

NEAR DAYS 2024

*A new Momentum for Enlargement
and our Neighbourhood*



Neighbourhood
South &
Türkiye

Neighbourhood
East



Western
Balkans

WebEx link will be shared in a separate OUTLOOK invitation

DAY 1 (1) 19/3/2024

CHARLEMAGNE - Alcide di Gasperi

08:30 – 09:30	WELCOME COFFEE
09:30 – 11:00	OPENING IN PLENARY «The NEAR Journey» <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome by Gert Jan KOOPMAN Director-General DG NEAR- Video message by President VON DER LEYEN (10:00 – 10:30): Keynote speech Commissioner Olivér VÁRHELYI «The NEAR Journey»...continued Q&A
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 – 12:30	THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION HUMAN RESOURCES STRATEGY AND STAFF SURVEY RESULTS <i>Christian ROQUES</i> Director-General DG HR (acting) introduction and moderation by Victoria GIL CASADO Director DG NEAR R and Gert Jan KOOPMAN Director-General DG NEAR
12:30 – 14:00	SANDWICH LUNCH / Charlemagne foyer / buffet style

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DAY 1 (2) 19/3/2024

CHARLEMAGNE - Alcide di Gasperi

14:00 - 15:00

STAFF SURVEY RESULTS IN DG NEAR – ANALYSIS AND WAY FORWARD

*Presentation of detailed results of the Staff Survey for NEAR
Interactive discussion with senior managers and audience*

15:00 - 16:00

NEAR HR STRATEGY 2023 – 2025 STATE OF PLAY

*Presentation of key achievements since adoption of the NEAR HR Strategy six months ago
Video testimonials («Faces behind HR Strategy Achievements» and «Work in Delegations»)
Official launch of new actions of the HR Strategy:*

- Talent Management programme
- Contract Agent Policy
- Career management workshop for Contract Agents
- Revision of the Digital Etiquette of DG NEAR
- Q & A

16:00 - 16:30

COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 17:30

“DG NEAR Best of” - Awards Ceremony

- NEAR DAYS Communication Awards 2024
- Best Performance Awards
- Hidden Heroes Awards

17:30 - 19:30

Followed by a STAFF COCKTAIL in Charlemagne foyer / buffet style

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DAY 2 (1) 20/3/2024

CHARLEMAGNE - Alcide di Gasperi

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

08:00 – 09:00

WELCOME COFFEE

09:00 – 10:30

I: EU STRATEGIC AUTONOMY AND INVESTMENTS IN NEAR REGIONS – A PUBLIC/PRIVATE DIALOGUE

*moderated by **Mathieu BOUSQUET** Director DG NEAR A Thematic Support, Coordination of Policy and Financial Instruments*

Kerstin JORNA Director-General DG GROW

Gert Jan KOOPMAN Director-General DG NEAR

Guillaume LE BRIS Senior Investment Manager, ILX Fund, SDG-Focused Investment Fund

10:30 – 11:00

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30

II: EU GREEN DEAL AND THE ENERGY TRANSITION – ADVANCING FASTER IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND ENLARGEMENT REGIONS

*moderated by **Christian BERGER** Head of EU Delegation Cairo*

Ditte JUUL-JØRGENSEN Director-General DG ENER

Kurt VANDENBERGHE Director-General DG CLIMA

Houda BEN JANNET ALLAL General Director, Organisation Méditerranéenne de l'Energie et du Climat

12:30 – 14:00

SANDWICH LUNCH / Charlemagne foyer / buffet style

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DAY 2 (2) 20/3/2024

CHARLEMAGNE - Alcide di Gasperi

14:00 – 15:30

III: ARE WE READY FOR ENLARGEMENT?

