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Presentation of the *European Citizens' Panel* report
« A citizens' perspective on the roles for rural areas in tomorrow's Europe »

Monday April 2nd, 2007 – Committee of the Regions
 Bâtiment Jacques Delors - Rue Belliard 99-101 - B-1040 Brussels

08:45 *Arrival of participants*

09:00 *Session 1* Chair: Mr. **Stephen Pittam**, J.Rowntree Charitable Trust, Trust Secretary

09:00 Opening by Mr **Benoît Derenne**, European Citizens' Panel Steering Committee, Chair and Foundation for Future Generations, Director and Mr **Michael Murray**, Queens University of Belfast.

09:10 Citizens present selected extracts of their main recommendations and questions

09:30 Dialogue with and comments by:

- Ms **Fischer Boel**, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development
- Mr **Michel Delebarre**, EU Committee of the Regions, President
- Mr **Janusz Wojciechowski**, European Parliament, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, Vice-chairman

10:20 *Break*

10:45 *Session 2* Chair: Mr. **Stephen Pittam**, J.Rowntree Charitable Trust, Trust Secretary

10:45 Images from the European Citizens' Panel

11:00 Citizens present their recommendations and questions

11:40 Dialogue between citizens and policy-makers, then with journalists:

- Mr **Dirk Ahner**, DG REGIO, Director General
- Ms **Marjorie Jouen**, Cabinet of the President of the Committee of the Regions, Administrator
- Mr **Pierre Mairesse**, DG EAC, Director
- Mr **Nikoforos Sivenas**, DG AGRI, Deputy Director General
- Mr **Janusz Wojciechowski**, European Parliament, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, Vice-chairman
- Representative of the EESC
- Representatives of regions involved in the European Citizens' Panel initiative

12:50 Closing words by Mr. **Pierre Calame**, Ch. L. Mayer Foundation, Managing Director

13:00 *Press point: complementary Questions and Answers with the media (in parallel with the reception)*

13:00 *Reception, in the Atrium of the CoR*

*Greeting speech by Mr **Michel Delebarre**, Committee of the Regions, President*

15:00 *End*