



**European Committee
of the Regions**

Commission for Economic Policy

ECON Hearing – "LRAs and the Recovery and Resilience Plans"

The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is the keystone of the EU's recovery strategy. Its unprecedented scale makes it paramount to ensure that local and regional authorities (LRAs) are actively involved in its governance, and that its implementation reflects their needs and challenges on the ground. The CoR is fully mobilised to that end. To first gather evidence, the Committee has launched together with CEMR a targeted consultation of associations of LRAs in order to assess to what extent they are involved in the preparation of the national Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRPs), which will form the basis for the implementation of the RRF.

The results of this joint consultation will be presented, before a political round table, in a hearing organised within the 22 January 2021 ECON meeting. The hearing will also be an opportunity to put forward recommendations to the Commission and Member States before the finalisation of the RRFs in April, and will feed into a CoR flagship initiative: the October 2021 "Recovery and Resilience Forum".

➤ Agenda

This hearing will follow the statutory 22 January ECON Commission meeting taking place from 11:00 to 13:00 and will be web streamed.

14:30 Introduction and moderation by Michael Murphy – ECON Chair

14:35 Results of the CoR-CEMR targeted consultation of experts on the involvement of LRAs in the RRF

- Thomas Wobben, Director for Legislative Works, CoR
- Marlène Simeon, Director of Operations, CEMR

Discussant:

- Eric von Breska (Director, Recovery and Resilience Task Force, European Commission)

15:20 Round table discussion: First lessons learnt from early implementation of the RRF

- Dragos Pîslaru, MEP, co-rapporteur on the RRF (Renew Europe, Romania)
- Dario Nardella, Mayor of Florence, President of Eurocities (PES, Italy)
- Lucia Puttrich, Minister of European and Federal Affairs, Hessen (EPP, Germany)

Debate with ECON members launched by CoR rapporteur on the RRF, Christophe Rouillon

16:30 END