



**European Committee  
of the Regions**

# **The European Committee of the Regions' 2018-2020 roadmap**

March 2018



European Commission

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2018

- Jan-Dec "Reflecting on Europe" citizens' dialogues continue
- Jan-Dec "Cohesion Alliance" continues
- Jan-July Task Force "Subsidiarity + Proportionality"
- 31 Jan/1 Feb CoR plenary: EMU, subsidiarity, future of Europe and intervention by Portuguese Prime Minister A. Costa.

22/23 Feb  
EP elections 2019; institutional issues; political priorities of MFF 2021-2027

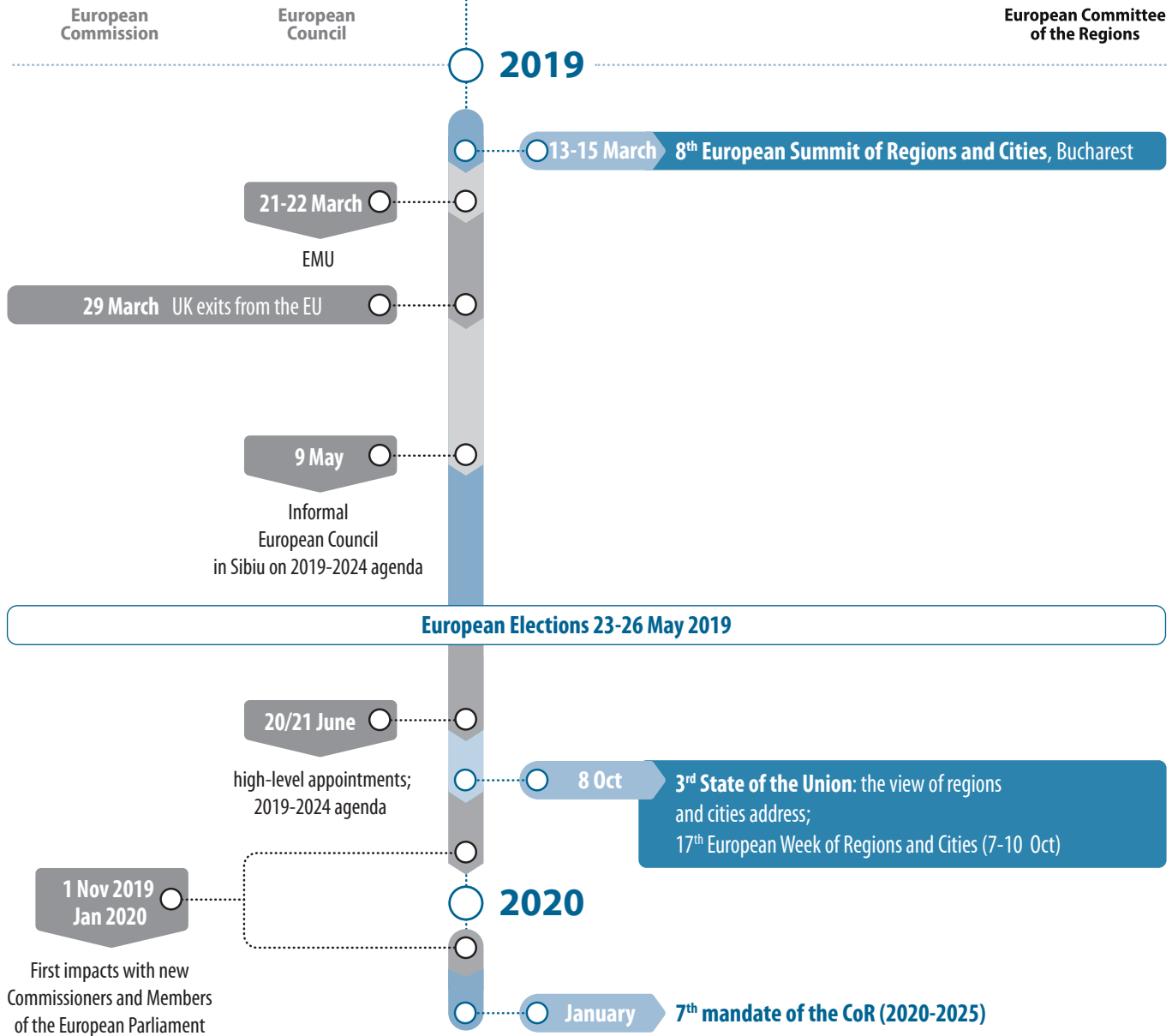
- 22/23 March CoR Plenary: Future of Europe and/or MFF (tbc), migration, industrial policy, enlargement, digital issues, social policy (tbc)

April-September/December: Citizens' consultations in 26 member states

- 2 May MFF 2021-2027 proposal (tbc)
- May-July Legislative proposals on 2021-2027 programmes
- 16/17 May CoR Plenary: MFF, culture, climate change (tbc)
- 6/7 June Bureau + COTER seminar in Sofia on the future of cohesion policy
- 28/29 June EMU, migration
- 4/5 July CoR Plenary including conference/debate on the future of Europe with national and European associations
- 15 July Task Force "Subsidiarity + Proportionality" due to deliver final report
- 12 Sept President Juncker's 2018 State of the Union address
- 14 Sept Bureau meeting in Innsbruck
- 9 October 2<sup>nd</sup> State of the Union: the view of regions and cities address; adoption of the opinion on the future of Europe; 16<sup>th</sup> European Week of Regions and Cities (8-11 Oct)
- 18/19 October Trade policy
- 8/9 Nov 9<sup>th</sup> EuroPCom conference on communicating Europe, the European elections (tbc)
- 5/6 Dec 5/6 Dec: CoR Plenary: legislative proposals on EU programmes 2021-2027
- 13/14 Dec MFF progress, single market, Report from citizens' consultations



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### CoR roadmap 2018-2020

On 26 January 2020, the new (7<sup>th</sup>) mandate of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) begins. It will establish its new statutory bodies and set political priorities for the period 2020-2025. Between 2018 and 2020, the preparation for this will involve a strong partnership across all EU institutions.

This is based on:

- a strong involvement of local and regional authorities along the full legislative cycle (subsidiarity);
- a clear point of view on the EU budget 2021-2027 focusing on investment, solidarity and cohesion for all regions and cities;
- local action to tackle major global challenges (climate, migration, etc.);
- an intensified dialogue with citizens and local communities and the involvement of LRAs on the discussion on the future of Europe.

In parallel, the CoR will enhance its internal functioning, mobilise local and regional stakeholders and their European associations, and reach out to a wider public through targeted communication activities such as the annual "State of the Union – the view of regions and cities" address given by the President in October and the European Summit of Regions and Cities in March 2019. In so doing, the CoR will liaise with the EU institutions and with national and local networks of LRAs. In particular, CoR members are expected to become an active part of the awareness campaign for the European elections in May 2019.



## European Committee of the Regions

Created in 1994 following the signing of the Maastricht Treaty, the European Committee of the Regions is the EU's assembly of 350 regional and local representatives from all 28 Member States, representing over 507 million Europeans. Its mission is to involve regional and local authorities and the communities they represent in the EU's decision-making process and to inform them about EU policies. The European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council are obliged to consult the Committee in policy areas affecting regions and cities. It can appeal to the Court of Justice of the European Union if its rights are infringed or it believes that EU law infringes the subsidiarity principle or fails to respect regional or local powers.

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