



**European Committee
of the Regions**

The President

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Flash Consultation of the Network of Regional Hubs

Dear contact point,

The RegHub pilot project developed by the European Committee of the Regions has been recognised by the recent European Commission's Decision¹ as having a political benefit for better law making in the EU. As a consequence, the CoR has been invited to become an official part of the new Fit for Future Platform.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic has hit Europe hard, the EU has developed numerous innovative tools, which are vital to support the recovery of our regions. For instance, state aid and public procurement are two areas in which the European Commission has put forward measures to mitigate the consequences of the pandemic.

Regions and cities are at the forefront of implementing these measures. Therefore, and given the effectiveness of RegHub as a tool for collecting feedback from the ground, the CoR is planning to launch an **exceptional consultation on the EU's COVID-19 related state aid and public procurement measures** over the summer. To that end, a **questionnaire has been prepared by the CoR administration, which remains at your disposal for any questions at: reghub@cor.europa.eu.**

In addition to our input to the European Commission's works, we also intend to use RegHub's contribution for the final report that is currently being prepared as part of the CoR's Annual Regional and Local Barometer to be held in October this year.

I am aware this will require a special effort from you due to the current circumstances, but I believe your contribution would be of extreme importance and I am extremely grateful for your commitment. Together, we can make the consultation a success contributing to improving the EU's response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Yours sincerely

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/c2020_2977_en.pdf