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16 OCTOBER 2025 | EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS

Session	Speaker	Time
Welcome coffee		8:00
Opening <i>Family photo</i>	Roberta Metsola , President of the European Parliament Ursula von der Leyen , President of the European Commission Kata Tüttő , President of the European Committee of the Regions and Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board Attila Péterffy , Mayor of Pécs, Hungary, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board	9:00
Powering Europe with local, clean and affordable energy <i>Introduced by a video message by Dan Jørgensen, Commissioner for Energy and Housing, European Commission</i> <i>Ceremony of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Award</i>	Ditte Juul Jørgensen , Director-General for Energy, European Commission Bart Somers , Mayor of Mechelen, Belgium Sanna Koskenranta , Chair of Lappeenranta's City Board, Finland Charalampos Liolios , Mayor of Domokos, Greece Tanya Hristova , Mayor of Gabrovo, Bulgaria, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board and Member of the European Committee of the Regions Oleksandr Syenkevych , Mayor of Mykolaiv, Ukraine	10:00

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Greetings from the Covenant around the world		11:30
Protecting Europe from climate risk through local resilience <i>Introduced by a video message by Wopke Hoekstra, Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, European Commission</i>	Jan Dusik , Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Climate Action, European Commission Sara Hernández Barroso , Mayor of Getafe, Spain Carlotta Bonvicini , Deputy Mayor of Reggio Emilia, Italy Åsa Lindhagen , Deputy Mayor of Stockholm, Sweden, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board Diana Pretzell , Deputy Mayor of Mannheim, Germany Julije Domac , Director of REGEA, Croatia, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board	11:45
Cities and the EU working together for a prosperous Europe	Raffaele Fitto , Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms, European Commission Michele de Pascale , President of Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy, Member of the EU Covenant of Mayors' Board Hanna Zdanowska , Mayor of Łódź, Poland, Member of the European Committee of the Regions	12:45
Networking lunch		13:15