

**Conference Programme**  
**Regional Policy: Benefits from Satellite Information and Services**  
**Committee of the Regions, Brussels - 11 September 2008**

Chaired by Colin Hicks, President, Eurisy  
List of Participants

**Welcome address**

**Gerhard Stahl**, Secretary-General, Committee of the Regions

**Eurisy Programme for Local and Regional Authorities (2006-2010)**

**Colin Hicks**, President, Eurisy

**Best practice examples from regions using satellite information and services**

**Sustainable Urban Transport Management** – **Chris Fowler**, Transport for London

**Flood Mitigation** – **Pierre Chastanet**, Eastern Defence Zone, France

**Pollution Alert** – **Stephen Potter**, Borough of Croydon

**The socio-economic benefits of the use of satellite information and services – enabling framework conditions**

**Pierre-Alain Schieb**, Counsellor in Advisory Unit to the Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

**Presentation of Position Paper "For a facilitated access for Local and Regional Authorities to the benefits of Satellite Information and Services"**

**Thomas Andersson**, Chairman of Reflection Group *Future Regional Policy*,  
Assembly of European Regions (AER)

**NEREUS - the Network of European Regions Using Space Technologies**

**Alain Bénêteau**, Vice-President, Region of Midi-Pyrénées

**Round Table: How to improve access for local and regional authorities to the benefits of satellite information and services?**

Chair: **Marc Pircher**, French EU Presidency, Director, Toulouse Space Centre, Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES)

Rapporteur: **Alain Podaire**, Deputy Advisor on Space Policy, Permanent Representation of France to the European Union

Panellists:

**Thomas Andersson**, Chairman of Reflection Group *Future Regional Policy*,  
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**Alain Bénêteau**, Vice-President, Region of Midi-Pyrénées

**Francisco Gaztelu Mezquiriz**, Member of Cabinet of Vice President Günter Verheugen,  
Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

**Paul Kamoun**, Chairman, European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC)

**Magali Vaissière**, Director of Telecommunications and Integrated Applications,  
European Space Agency (ESA)

**John Walsh**, Deputy Head of Unit responsible for Thematic Coordination/Innovation,  
DG Regional Policy, European Commission

**Conclusions and Recommendations**

**Colin Hicks**, President, Eurisy

**End of Conference**