



**Smart Regions with Smart Robots:
Make it a Winning Formula
for
Your Economy and Citizens!
Brussels, May 10 2017**



Dear representatives from local, regional and national authorities,
Dear Roboticists,

Smart robots are becoming more and more useful and can greatly help our citizens in everyday lives, in private and professional spheres. Europe is a leader in this sector and cannot afford to miss opportunities offered by robotics. To take full advantage of it, we have to join forces at all levels, from regional to European level!

This is why we host a conference to inform the regional authorities how their local economy and society can benefit from the services offered by robotics technologies, and to learn how to make it happen. The conference brings together some of the best experts in Europe to present state-of-the-art robotics applications, showcases success stories of some regional initiatives, informs about the funding possibilities and explores ways to join forces with other regions.

One additional important objective of the conference is also to make the robotics community meet with their respective local, regional, national authorities, to discuss their local strategy and ecosystems, building on their strength.

We do hope that you will be able to join us. Please find attached the agenda of the event.

Please register at your earliest convenience, but no later than April 15. As soon as we receive your registration, we will activate our networks to further stimulate the participation of experts or governmental authorities in your region.

Please note that we might have to apply a first in first served rule.

Looking forward to your positive reply, I thank you in advance for your interest in our activities,

Cécile Huet,
Deputy Head of Unit
Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
European Commission

Annex 1: Registration form

Annex 2: Agenda

REGISTRATION FORM

Fill in and return to: EC-ROBOTICSinREGIONS@ec.europa.eu

(we encourage you to bring with you experts from your region, in such case, please fill in one registration form per participant)

Deadline: April 15

Are you a Member/Alternate of the European Committee of the Regions?	Yes/No
First name	
Last name	
Email	
Function	
Organisation	
Region/City	
Identity card (or passport) number	
Nationality	
Will you participate in the networking lunch?	
Do you have robotics initiative in your area?	
If yes, please shortly describe your robotics initiative or future plans	
Please explain your expectations from this conference	



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Venue: Committee of the Regions Bâtiment Jacques Delors Rue
Belliard 99-101 B - 1040 Brussels

Agenda

Conference hosted by the Committee of Regions,

Organised by

the European Commission Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content & Technology (DG CONNECT)

Opportunities for your Region

9:30 – 10:30

The Regional perspective

President of the European Committee of the Regions, [Markku Markkula](#)

Robotics in the EC Digitising of European Industry strategy

European Commission [DG CONNECT](#)

Robotics opportunities for your economy and citizens

President of [euRobotics AISBL](#), the European Robotics Association, [Dr. Bernd Liepert](#)

Rules to regulate the use of Robots – [MEP Mady Delvaux¹](#)

Use-cases impacting local economy/society in some major sectors

Chaired by [Reinhard Lafrenz](#), Secretary General of [euRobotics AISBL](#)

11:00 – 12:30

Healthcare and wellbeing *euRobotics topic group Healthcare*

Inspection & maintenance *euRobotics topic group Inspection & Maintenance*

SME production *[final selection on-going]*

Agriculture *euRobotics topic group Agriculture Robotics*

Smart cities *[final selection on-going]*

Networking Sandwich lunch

12:30 – 14:00

Matchmaking between the regions and their stakeholders

Testimonies from Regions: "Towards Digital Innovation Hubs in Robotics"

success stories - Chaired by [Dr Uwe Haass](#)

14:00 – 15:30

[Denmark - Odense](#) – [Mikkel Christoffersen](#)

[Tuscany](#) – [Prof. Paolo Dario](#)

[Bristol](#) – [Prof. Chris Melhuish](#)

[Paris](#) – [Dr. Christophe Leroux](#)

[Madrid – RoboCity 2030](#) – [Prof. C. Balaguer](#)

[Sevilla](#) – [Prof. Anibal Ollero](#)

[RoboValley](#) – [Arthur de Crook](#)

List to be completed (e.g.: SE, DE, new initiatives)

Each speaker will be accompanied by the Regional Authority Representative

Towards a network of Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH) in Robotics

Chaired by [Richard Tuffs](#), [ERRIN](#)

16:00 – 17:00

Towards the European Network of DIH

[EC DG CONNECT](#)

Creating/reinforcing DIHs - Funding opportunities

[EC DG REGIO](#)

[euRobotics](#)'s role in building the network of Robotics DIHs

[euRobotics AISBL](#)

[ERRIN](#)'s role in building the network of Robotics DIHs

[ERRIN](#)

Practical suggestions to develop new DIH in Robotics

[Dr. Uwe Haass](#)

Q&A

Conclusions and way forward – End of the event: 17:00

¹ Rapporteur of the [report](#) with recommendations to the Commission on Civil Law Rules on Robotics

Annex 3: Invitation sent by the President of the Committee of Regions to its Regional representatives.



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