In Focus
High-level conference on participatory democracy is coming up!

A new chapter for participatory democracy: Paving the way for the future

The European Committee of the Regions is organising a high-level conference on the future of participatory democracy. This event will focus on enhancing citizen engagement in the EU, particularly ahead of the 2024 European elections.

Mark your calendars for Friday, 13 December 2023!

Should you wish to participate, please register by 13 December 2023, end of business.

Keynote speaker: Bruce Schneier from Harvard Kennedy School

A highlight of the event will be our keynote speaker, Bruce Schneier, Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. An internationally renowned security technologist, called a "security guru" by The Economist.

He will delve into the significant impact of recent technological advancements, including AI, on the essence of democracy in the EU.

Monthly Highlights

Last #CoRplenary of 2023!

Five YEPs attending the last Plenary of CoR for 2023 after networking with their political groups. Two of them made interventions in two crucial debate in the Hemicycle of the European Parliament.

Maxime Miligan (RES/LU) talked about gender-mainstreaming in the context of social cohesion on the debate about future of cohesion policy.

Joonas Kivistint (ECR/FI) intervened on the debate about European Hydrogen Bank, stressing the need of a technological neutral approach.
Busy week for our YEP from UA

Our Ukrainian YEP Svitlana Yarova (PES) intervened at the session on "Sustainable energy, mobility and water solutions" during this year’s Cities and Regions for International Partnerships: Localising Global Gateway Forum, co-organised by the EC’s Directorate-General for International Partnerships (INTPA) and the European Committee of the Regions.

Ms Yarova also attended the opening of the Vinnytsia City Council office with PES President, Christophe Rouillon and CIVEX chair Patrick Molinoz as well as the conference on "European Integration of Ukraine" at the European Parliament.

Speaking at CIVEX and ENVE Committee meeting in November

On 21 November 2023, Gergely Kristof Gulyas (ECT/HU) took the floor during the 20th CIVEX Commission Meeting at the debate on youth political participation in view of the European elections. Mr Gulyas pointed out that raising the interest on public life among young people before entering voting age is particularly important.

On 22 November 2023, Guillaume Garrigues (EPP/FR) participated in the ENVE commission debate on energy and climate action. Mr Garrigues advocated for the end of the tax exemption for the air sector and for an overhaul of the functioning of the electricity market.

YEPs Green Stories

What are local communities around Europe doing to support global climate goals? Our YEPs know best and therefore shared with us some #EUGreenDeal best practices ahead of the COP28 in Dubai, commenced on 30 November.

Check out the projects shared by Mircea Braid (EPP/RO), Ivan Gasperi (PES/HR), Nicole Marnini (ECR/IT), Jeroen Baeten (EA/), and Kathrin Werth (Greens/IT).
Looking Ahead

European Summit of Regions and Cities
Mons | Belgium
18-19 March 2024

Registrations are now open!

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the largest European gathering of local and regional representatives and make your voice heard.

Visit the website

There is more!

Do you want to be an active partner in the Summit and present your city, region, project or story? The Summit will host, at its very core, the Festival of Regions and Cities, where local and regional authorities, institutions, NGOs and many more will be able to exhibit and exchange with participants.

Find out more and apply to be part of the Festival by 15 January 2024!

Apply

together.eu for democracy

Voting at the European elections is your opportunity to decide what the European Union should focus on over the next five years.

Together.eu is an initiative of the European Parliament, aimed at enhancing participation in European democracy, particularly encouraging voting in the 2024 European elections. It's a community-driven effort focused on the belief that democracy thrives when individuals from diverse backgrounds actively engage in it, primarily through exercising their right to vote.

Learn more:

The European elections will take place in 6-9 June 2024 and are crucial in deciding our collective approach to tackling the most significant challenges of our generation has ever known.

Together, let's make a difference, one vote at a time.

Sign up now to get voting reminders and ensure you don’t forget to use your vote.
#USEYOURVOTE

TOGETHER FOR DEMOCRACY

Your Voice Matters!
Missed giving feedback on EURregionsWeek 2023? There's still time! Your input is vital to enhance future events.
Take a quick moment to fill out our survey and have your say. Let's make EURregionsWeek even better together!

Fill out the survey

Your opinion is important – share it with us today!

Social Media Corner!

Do you have best practices in your municipality, city or region?

Share with the YEP community on our Facebook or WhatsApp groups and learn from others!

Facebook
WhatsApp

Get in touch with our Social Media Team for our masterclasses, one-to-one consultations and others.

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