



European Committee
of the Regions



European Network of Regional and Local EU Councillors

There are more than one million elected politicians in the regions and cities of the European Union. They are dealing with European laws, funding programmes and debates on a daily basis. Their voice is essential to reflect their concerns at European level. The Network offers a platform to them which provides first-hand, non-partisan information on EU politics and policies as well as the possibility to exchange with other regional and local politicians and administrations.

Who should apply?

The Network addresses regional and local politicians, who are elected representatives in a government, parliament or assembly of a region, city, town, province, municipality or village. By applying to the Network, the politician confirms that she or he has been appointed by their respective assembly to represent her or his constituency. The latter can appoint one or several politicians, who can carry the title "Member of the CoR Network of Regional and Local Councillors" for the duration of their appointment.

What does the Network offer?

The CoR will offer to the members of the Network:

- dedicated information through newsletters, briefings

- invitation to CoR events, links to political debates at the CoR
- exchange with CoR members/alternates and other Network members.

Moreover, members of the Network can contact "mentors" in their language to ask questions, to request material or to be connected with the relevant service or member in the CoR, the European Commission or the European Parliament. Mentors are CoR staff who have volunteered to be to be a contact point for EU Councillors and speaking their language. Membership of the Network does not include any financial support from the CoR.

What is expected from the Councillors?

Members of the Network are expected to actively contribute to its activities, which includes, for example, to hold EU-related events in their local or regional Councils, to organise debates with citizens, to participate in consultations and surveys of the CoR and in events such as the annual European Week of Regions and Cities or the regular European Summits of the CoR. Members of the Network are supposed to make EU Institutions and their programmes more visible in their constituencies and to become their EU contact / reference point.

Registration

**"Europe" happens daily in
our regions, cities and villages"**

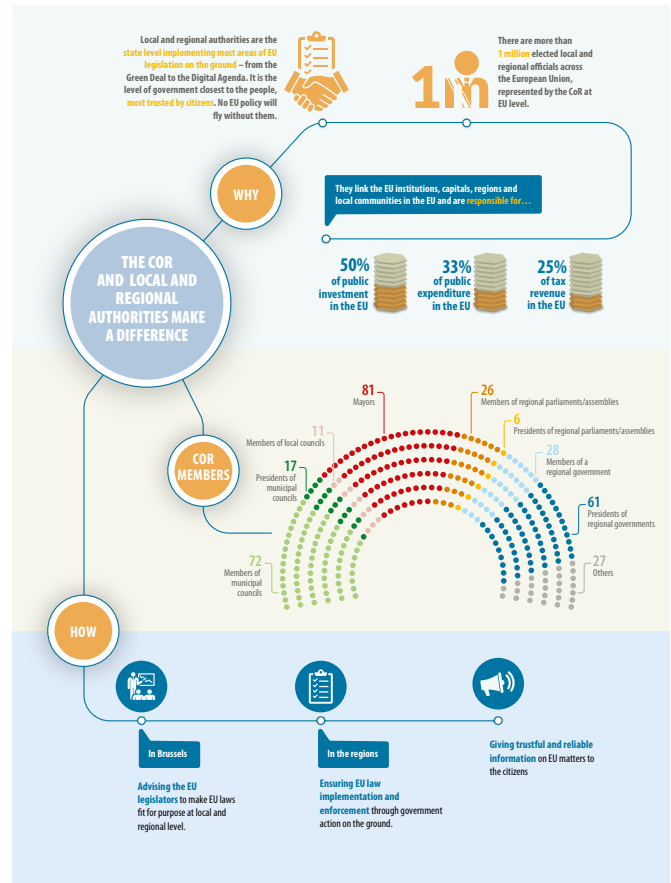
Apostolos Tzitzikostas,
Governor of Central Macedonia, Greece,
and President of the CoR





The regions and cities of the European Union

- The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and its members represent the 240 regions, some 1 350 provinces, counties and districts, 600 cities and almost 90 000 municipalities in the 27 Member States of the European Union. Regional and local administrations account for half of public investment, one third of public expenditure and a quarter of tax revenues. Regions and cities matter to EU policy-making because
- Local politicians and regional governments work with the EU every day and should therefore be able to exert their know-how and influence systematically throughout the EU policy cycle.
- The effects of climate change, pandemics and economic crises are often unevenly spread across the EU territory and suggest place-based responses to strengthen cohesion.
- Citizens have strong regional and national identities - but feel European at the same time and support enhanced cooperation between the EU Member States as regularly confirmed by public opinion polls.



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