



8 and 9 June 2023  
Ciugud, Romania

### EA Group seminar

### The EU Village-a basis for cohesion and development in the European Union

**Ciugud**

Meeting Place: Union Hall, Mihai Viteazul, 12-14; 510010 Alba Julia

**Friday 9 June 2023**

**09:45-13:00**

09:45 – 10:20	<b>Opening and welcome address</b>
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Moderator: **Mr Karl Vanlouwe**, President of the EA Group

- **Mr Gheorghe Damian**, Mayor of Ciugud, Alba County, member of the EA Group at the CoR
- **Mr Victor Negrescu**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Mr Ion Dumitrel**, President of the Alba County Council
- **Mr Gabriel Codru Pleșa**, Mayor of Alba Iulia City
- **Mr Nicolae Albu**, Prefect of Alba County

10:20 – 11:00	<b>Keynote speeches</b>
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- **Mr Florin Roman**, Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies
- **Ms Janina Sitaru**, State Secretary for inter-institutional relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Mr Eduard Mititelu**, State Secretary, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalisation
- **Mr Adrian Răulea**, State Secretary, Ministry of Investment and European Projects

11:00-11:45	<b>Session I: The importance of smart villages initiative in all EU policies</b>
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- **Mr Emil Drăghici**, president of the Association of Communes of Romania, member of the EA Group at the CoR
- **Mr Dariusz Strugała**, EA Group Vice President, Member of the Board of the Association of Rural Communes of the Republic of Poland, Mayor of Jaraczewo
- **Mr Alin Adrian Nica**, President of the Timiș County Council, President of the Romanian Delegation to the CoR
- **Ms Claudia Gilia**, Prefect of Dâmbovița County
- **Ms Daniela Câmpean**, President of Sibiu County Council, CoR member



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Debate

11:45 – 12:00	Coffee break
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12:00 – 12:45	<b>Session II: Inspiring projects and initiatives illustrating different aspects of villages as the basis of cohesion policy and development</b>
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- **Mr Silviu Ponoran**, Mayor of Zlatna, Association of Municipalities in Romania
- **Mr Constantin Cojocari**, Vice-President of CALM (Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova), Mayor of Edineț municipality
- **Ms Rasa Deimantė Grubliauskytė**, Advisor of the Strategic Planning and Project Management Department Klaipėda district municipal administration, Lithuania
- **Mr András Szabó**, Representative of the Mayor's Office in City Pécs, Hungary
- **JU Dr Ján Kocák**, Head of the Project Management Department of the Office of the Prešov region,
- **Mr Abdelaziz Derouiche**, President of Moroccan Association of Presidents of Prefecture and Province Councils

Debate

12:45 – 13:00	<b>Conclusion followed by networking lunch</b>
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