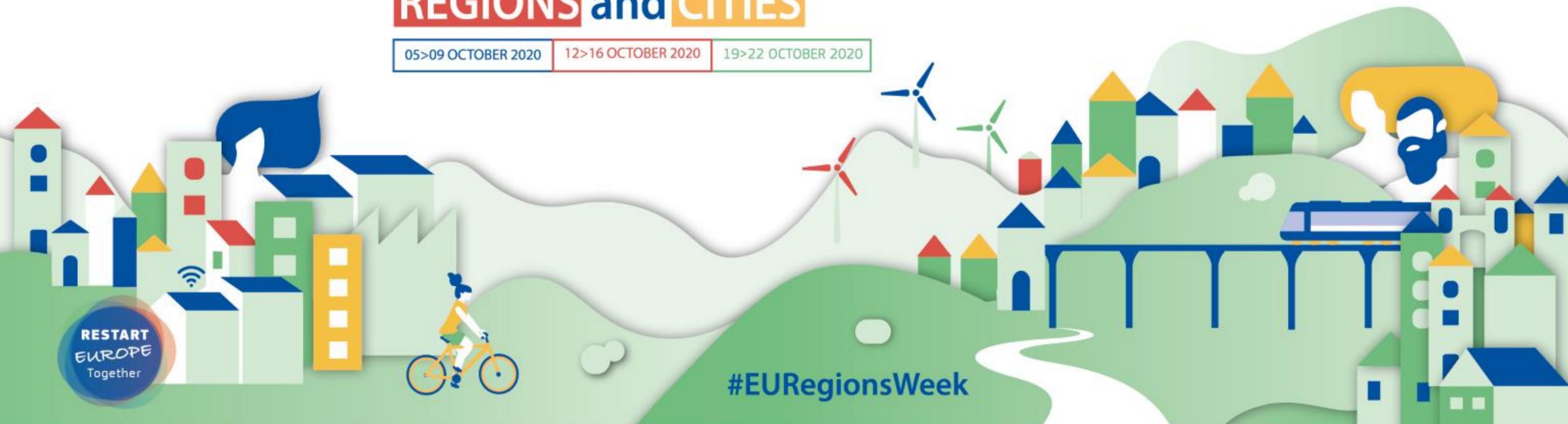


18th EUROPEAN WEEK of REGIONS and CITIES

05>09 OCTOBER 2020

12>16 OCTOBER 2020

19>22 OCTOBER 2020



#EURegionsWeek

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#EURegionsWeek 2020

- **Record number of 12.000 participants**, with an unprecedented presence of Commissioners, EU leaders, including the EC and CoR Presidents, in various political debates
- **Digital for the first time ever**, with a rich programme **spread over 3 weeks**
- **800 Partners** organizing **510 sessions** (86 coordinated by CoR and 424 by REGIO)
- **80% satisfaction** rate from partners and participants
- Despite the uncertain times, the fully digital edition of the EURegionsWeek confirmed itself as **the flagship political platform for engaging local and regional politicians with EU leaders**

Key takeaways for the next edition:

- Learn more about EU initiatives/new funding opportunities/COVID19 recovery plan
- Experience networking in a digital format
- Reduce complexity and length and increase quality



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EURegionsWeek anchored in Cohesion Policy:

- **Unprecedented investment, unprecedented preparations:** this is the networking opportunity for politicians to interact with partners, participants and EU Institutions
- **consolidate a common messaging** on the new cohesion policy in relation with other investments tools for a green, inclusive, fair and digital recovery
- **Interaction with other Commissions** - for example the relationship with the Recovery and Resilience Fund (ECON); the possible link with health (NAT), with the Covenant of Mayors on climate (ENVE) in the new cohesion policy, its relation with other investments tools for a green, inclusive, fair and digital recovery
- **Reinforce inter-institutional cooperation (e.g. REGI-COTER)**
- **Contribute to the Conference on the Future of Europe (CIVEX)**

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Together for Recovery

Features 2021

- **Thematic focus:**
 - ✓ **Green transition: for a sustainable and green recovery**
 - ✓ **Cohesion: from emergency to resilience**
 - ✓ **Digital transition for people**
 - ✓ **Citizens' engagement: for an inclusive, participative and fair recovery**
- **Length & Format:** 1 week - fully digital by default – various session formats
- **Quality vs Quantity:** reduction of complexity (300 events max)
- **Reinforced corporate communication**
- **Strong participation of CoR members, YEPs and local and regional politicians:** our KIP
- **Strong participation of European Associations** including #Cohesion alliance partners
- **Ad hoc programmes:** YEPs programme , Master class, Media programme



Opening Session *(preliminary concept)*

Objectives:

- **Share common messages** on key priorities and concrete answers on how to foster a social, health, economic recovery in Europe: from emergency to resilience
- **Promote a debate on the new cohesion policy**, from emergency to recovery
- **Other themes for the week: Green transition** for a sustainable and green recovery and **Digital transition** for people as sub-themes, **Citizens engagement** - for an inclusive, participative and fair recovery as second sub-theme
- **Reinforce inter-institutional cooperation**

Option 1) Political debate in the context of the CoR plenary session

Option 2) Political debate organised in a TV show style (hybrid)

Option 3) Top-level "Presidents' forum" (fully digital)