



Event Series - European Region Debates

Illicit trade of tobacco products

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A problem for European Regions

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, October 14th 13.00- 14.45

Salon des Members, European Parliament I Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels, Belgium

Welcome

- Nelu **Neacsu**, Chairman of the Board, European Academy of the Regions

Opening

- Elisabetta **Gardini** MEP, Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- Giovanni **Risso**, FIT - Federazione Italiana Tabaccai

Moderation

- Louis **Delcart**, Head of Department Regional Development, European Academy of the Regions

Keynote Speakers

- Wolfgang **Schmitz**, Speaker of the German Customs Investigation Bureau (tbc)
- Klaus **Messerig**, Group Security & Risk Manager, Imperial Tobacco Holdings International

Statement

- Giuseppe **Peleggi**, Director of the Italian Custom Duty (tbc)

Discussion

The Mission of Series of Events "European Regional Debates": This event series should throw light on the issues that affect regions throughout Europe. This should raise the awareness of the importance of the regions for the European Union as a factor of stability and sustainable growth.

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