



Regions and Cities Making the SDGs Happen

When: 11 April 2019 – 14:30-18:00

Where: CoR, Room JDE 62 Jacques Delors Building (6th floor) - Rue Belliard 99-101, Brussels

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The European Committee of the Regions (CoR), the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and EURO CITIES, join forces with other territorial organisations in a strong partnership of cities and regions for sustainable development.

We are pleased to invite you to an event highlighting the crucial role of local and regional authorities in this field, following the *high-level conference on a sustainable Europe 2030 – From goals to delivery* to be held a few days earlier, on 8 April 2019

The event will be the opportunity to define what the implementation of the SDGs means at local and regional level through the presentation of two surveys carried out by CoR-OECD and by CEMR-PLATFORMA to map local and regional action on the SDGs. This will be followed by a political debate reacting to the Commission's recent Reflection Paper *Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030*, and then by a session showcasing subnational achievements on SDGs as well as various methodologies and tools available to implement the SDGs at local and regional level.

PROGRAMME

- 14:30 **Welcome**
Karl Heinz Lambertz, President of the CoR
- 14:40 ***Defining the territorialisation of the SDGs, surveying the implementation of SDGs at local and regional level***
Stefano Marta, Coordinator, Territorial Approach to SDGs Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD, and
Audrey Parizel, Policy Officer, ECON Commission Secretariat, CoR

Nathalie Noupadja, Head of research and studies, CEMR, and
Marlène Siméon, Director, PLATFORMA
- 15:10 ***Political debate on the EU Reflection Paper Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030***
Moderator: **Bert Kuby**, Head of Unit, ECON Commission Secretariat, CoR

Debaters:
Markku Markkula, Chair of Espoo city Board, Finland, CoR First Vice-President
Kathleen Depoorter, Vice-Mayor of Evergem, Responsible for International Cooperation, Belgium
Maarten van Ooijen, Vice-Mayor of Utrecht, Netherlands, and Vice-Chair of EUROCITIES Social Affairs Forum (tbc)
- 15:40 **Coffee break**
- 16:10 ***Good practices on SDGs and methodologies to territorialise them***
Moderator: **Silvia Ganzerla**, Policy Director, EUROCITIES

Panellists:
Maria Angeles Elorza Zubiria, Secretary-General for External Action, Basque Government, Spain
Camilla Gunell, Minister for Environment and Enterprise, Åland Government, Finland
Ola Nord, Head of the City of Malmö EU office, Sweden
Lydie Gharib, Project Officer, Urban Development Department, Saint-Fons, France
Natalia Vera, Secretary-General, Network of Regional Government for Sustainable Development, Nrg4sd
Stefan Kuhn, Deputy Regional Director, ICLEI Europe

Q&A
- 17:45 ***Wrap-up and concluding remarks***
Angelika Poth-Mogele, Executive Director for European Affairs, CEMR