



European Committee of the Regions – Call for expression of Interest

Young Elected Politicians – How is your city or region dealing with climate change?

Share your experience, concerns and recommendations for speeding up climate action at a dedicated event on Europe's sustainable energy transition and the pivotal role cities and regions play in the fight against global warming

Under the heading 'European Green Deal', the European Commission's President-elect, Ursula von der Leyen, has placed Europe's decarbonisation and climate neutrality at the top of her political priorities. Yet Europe's sustainable energy transition will only be successful with the full involvement of cities and regions. The role of local and regional representatives is therefore essential for speeding up climate action, and, at the European Committee of the Regions, we want to hear from you on this subject.

What measures is your city or region taking to tackle climate change? What experience, concerns and recommendations would you like to share on improving energy efficiency, deploying renewable energies or fostering low-carbon modes of transport in your constituency?

The [European Committee of the Regions'](#) (CoR) call for expression of interest is addressed to young elected politicians who have first-hand experience in the development and implementation of climate adaptation and mitigation measures in their constituencies. To take part in this programme, you must meet the following **criteria**:

- Hold a democratic mandate as an elected politician at regional or local level in a Member State of the European Union
- Not be older than 40 years on the first day of the event (3 December 2019)
- Not hold a mandate as CoR member or alternate
- Have a good level of English (since, for organisational purposes, the event will take place in English only)
- Fully complete [this application form](#) and submit it by no later than 4 November noon, 2019.

Important Note: Candidates must demonstrate knowledge and direct involvement in the development and/or implementation of **1/** Deployment of renewable energies at local level and citizen's empowerment as prosumers (energy producers/consumers) **2/** Energy efficiency measures and **3/** Low-carbon modes of transport.

Selected candidates will participate in the climate event and the CoR's plenary session from 3 to 5 December 2019. The CoR will reimburse travel costs and deliver a flat-rate subsistence allowance of €269. The selection will be based on nationality balance, regional and local representation, political affiliation and gender-parity. Applicants will be informed of the selection results in early November 2019.

Application form: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/YEPs_Call_COP25

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