



European Committee  
of the Regions



# The Green Deal goes local !

200 best practices  
from the Members  
of the European  
Committee of the Regions

# Green Deal Going Local



**Mr. Tzitzikostas**

President of the European Committee of Regions, Governor of Central Macedonia Region



**Mr. Espadas**

Chair of the CoR working group «Green Deal Going Local», Mayor of Seville

*“ Every day local and regional governments are bringing Europe closer to people. They are protecting our planet and our communities, paving the way to a carbon-neutral future. It is in our villages, towns, cities and regions where the European Green Deal needs to be translated into real concrete projects to drive a green recovery. This collection of over 200 stories of best practices is testament that locally, regions and cities are leading the fight against climate change, making Europe green, resilient and sustainable”*

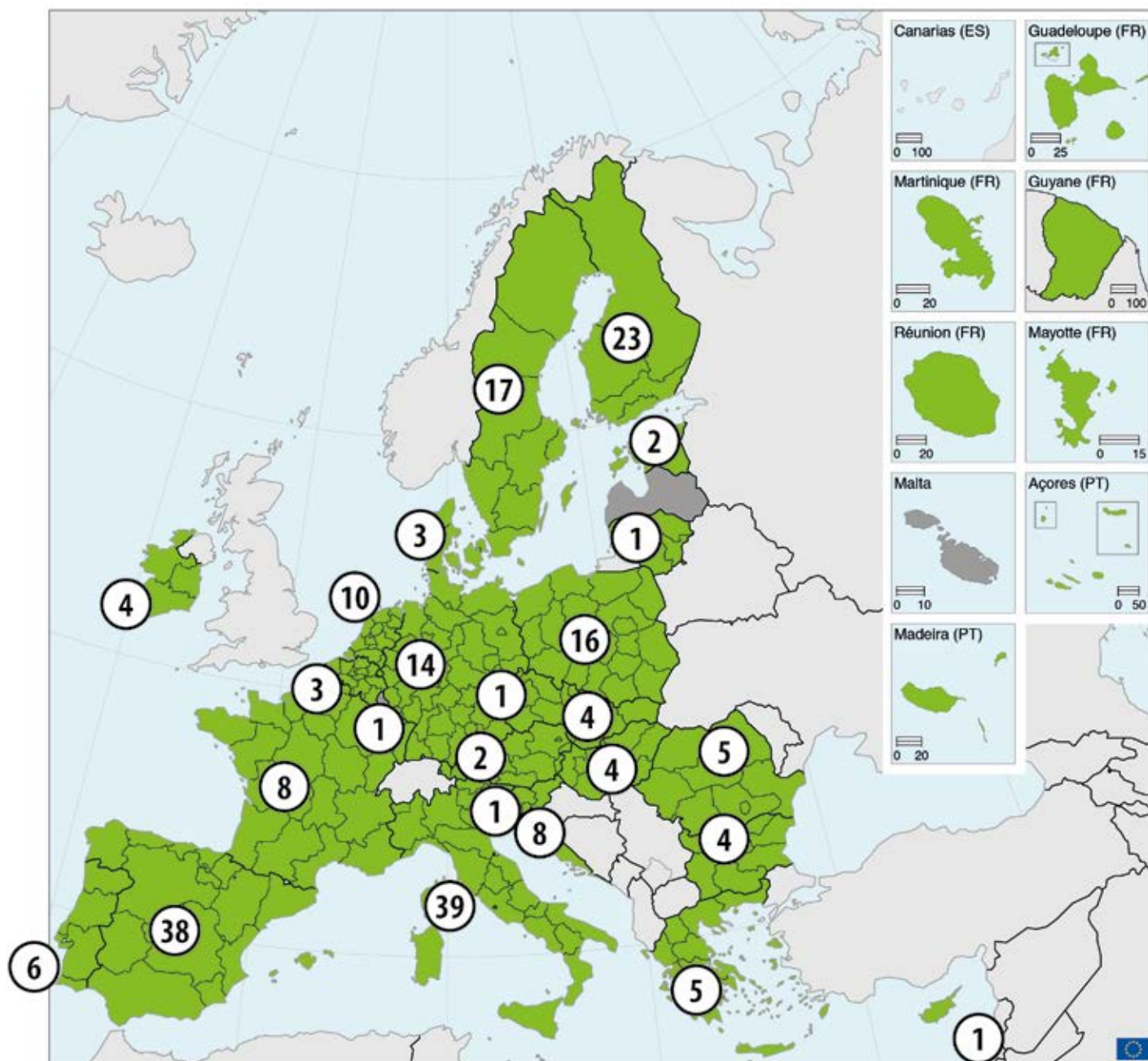
*“ The CoR has launched an open call for best practices on the Green Deal.*

*Our Members have replied with numerous projects, from adapting to climate change, to reducing emissions through sustainable mobility. Protecting biodiversity, investing in energy efficiency and renewables, and many other projects show that our councillors, mayors and presidents of regions are the stewards of the **European Green Deal going local!**”*

# European villages, towns, cities and regions invest in sustainable recovery from COVID and towards climate neutrality

Surf 200 best practices on the CoR portal

<https://cor.europa.eu/en/regions>



These projects were collected through an open call in September 2020.  
Data source - European Committee of the Regions

Some projects were initiated before the launch of the European Green Deal  
They are just a preview of the many thousands which will follow !

