality & performance as well as implementation & funding.

LUNCH & DEMONSTRATION

The workshop will be followed by a lunch hosted by the European Satellite Operators' Association as well as interactive demonstrations of satellite broadband enabled by ESOA member companies for participants to have a first-hand satellite connectivity experience.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Local & regional authorities, agency heads, policy-makers, programme & project managers

VENUE

Room JDE51 Committee of the Regions, 100-101 Rue Belliard Brussels, Belgium

ONLINE REGISTRATION

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