*moderated by **Katarína MATHERNOVÁ** Head of EU Delegation Kyiv*

Ilze JUHANSONE Secretary-General European Commission

Stéphanie RISO Director-General DG BUDG

Gert Jan KOOPMAN Director-General DG NEAR

15:30 – 16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:30

IV: EU-NEIGHBOURHOOD: NEW PARTNERSHIPS, NEW INSTRUMENTS

*moderated by **Marcus CORNARO** Head of Delegation Tunis*

Stefano SANNINO Secretary-General of the EEAS

Gert Jan KOOPMAN Director-General DG NEAR

Myriam FERRAN Deputy Director-General DG INTPA

Peter WAGNER Head of Service FPI

17:30 – 18:00

CLOSING REMARKS

Gert Jan KOOPMAN Director-General DG NEAR

DAY 3 (1) 21/3/2024

BORSCHETTE - 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3.04

08:30 – 09:00	ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS (<i>lobby</i>)
09:00 – 10:30	<p>DIRECTORATE B - SOUTH / EXCHANGE ON THE FUTURE OF THE ENP</p> <p><i>Location: Room Borschette 2A</i> <i>Webex link: https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf-fr/j.php?MTID=m5a607b87bf0fe82fc37eebc062aeaf60</i></p> <p>DIRECTORATE C - EAST / THE ACCESSION PROCESS -LEARNING FROM THE WESTERN BALKANS</p> <p><i>Location: Room Borschette 2B</i> <i>Webex link: https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=med7420ca4fccbb401ed15ef86953d1a1</i></p> <p>DIRECTORATE D - WESTERN BALKANS / GROWTH PLAN AND REFORM AND GROWTH FACILITY: STATE OF PLAY</p> <p><i>Location: Room Borschette 2C</i> <i>Webex link: https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m2b58c3349844f28ed86623804ea19e3e</i></p> <p>DIRECTORATE E - UKRAINE / EU ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE – IMPLEMENTATION PERSPECTIVES FROM THE DELEGATION</p> <p><i>Location: Room Borschette 2D</i> <i>Webex link: https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m8eb0b78e69b4a38b541b0c930762984c</i></p> <p>DIRECTORATE R / REVISION OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATION WITH FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION ECA RESIDUAL ERROR RATE (RER) STUDY</p> <p><i>Location: Room Borschette 3.04</i> <i>Webex link: https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m699d7fc86f1a7c5d4524b19dd5888635</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK

DAY 3 (2) 21/3/2024

BORSCHETTE - 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3.04

11:00 – 12:30

**DIRECTORATE B - SOUTH / CASE STUDY ON NEW PROGRAMMING APPROACH
HOW TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH CIVIL SOCIETY**

Location: Room Borschette 2A

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf-fr/j.php?MTID=m4dda959caaea6fd643b01ad9e7efb53d>

DIRECTORATE C - EAST / CONNECTIVITY, WHERE NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETS ENLARGEMENT

Location: Room Borschette 2B

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=med7420ca4fccbb401ed15ef86953d1a1>

**DIRECTORATE D - WESTERN BALKANS / IMPACT OF DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS
COMPLEMENTARITY BETWEEN IPA III AND THE REFORM AND GROWTH FACILITY**

Location: Room Borschette 2C

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m56742651a484ed49365256e16b3728ff>

**DIRECTORATE E - UKRAINE / UKRAINE PLAN: PREPARATION PHASE - HOW TO DESIGN STRUCTURAL REFORMS AND
INVESTMENTS**

Location: Room Borschette 2D

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m7da35f66e21251f4dc8ff11f3a14dce5>

DIRECTORATE R / PRAG CHANGES AND INDIRECT MANAGEMENT / IT TOOLS STATE OF PLAY (OPSYS AND SUMMA)

Location: Room Borschette 3.04

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m699d7fc86f1a7c5d4524b19dd5888635>

12:30 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK (NOT PROVIDED)

DAY 3 (3) 21/3/2024

BORSCHETTE - 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3.04

14:00 - 15:30

DIRECTORATE B - SOUTH / INTERACTIVE FORESIGHT SESSION WITH INTPA/JRC
(PLUS INFO ON TAIEX AND TWINNING)

Location: Room Borschette 2A

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf-fr/j.php?MTID=m35b89f9db16c6cb608c5a099bf959e9c>

DIRECTORATE C - EAST / THE NEW PROGRAMMING APPROACH AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE EASTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD
(PLUS INFO ON TAIEX AND TWINNING)

Location: Room Borschette 2B

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=med7420ca4fccbb401ed15ef86953d1a1>

JOINT SESSION: DIRECTORATE D - WESTERN BALKANS AND DIRECTORATE E - UKRAINE / ENLARGEMENT PROCESS

Location: Room Borschette 2D

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m456120faff26d76f068d6a23ffe54df5>

DIRECTORATE R / NEIGHBOURHOOD DELEGATIONS AND NEAR R4 SESSION

Location: Room Borschette 3.04

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m92925be9d87b52aab59c389ae7a18829>

DIRECTORATE R / IPA DELEGATIONS AND NEAR R5 SESSION

*Location: **Room SANTE F101 000/P030***

Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=mecf3eec5e950935d61cdaf31203654f7>

15:30 - 16:00

COFFEE BREAK

DAY 3 (4) 21/3/2024

BORSCHETTE - 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3.04

16:00 - 17:15

DIRECTORATE A - HORIZONTAL / COMMUNICATING IN TIMES OF CRISIS*Location: Room Borschette 2A**Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m9e6e2bf99393eab1bf6b1d4a38d84675>***DIRECTORATE A - HORIZONTAL / GENDER ACTION PLAN III***Location: Room Borschette 2B**Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=mbf3f1ebe0c83543b79e3ea165a7f0994>***DIRECTORATE A - HORIZONTAL / REACHING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE TARGETS***Location: Room Borschette 2C**Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m9671201d7526a600bfbc5489ce0ddca8>***DIRECTORATE A - HORIZONTAL / PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT AND EFSD+***Location: Room Borschette 2D**Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=mf3526337b61d63b69294861418484a5b>***DIRECTORATE R / NEIGHBOURHOOD DELEGATIONS AND NEAR R4 SESSION***Location: Room Borschette 3.04**Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=m92925be9d87b52aab59c389ae7a18829>***DIRECTORATE R / IPA DELEGATIONS AND NEAR R5 SESSION***Location: **Room SANTE F101 000/P030****Webex link: <https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=mecf3eec5e950935d61cdaf31203654f7>*

17:15 - 18:30

*(Closed event)***NETWORK OF THE HOC / CLOSED MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF HEADS OF COOPERATION***Location: Room Borschette 2B***NETWORK OF THE HOCFA / CLOSED MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF HEADS OF CONTRACT AND FINANCE***Location: Room Borschette 2C*