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Global Gateway



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FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS 2023 FORUM

Localising Global Gateway

Connecting *Intermediary* cities and *Investing* together for more *Inclusive* and *Innovative* sustainable cities and regions

Brussels

29th of November | 1st of December 2023

Cities and Regions for International Partnerships 2023 Forum - AGENDA

"Localising Global Gateway"

*Connecting Intermediary cities and Investing together
for more Inclusive and Innovative sustainable cities and regions*

Brussels, 29 November – 1 December 2023

Interpretation will be provided in **English, Spanish, French and Portuguese** during all **Plenary** sessions.

Wednesday 29 November

12:00-15:00	Registration (CoR Premises)
15:30-16:00	<p>WELCOME SESSION - For guests participants</p> <p><i>Presentation of the concept, formula and expectations of the Forum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director INTPA G: Erica Gerretsen • Director of CoR Legislative Works I: Béatrice Taulegne
16:00-18:00	<p>PRELIMINARY PLENARY SESSION</p> <p><i>For guests participants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the EU Global Gateway Strategy - (DG INTPA) • Decentralisation trends (and why it matters to local investments) • Global Gateway from a local perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons from the City-to-City Partnerships programme - The “geographized” approach to investment at urban and regional level • Experience and mechanisms to institutionalise international cooperation between Local and Regional Authorities- (Committee of the Regions) <p><i>Creation of the labs/working groups on sub-topics proposed/chosen by the participants within the framework of the four key main Forum “I” topics, relevant for Localising Global Gateway: “Inclusion”, “Innovation”, “Investment”, “Intermediary Cities”.</i></p>
18:00-20:00	Informal Match-Making Open Space: opportunity for informal bilateral contacts
20:00-21:00	<p>Welcome Reception (Forum participants and CoR members)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick MOLINOZ, Committee of the Regions, Chair of CIVEX Commission • Marlene HOLZNER, DG INTPA Head of Unit



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Thursday 30 November	
09:00-10:30	PRELIMINARY BREAKOUT SESSION – For guest participants; up to 25 sessions in parallel.
10:30-11:20	Transfer to European Parliament for Opening Sessions
11:30-12:30	<p style="text-align: center;">JOINT EVENT OPENING SESSION OF 2023 FORUM and CLOSING CoR’s 158th PLENARY (EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - Main Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Localising Global Gateway”: <i>connecting Intermediary cities and Investing together for more Inclusive and Innovative sustainable cities and regions”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships • Vasco Alves Cordeiro, President of the European Committee of the Regions <p>Debate with CoR members and Forum Participants</p>
12:30-14:30	Transfer to the CoR premises LUNCH
14:30-15:30	<p>PLENARY SESSION: Key Priorities to Build Global Gateway at Local Level</p> <p>Keynote speakers on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative solutions and proposals for sustainable transition of cities and regions • Intermediary cities attracting youth to develop and prosper there • Inclusive answers for citizens’ participation • Investment tools to access finance and connectivity at Local/Regional level <p><i>Instruction to participants on the breakout rooms</i></p>
15:30-18:30 <i>(including coffee break)</i>	<p>BREAK OUT SESSIONS (max. 25 sessions in parallel)</p> <p><i>Participants will join the “labs” on sub-topics they have proposed/chosen within the framework of the four key main Forum’s “I” topics, relevant for Building Global Gateways: “Inclusion”, “Innovation”, “Investment”, “Intermediary Cities”</i></p>
19:00-20:30	<p>Cultural Event (for guest participants on separate registration)</p> <p>Informal Match-Making Open Space: opportunity for informal bilateral contacts</p>



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Friday 1 December

08:30-09:00	Arrival of participants
09:00-09:45	<p>PLENARY SESSION: Presentation of the European Union's available tools to localise Global Gateway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAIEX, a tool of cooperation and peer to peer exchanges – DG NEAR • TALD Facility – TALD Team • Synergy between regional instruments: a best Practice <p>Questions and Answers</p>
09:45-10:45	<p>CROSS-FERTILISATION SESSION</p> <p><i>Consolidation of the breakout discussions into key recommendations of the four key main Forum's "T", including relevant EU support tools</i></p>
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<p>PLENARY SESSION: High Level Debate between Local and Regional Authorities and EU Institutions building on the participants recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Labs discussion by rapporteurs • Panel reacting to the Forum discussions' outcomes presented by rapporteurs (DG REGIO, DG INTPA, DG NEAR, DG Research, CoR, EIB, UN-Habitat, Council Presidency) • Debate between representatives from LRAs and EU institutions
12:30-13:00	<p>CLOSING SESSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus GAMALLO ALLER, <i>Political Group Coordinator, CoR CIVEX Commission</i> • Koen DOENS, <i>Director General for International Partnerships, European Commission</i>
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-17:30	Informal Match-Making Open Space: opportunity for informal bilateral contacts