

# Reflecting on Europe in a nutshell



### What is Reflecting on Europe?



Reflecting on Europe is a listening exercise created together with the Members of the CoR.



CoR Members propose the time and place. Citizens put the questions on their subjects.



We don't impose our agenda: it's a bottom up approach.



We want people to express their concerns, thoughts and opinions in an open way. Every town-hall discussion is unique and is an opportunity to show the relevance of the EU, as well as get direct feedback from people in regions and cities.



#### **Local debates**



#### Planning:





About 240 debates



21 European countries



250 CoR members

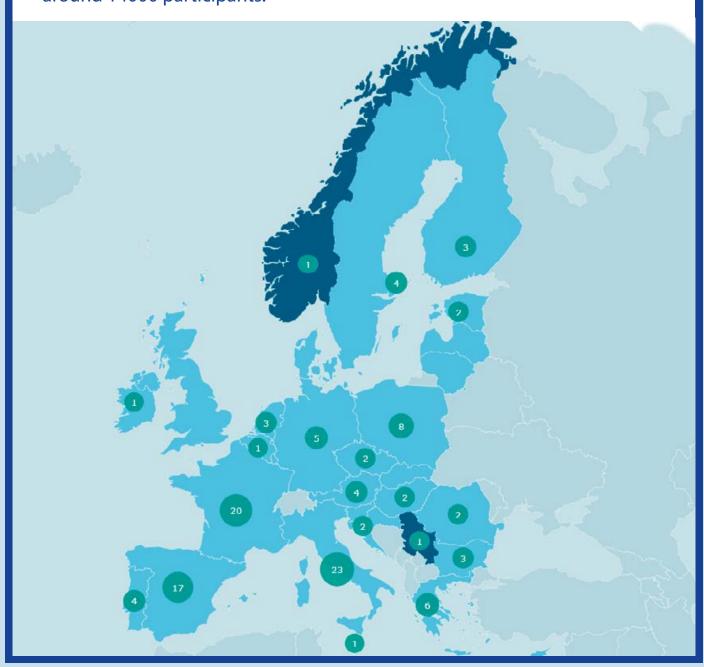


over 40,000 citizens reach-out



# State of play

Between March 2016 and December 2017, 140 citizens' debates were organized in 20 European countries involving 130 CoR's members and around 14000 participants.





#### Series of events

Four series of local events in cooperation with regions, cities, their national associations and Europe Direct Information Centres (EDICs):



Italy: 16 young ambassadors' debates organised with the National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI)



Poland: 11 regional school's debates in the Wielkopolska region



France: 17 Parlons d'Europe en Region organised with EDICs



EU: 28 local events in the context of the European Week of Regions and Cities



## Mobile App: Have your say on Europe



#### Online survey & mobile app Have your say on Europe



Available in all EU languages



Visualisation of results



Accessible on all devices



Over 12,000 replies



Interested people are kept informed about the process via email



#### Mobile App: Three main features

#### www.cor.europa.eu/debate.go



**The mobile App/online survey** is composed by a set of closed and open questions on the future of Europe and it allows the automatic generation of results.







Map with online results, the results as collected are visible via a system of bar charts and work clouds. Results are displayed at country and EU level







**Local events Interactive Map** including information on the ongoing local debates by country is also available.







## Samples of survey results

# In your opinion, what are the main problems of your city or region?

Unemployment

27%

Security and terrorism

9%

Integration of migrants

13%

**Environment** 

15%

Youth policies

18%

Mobility and public transport

18%



## Samples of survey results

# Do you think there is enough solidarity between european countries?

No

79%

Yes

21%

# If no, how should european countries show more solidarity?

By jointly tackling the negative impact of the economic and financial crisis 22%

By facing together the consequences of the migratory flows and of the refugees' crisis

22%

By showing greater acceptance of the diversities that exists among the different countries

17%

By reducing inequalities between richer and poorer countries and regions 28%

By defining a common approach to the climate and environmental challenges

11%



## Samples of survey results

In which fields does the EU bring concrete benefits to your city or region?



What are the main concerns that you want to share with representatives of EU institutions?





# Cooperation with other EU institutions

12 Members of the European Parliament involved as speakers in 10 local events

President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker and three Commissioners involved as speakers (Pierre Moscovici, Corina Creţu, Elżbieta Bieńkowska)

Communication support and cooperation with the European Commission Representations in 33 local events

41 Europe Direct Information Centres as partners of local events





Share your thoughts, concerns and ideas about the future of the European Union and make your voice heard! Take our "Reflecting on Europe" survey - the European Committee of the Regions is listening to you:

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