



European Forum on the Future of Local and Regional Authorities and Local Administration

Forum Européen sur l'avenir de l'Administration et des Collectivités Territoriales

The European Union is made up of a mosaic of infra-national organisations whose differences become more and more striking with EU enlargement. For this reason, all Member States have to consider trans-national subjects like decentralisation.

State of play on local authorities in the twenty-seven Member States of the European Union

- Federal states, unitary states (with local devolution) and regional states ;
- 6 different levels of local administration ;
- 120 410 municipalities.

Scope:

In the context of the French Presidency of the European Union, the French Minister of Interior, in charge of territorial administration, is organising a forum together with the French Senate. It will deal in a comparative and prospective way with the issue of the infra-territorial organisation of the 27 Member States and territorial administration in Europe.

Purpose:

- **Deepen cooperation** by better mutual knowledge,
- **Pool** different experiences to **identify** best practices,
- **Attempt** to outline the future.

Framework:

The forum (FEACT) will take place on **Thursday 20th and Friday 21st November 2008** in **Paris** in the premises of the Senate, in the "Palais du Luxembourg" (15 rue de Vaugirard). The forum will last one day and a half. It will be opened by the President of the French Senate, Gérard LARCHER and the French Minister of Interior, Michèle ALLIOT MARIE, and closed by the French Secretary of State, Alain MARLEIX.

The forum will continue online until the end of the French Presidency of the UE on the following website : <https://obsdecentralisation.univ-paris1.fr/forum/>

Trilingual forum: French, English and German



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Speakers:

- **Mari Kiviniemi**, Finnish Minister of Public Administration and Local and Regional Authorities.
- **Peter Altmaier**, German Parliamentary Secretary of State to the Federal Minister of Interior.
- **Dan Ericsson**, Swedish Secretary of State to the Minister of Local Administration and Financial Markets.
- **Gérard Larcher**, President of the French Senate.
- **Michèle Alliot-Marie**, French Minister of Interior, Overseas, Local and Regional Authorities.
- **Alain Marleix**, French Secretary of State for Interior and Local and Regional Authorities.

Delegates will include politicians, Members from EU Parliaments, representatives from European institutions, senior officials from every country and academics specialised in political institutions and administration.

Forum programme:

➤ **Thursday 20th November 2008, all day :**

9 a.m. : Opening speeches : President of the French Senate and French Minister of Interior, Overseas and Local and Regional Authorities.

9.40 a.m. - 1 p.m. : Reports and round tables : *"Reforming the territorial organisation of government"*.

3 p.m. - 6.20 p.m. : Reports and round tables : *"Local and regional authorities in national and EU policies"*.

➤ **Friday 21st November 2008, morning:**

9 a.m. - 12.20 p.m. : Reports and round tables: *"Local and regional authorities and public finance"*.

12.30 p.m. : Closure speech by the French Secretary of State of Interior and Local and Regional Authorities.

FEACT Partner:

GRALE : Group of research on local authorities in Europe.