**Tauragės**



**Weidmoos**



**Meldorf**



**Cork**



**Murcia**



**Lemvig**



**Kungsbacka**



**Θεσσαλία**



**Twente**



**София**



**Nouvelle-Aquitaine**



**Grad Poreč**



**Braga**



**Warsaw**



**Bruxelles**



**Milano**



**Veszprém**



**Středočeský kraj**



# The added value of the EU Green Deal

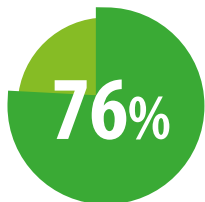
## The CoR Members say that (\*)

The European Green Deal will help sustainable recovery from COVID-19 crisis

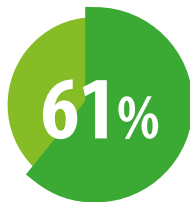


### Regions and cities expect Green Deal's support by

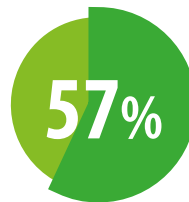
new and more accessible EU funds



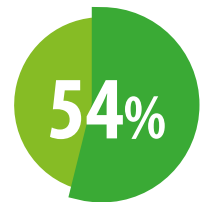
exchange of experience at EU level



increase awareness citizens and business

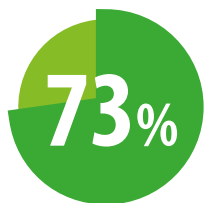


legislation and policy for climate neutrality

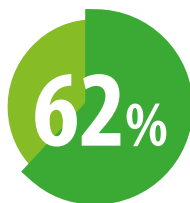


### Best practice projects help their regions to

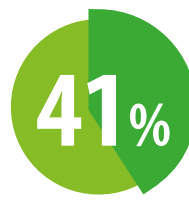
protect biodiversity, health, quality of life



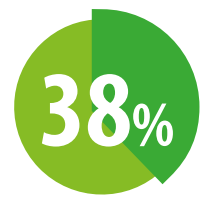
reach climate neutrality



increase citizens' participation, notably Youth



help local SMEs to recover and create new jobs



(\*) the survey is based on the answers from the CoR Members who submitted their best practices to the call launched by the CoR Working Group Green Deal Going Local. More info at [www.cor.europa.eu/GreenDealGoingLocal.go](http://www.cor.europa.eu/GreenDealGoingLocal.go)

**Međimurje**



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**Maribor**



**Niedersachsen**



**Dubrovačko-neretvanska županija**



**България**



**Opsterland**



**Sevilla**



**Rakvere**



**Rijeka**



**Nordic & Baltic Sea**



**Kujawsko-Pomorskie**



**San Pedro de Mérida**



**Oulu**



**Roman**



**Flevoland**



**Košice**



**Bologna**



# Do you want to share your Green Deal local best practice?

Submit your Best Practice in our Open Call

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/GDBestPractices2020>

or drop an e-mail to

[enve@cor.europa.eu](mailto:enve@cor.europa.eu)



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CLIMATE NEUTRALITY CLEAN ENERGY  
NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS  
ZERO POLLUTION SUSTAINABLE FOOD WASTE MANAGEMENT  
BIODIVERSITY URBAN PLANNING  
GREEN DEAL STRATEGY ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE  
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



# This is an initiative of the 'Green Deal Going Local' working group

At the European Committee of the Regions, the 'Green Deal Going Local' working group aims at placing cities and regions at the core of the European Green Deal.

It ensures that both the EU's sustainable growth strategy and the COVID-19 recovery plan translate into direct funding for cities and regions and tangible projects for every territory.

The 'Green Deal Going Local' working group has three specific objectives:

- To make the voice of cities and regions heard on the numerous policy initiatives under the European Green Deal.
- To place cities and regions at the heart of EU institutions' policies promoting carbon neutrality.
- To highlight achievements and best practices of local and regional authorities in implementing local green transition, and facilitate replication across the EU.

[www.cor.europa.eu/](http://www.cor.europa.eu/)  
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**European Committee  
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The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is the EU's political assembly of 329 regional and local representatives from all 27 Member States. Our members are elected presidents of regions, regional councillors, mayors and local councillors - democratically accountable to more than 446 million European citizens. The CoR's main objectives are 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 have to consult the Committee in policy areas affecting regions and cities. It can appeal to the Court of Justice of the European Union as a means of upholding EU law where there are breaches to the subsidiarity principle or failures to respect regional or local authorities.

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